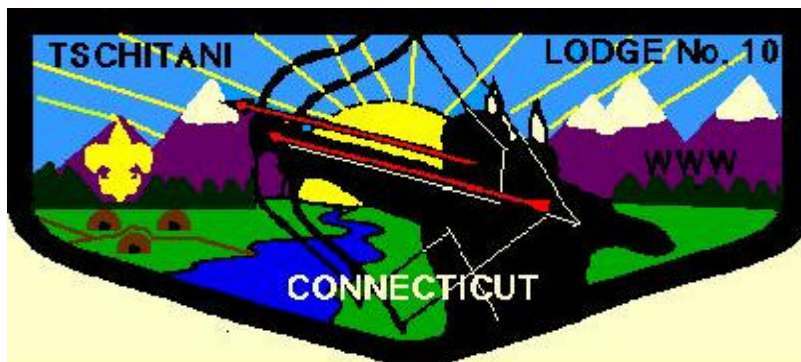


WHERE TO GO CAMPING GUIDE



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ORDER OF THE ARROW

Introduction

The Order of the Arrow is an organization dedicated to cheerful service and the promotion of camping. Through this Where to Go Camping Book, Tschitani Lodge #10 continues to promote this ideal of making camping more readily available for those who love the out of doors, including Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, and the everyday camper.

Please feel free to tell us about the experiences you have using this Where to Go Camping Book, We would like to have your input on it. You may contact us at the Connecticut Rivers Council, 60 Darlin Street, East Hartford, CT either by phone at (860) 289-6669 or visit the Council web site at www.ctrivers.org. If you know of any places that should be included in the book or corrections, please let us know.

This 2000 edition of our Where to Go Camping Booklet is organized to provide Scouts and Scout leaders of the Connecticut Rivers Council and other nearby councils with ideas and information to aid in planning their outdoor program.

The book is organized into chapters based on the type of activity and location. Scout camps, high adventure opportunities, and other camping and outing possibilities in various nearby states are included.

The book's primary focus is on camping, canoeing and hiking opportunities in New England. High adventure and other special opportunities cover a wider geographic area. Some activities (hikes, etc.) which are particularly appropriate as day trips are only discussed when they are within or are relatively close to the council territory. Rather than provide a comprehensive list of parks and campgrounds, considerable effort has been made to limit the lists to those locations that provide particular program opportunities for Scout troops. Typically, this means that relatively distant locations, which do not provide for group camping, are not included, unless there is a feature of particular interest.

We have made an effort to check phone numbers and the other information included throughout the book, but it is not uncommon for changes to occur, especially the area code. Please confirm details with any facilities well in advance of any activities to avoid disappointment.

Where available, we have also provided web sites and email addresses throughout the material, which can be used to locate additional related information on the Internet. Many councils now provide camp information, maps, and Scoutmaster's camp guides over the Internet.

Since we have not had the opportunity to visit every single location listed in this book personally (although we'll keep trying), we appreciate any feedback that you have regarding appropriateness of facilities for Scout troops. If we have left out any of your favorites, or if we have made mistakes in the information we included, please let us know.

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National High Adventure Programs

Get out of the house and into the excitement offered at one of the BSA's High Adventure Bases! You've got three choices: a unique aquatic quest at the Florida Sea Base; a canoeing or winter camping challenge at the Northern Tier; or a wild west backpacking expedition at the Philmont Ranch.

Florida Sea Base

Make a splash! Head to the Florida Keys and dive into an amazing Florida Sea Base adventure and wade into more excitement than you ever thought possible. Snorkeling, SCUBA, boating, and beach camping are among the many possibilities.

Northern Tier

Don't miss the boat! One of the most beautiful, and remote parts of North America offers a unique opportunity for Scouts. Canoeing, hiking, fishing, and winter camping in and around the beautiful lakes of northern Minnesota and southern Canada await you at the Northern Tier.

Philmont Scout Ranch

Take a hike! The mountains of New Mexico offer the adventure that you have always dreamed about. Backpacking, rock climbing, western lore, living history, and the views from peaks over 10,000 feet tall will make memories that last a lifetime.

High Adventure is a chance to try something you may never experience again. So take adventure to the limit. You'll never forget it.

More Info

All three bases have year-round opportunities. Write or call for more information.

Florida Sea Base
P.O. Box 1206
Islamorada, FL 33036
(305) 664-4173

Northern Tier
P.O. Box 509
Ely, MN 55731
(218) 365-4811

Philmont Scout Ranch
Cimaron, NM 87714
(505) 376-2281

PHILMONT TRAINING CENTER

Located at the world-famous Philmont Scout Ranch, the Philmont Training Center has served as the National Training Center for the Boy Scouts of America since 1950. Thousands of Scouters and their families have enjoyed the fun, fellowship, and education summer.

A wide range of conferences are offered by the divisions and committees of the National Council. Scouters must be approved by their council and are challenged to return and share the information in local training.

While a Scouter is participating in a conference, every member of his or her family (from infants to adult children) is involved in a full schedule of age-specific activities. After hours fun for the entire family is also offered.

The Training Center also has year-round facilities for Scouting conferences and training events, and hosts local council Wood Badge courses.

For more information, write or call:

Director
Philmont Training Center
Philmont Scout Ranch
Cimarron, NM 87714
(505) 376-2281

NATIONALLY APPROVED HISTORIC TRAILS

The Boy Scouts of America strongly recommends that scouts use only historic trails that have been nationally approved. Trails that have not been approved often do not meet Scouting standards.

Each trail is different. They vary considerably in length, overnight accommodations, markings, terrain, and awards. This type of information is available from the contacts indicated.

Each trail has been rated by the trail operator so that prospective hikers may determine the suitability of the trail for each of the following age groups:

- 1 - trail is suitable for Tiger Cub dens
- 2 - trail is suitable for Cub Scouts
- 3 - trail is suitable for Boy Scouts
- 4 - trail is suitable for Varsity Scouts
- 5 - trail is suitable for Venturers
- 6 - trail is suitable for family campers

DELAWARE

Caesar Rodney Historic Trail – 1 2 3 4 5 6

Del-Mar-Va Council, BSA
801 Washington Street
Wilmington, DE 19801-1597
(302) 622-3300

MAINE

Colonial Ramblings – 1 2 3 4 5 6

Mrs. D. K. Rocray
RFD 2, Box 12A
71 York Street
York, ME 03909
(207) 363-4803

MASSACHUSETTS

Blue Hills Trails – 3 4 5 6
Leslie's Retreat Trail – 3 4 5 6
Pirate Legend Trek & Trail – 3 4 5 6
Sky Line Trail – 3 4 5 6
Sons of Liberty Trail – 3 4 5 6
Spirit of '76 Trail – 3 4 5 6
Witch Trail – 3 4 5 6

Witch Trail Committee
157 Circuit Road
Winthrop, MA 02152-2820
(617) 846-2626

Boston Bicentennial Trail of Freedom – 2 3 4 5 6

American Historical Trails, Inc.
P.O. Box 769
Monroe, NC 28111-0769
(704) 289-1604

Bread and Roses Strike Trail – 1 2 3 4 5 6

Bread and Roses Strike Trail Associates
37 Linehan Street
Lawrence, MA 01841

Footsteps of Our Founders Trail – 1 2 3 4 5

Moby Dick Council, BSA
39 Grove Street
New Bedford, MA 02740-3498
(508) 993-9978

Freedom Trail – 1 2 3 4 5 6

Boston Minuteman Council, BSA
199 State Street, Third Floor
Boston, MA 02109
(617) 723-0007

Hancock Shaker Trail – 1 2 3 4 5 6

Great Trails Council, BSA
88 Old Windsor Road
Dalton, MA 01226-1398
(413) 684-3542

Isaac Davis Trail – 1 2 3 4 5

Scouters of the Isaac Davis Trail
P.O. Box 763
Acton, MA 01720

NEW JERSEY

Battle of Monmouth Historic Trail – 3 4 5 6

Monmouth Council, BSA
Deal & Monmouth Roads
Oakhurst, NJ 07755-0188
(732) 531-3636

Captain Joshua Huddy Revolutionary Trail – 1 2 3 4 5 6

Jersey Shore Council, BSA
1518 Ridgeway Road
Toms River, New Jersey 08755-4072
(732) 349-1037

History of the Glen Trail – 2 3 4 5 6

Palisades Historic Trail – 1 2 3 4 5 6

Northern New Jersey Council, BSA
22-08 Route 208 South
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
(201) 791-8000 <http://www.nnjbsa.org>

Jockey Hollow Trail – 2 3 4 5 6

Patriots Path Council, BSA
1170 Route 22, West
Mountainside, NJ 07092-2810
(908) 654-9191

Millstone Valley Historic Trail – 1 2 3 4 5 6

Central New Jersey Council, BSA
4315 US Highway 1 South
Edison, NJ 08818-0855
(609) 419-1600

Oyster Shell Road Historic Trail – 2 3 4 5 6

Burlington County Council, BSA
P.O. Box 246
Rancocas, NJ 08073
(609) 261-5850

NEW YORK

American 1779 March of Anthony Wayne Trail – 3 4 5 6

British 1777 General Clinton Trail - 3 4 5 6

Hudson Valley Council, BSA
Station Road Square, Route 94
Salisbury Mills, NY 12577-0374
(914) 497-7337

Brooklyn Historic Quest Trail – 1 2 3 4 5 6

Environmental Quest Inc.
1715 Newkirk Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11226-6613
(718) 941-9835

Corning, Colonists, Cowboys, and Crystal Historic Trail – 1 2 3 4 5 6

Five Rivers Council, BSA
3300 Chambers Road South
Horseheads, NY 14844-5190
(607) 732-9047

Heritage Trail – 1 2 3 4 5

Otetiana Council, BSA
474 East Avenue
Rochester, NY 14607
(716) 244-4210

Trail of the Lost City of Tryon – 1 2 3 4 5 6

Troop 55
Covenant United Methodist Church
1124 Culver Road
Rochester, NY 14609

Millard Fillmore Historical Trail – 2 3 5 6

Cayuga County Historian
Historic Old Post Office
157 Genessee Street
Auburn, NY 13021-3423
(315) 253-1300

Niagara Frontier Trail – 1 2 3 4 5 6

Greater Niagara Frontier Council, BSA
401-407 Maryvale Drive
Cheektowaga, NY 14225-2601
(716) 891-4073

The Old New York Historical Trail – 2 3 4 5

Historical Trail Committee
Man-A-Hattin Lodge Order of the Arrow
10 Park Avenue, No. 4J
New York, NY 10016-4338
(212) 242-1100 Ext. 240

Pelham Bay Park Historic Trail – 2 3 4 5 6

Greater New York Councils, BSA
350 Fifth Avenue, Fourth Floor
New York, NY 10018-0199
(212) 242-1100

Portage Trail – 1 2 3 4 5 6

Allegheny Highlands Council, BSA
50 Hough Hill Road, Box 0261
Falconer, NY 14733-0261
(716) 665-2697

Ten Mile River Historic Trail – 1 2 3 4 5 6

Ten Mile River Scout Camp
1481 CR 26
Narrowsburg, NY 12764
(914) 252-3911 Ext. 160

Vroman's Nose Historic Trail – 1 2 3 4 5

Otschodela Council, BSA
Route 23, Southside
Oneonta, NY 13820-1356
(607) 432-6491

Westchester County Historic Trail – 1 2 3 4 5 6

Westchester-Putnam Council. BSA
41 Saw Mill River Road
Hawthorne, NY 10532-1519
(914) 773-1153

Wilkinson Trail – Saratoga Battlefield – 3 4

Twin Rivers Council, BSA
253 Washington Avenue Extension
Albany, NY 12205-5504
(518) 869-6436

PENNSYLVANIA

The Benjamin Franklin Historical Trail – 2 3 4 5 6

Carlisle Historical Trail – 2 3 4 5 6

Philadelphia Bicentennial Trail of Freedom – 2 3 4 5 6

American Historical Trails, Inc.
P.O. Box 769
Monroe, NC 28111-0769
(704) 289-1604

Colonial Patriot Award – 3 5
Valley Forge Historical Trail – 3 4 5

Cradle of Liberty Council, BSA
22d and Winter Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1085
(215) 988-9811

Colonial Trail – 1 2 3 4 5 6
Durham Trail – 1 2 3 4 5 6
Moravian Trail – 1 2 3 4 5 6
Sullivan-Wilderness Trail – 3 4 5
Uncas Trail – 1 2 3 4 5 6

Minsi Trails Council, BSA
P.O. Box 20624
Lehigh Valley, PA 18002-0624
(610) 264-8551

Delaware Canal Trail – 3 4 5 6
Washington Crossing Historic Trail – 2 3 4 5 6
William Penn Trail – 1 2 3 4 5 6

Bucks County Council, BSA
One Scout Way
Doylestown, PA 18901-4915
(215) 348-9436

80 Miles of Wilderness Adventure – 3 4 5

Bucktail Council, BSA
209 First Street
DuBois, PA 15801-3007
(814) 371-5650

Erie Historical Trail – 1 2 3 4 5 6
Shenango Trail – 3 4 5
Washington Trail – 3 4 5

French Creek Council, BSA
1815 Robinson Road West
Erie, PA 16509-4905
(814) 868-5571

Gettysburg Heritage Trails – 1 2 3 4 5 6
York City Historical Trail – 1 2 3 4 5 6

York-Adams Area Council, BSA
2139 White Street
York, PA 17404-4940
(717) 843-0901

Kinzua Bridge Trail – 1 2 3 4 5 6

Allegheny Highlands Council, BSA
50 Hough Hill Road, Box 0261
Falconer, NY 14733-0261
(716) 665-2697

Loyalsock Trail – 2 3 4 5 6

Williamsport Alpine Club
P.O. Box 501
Williamsport, PA 17703
(717) 322-7757

RHODE ISLAND

Newport Freedom Trail – 1 2 3 4 5 6

Narragansett Council, BSA
175 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02903-4081
(401) 351-8700

Council High Adventure Programs

Adirondack Adventure Area

Length of sessions: 6 days

Number of sessions per year: 6-7

Approximate starting date: End of June

Approximate last arrival date: Mid-August

Minimum/maximum crew sizes: 6/10

Coed group permitted: Yes

Type of trek(s): Backpacking, canoeing, mountain biking, combination treks.

Description of program: A National Camp School Voyageur guide accompanies each group throughout its hiking or canoeing trek in the Adirondack Mountains. Each trek is custom designed to meet group needs and wants.

Equipment provided: Tents, stoves, canoes, cooking equipment, maps, food, and local transportation.

Location of base: Massawepie Scout Camp, Tupper Lake, New York.

Region: Northeast

Contact: Otetiana/Hiawatha Councils Nos. 397/373
474 East Avenue
Rochester, NY 14607-1999
Phone: 716-244-4210

Adirondack Canoe and Trail Base

Length of sessions: 6 days

Number of sessions per year: 6

Approximate starting date: July 7

Approximate last arrival date: August 11

Minimum/maximum crew sizes: 4/12 (charged for a minimum of 7)

Coed group permitted: Yes

Type of trek(s): Backpacking, canoeing, high peaks.

Description of program: Crews select their trek agendas from canoeing, backpacking, and high-peak experiences in the Adirondack Mountains. The area's unique natural and human history is emphasized.

Equipment provided: Tentage, cooking gear, stoves, canoes, personal floatation devices, trail food, first aid kits, etc.

Location of base: Camp Russell, BSA, one mile north of Woodgate, New York, off New York State Route 28.

Region: Northeast

Contact: General Herkimer Council No. 400
427 North Main Street
Herkimer, NY 13350-0128
Phone: 315-866-1540

Boston Minuteman Scout Reservation

Length of sessions: 6-12 days

Number of sessions per year: 6

Approximate starting date: July 5

Approximate last arrival date: August 2

Minimum/maximum crew sizes: 6/10

Coed group permitted: Yes

Type of trek(s): Backpacking, canoeing, whitewater canoeing.

Description of program: Wilderness backpacking treks in the White Mountains National Forest in New Hampshire, lake and river canoeing in New Hampshire, and whitewater canoeing in Maine.

Equipment provided: Canoes and general crew equipment (stoves, cook kits, etc.)

Location of base: Barnstead, New Hampshire

Region: Northeast

Contact: Boston Minuteman Council No. 227
891 Centre Street
Boston, MA 02130
Phone: 617-522-4000

Lenhok'sin High Adventure

Length of sessions: 7 days

Number of sessions per year: 8

Approximate starting date: June 23

Approximate last arrival date: August 11

Minimum/maximum crew sizes: 12

Coed group permitted: Yes

Type of trek(s): Backpacking.

Description of program: Participants backpack between camps with themes. The themes include horseback riding, foxfire crafts, chuck wagon, lumberjack, mountain man, Native American, wagon train, rock climbing, kayaking, caving, Project COPE, and primitive camping.

Equipment provided: All specialty equipment, participants bring personal gear.

Location of base: Outside Goshen, Virginia, 20 miles from Lexington, near intersection of Interstate Highways 64 and 81

Region: Northeast

Contact: National Capital Council No. 82
9190 Wisconsin Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20814-3897
Phone: 301-530-9360

Maine High Adventure Area

Length of sessions: 7-10 days

Number of sessions per year: 10

Approximate starting date: June 20

Approximate last arrival date: August 18

Minimum/maximum crew sizes: 6/11

Coed group permitted: Yes

Type of trek(s): Backpacking, whitewater and lake canoeing.

Description of program: The area encompasses Mount Katahdin, the Allagash Waterway, a portion of the Appalachian Trail, and the Penobscot and Kennebec rivers, totaling more than 10,000 square miles of wilderness that remains much as Henry Thoreau saw it 140 years ago. Wilderness experiences include backpacking a portion of the Appalachian Trail, including Mount Katahdin, and whitewater and lake canoeing in northern Maine.

Equipment Provided: All but personal gear.

Location of base: Matagamon Base, north entrance of Baxter State Park, 37 miles west of Interstate Highway 95 (Patten-Sherman exit) in Maine.

Region: Northeast

Contact: Katahdin Council No. 216

P.O. Box 278

Jackman, ME 04945

Phone: 800-668-4226

Mead Wilderness Base

Length of sessions: 6 days

Number of sessions per year: 8

Approximate starting date: June 23

Approximate last arrival date: August 11

Minimum/maximum crew sizes: 6/12

Coed group permitted: Yes

Type of trek(s): Backpacking, rock climbing, mountain biking, sea kayaking, lake and river canoeing.

Description of program: Mead Wilderness Base, located in the heart of the White Mountains National Forest, customizes backpacking, mountain biking, rock climbing, river and lake canoeing, and sea kayaking treks in New Hampshire and Maine to meet the needs of groups.

Equipment Provided: All but personal gear; personal equipment rentals available.

Location of base: White Mountains National Forest, Sandwich, New Hampshire.

Region: Northeast

Contact: Daniel Webster Council No. 330

571 Holt Avenue

Manchester, NH 03103-1892

Phone: 603-625-6431

Mount Allamuchy Voyager Treks

Length of sessions: 6 days

Number of sessions per year: 12

Approximate starting date: July 6

Approximate last arrival date: August 9

Minimum/maximum crew sizes: 8/12

Coed group permitted: Yes

Type of trek(s): Backpacking, canoeing, rafting.

Description of program: Groups hike the Appalachian Trail or ride the waters of the Delaware River on customized treks into the Adirondack wilderness. Treks of varying difficulty challenge participants in camping, hiking, climbing, and rappelling. A voyageur guide accompanies each trek group from arrival to departure and arranges for food, equipment, and program services provided by Camp Somers.

Equipment Provided: Tents, canoes, personal floatation devices, paddles, stoves, trail food, cook kits, and local transportation.

Location of base: Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation, Stanhope, New Jersey.

Region: Northeast

Contact: Morris-Sussex Area Council No. 343
12 Mount Pleasant Turnpike
Denville, NJ 07834
Phone: 201-361-1800

Sabattis High Adventure Camp

Length of sessions: 4-6 days

Number of sessions per year: 4

Approximate starting date: July 1

Approximate last arrival date: August 1

Minimum/maximum crew sizes: 8/12

Coed group permitted: Yes

Type of trek(s): Backpacking, canoeing, high-peak hiking.

Description of program: The Adirondack Mountains challenge trekkers with more than 2,500 miles of backpacking trails and 1,500 miles of lake and river waterways for canoeing. For climbers, the Adirondacks offer rugged hiking and climbing on 46 peaks above 4,000 feet.

Equipment Provided: Canoes, paddles, personal floatation devices, trail food, ropes for lashings, tents if necessary.

Location of base: 18 miles from Long Lake, New York

Region: Northeast

Contact: Watchung Area Council No. 358
1170 Route 22 West
P.O. Box 1177
Mountainside, NJ 07092
Phone: 908-654-9191

Summit High Adventure Base

Length of sessions: 6 days

Number of sessions per year: 6

Approximate starting date: July 7

Approximate last arrival date: August 10

Minimum/maximum crew sizes: 6/11

Coed group permitted: Yes

Type of trek(s): Backpacking, canoeing.

Description of program: Weeklong backpacking or canoeing treks anywhere in the six-million-acre Adirondack Park. Experts work with each crew to tailor-make an experience that fits the group's desires and experience level.

Equipment Provided: Cooking equipment, canoes, personal floatation devices, paddles, tents, and local transportation.

Location of base: Brant Lake, New York, in the Adirondack Park approximately 30 miles north of the village of Lake George.

Region: Northeast

Contact: Westchester Putnam Council No. 38
41 Saw Mill River Road
Hawthorne, NY 10532-1519
Phone: 914-773-1135

Ten Mile River Trek

Length of sessions: 7 days

Number of sessions per year: 7

Approximate starting date: July 7

Approximate last arrival date: August 18

Minimum/maximum crew sizes: 15

Coed group permitted: Yes

Type of trek(s): Backpacking, canoeing and whitewater rafting, mountain biking, rock climbing, rappelling, horseback riding.

Description of program: In this flexible program, groups schedule backpacking, whitewater canoeing, overnight horseback riding, and mountain biking trips. Each trek is designed for a maximum of 15 people either from one unit, or as part of a Ten Mile River provisional group.

Equipment Provided: All but personal gear.

Location of base: Ten Mile River Scout Camps.

Region: Northeast

Contact: Greater New York Council No. 640
345 Hudson Street
New York, NY 10014-4588
Phone: 212-242-1100

Voyager Trek Outpost

Length of sessions: 6 days

Number of sessions per year: 6

Approximate starting date: June 23

Approximate last arrival date: August 28

Minimum/maximum crew sizes: 6/12

Coed group permitted: Yes

Type of trek(s): Backpacking and canoeing.

Description of program: Participants canoe the Delaware River for the first half of the weeklong program, then backpack on the Appalachian Trail during the second half. Groups can work toward earning the BSA 50-miler Award.

Equipment Provided: Canoes, paddles, personal floatation devices, food, and cooking equipment.

Location of base: Approximately one-quarter mile from the western shore of Lake Wallenpaupack in northeastern Pennsylvania

Region: Northeast

Contact: Northeastern Pennsylvania Council No. 501
947 Broadcast Center
Avoca, PA 18641-1654
Phone: 717-451-0350

Wildfire

Length of sessions: 6 days

Number of sessions per year: 2

Approximate starting date: August 4

Approximate last arrival date: August 11

Minimum/maximum crew sizes: 20

Coed group permitted: No

Type of trek(s): Backpacking, caving, rock climbing and rappelling, Project COPE.

Description of program: This program offers a caving expedition to wet and dry caves, a 20-mile backpacking trek to Massachusetts's highest mountain, rock climbing and rappelling on a 200-foot cliff face, and Project COPE low- and high-course events.

Equipment Provided: All but personal gear; participants need gloves and boots.

Location of base: Chesterfield Scout Reservation, Chesterfield, Massachusetts.

Region: Northeast

Contact: Great Trails Council No. 243
88 Old Windsor Road
Dalton, MA 01226-1398
Phone: 413-684-3542

Nanticoke Watershed Ecotour

Length of sessions: 5 days

Number of sessions per year: 3

Approximate starting date: June 28

Approximate last arrival date: July 12

Minimum/maximum crew sizes: Scouts may participate provisionally

Coed group permitted: No

Type of trek(s): Cross-country canoe/bicycle trek

Description of program: The combination tour through the pristine woodlands and wetlands of the Nanticoke River watershed includes field visits to private, state, and federal facilities including a managed forest, a wildlife refuge, and an outdoor education center. Participants complete requirements for the Environmental Science, Fish and Wildlife Management, Soil and Water Conservation, and Forestry merit badges, as well as many of the requirements for the Cycling, Camping, and Cooking merit badges and World Conservation Award.

Equipment provided: All but personal gear.

Region: Northeast

Contact: Del-Mar-Va Council No. 81
801 North Washington Street
Wilmington, DE 19801-1597
Phone: 302-652-3741

CONNECTICUT SCOUT CAMPS

DEER LAKE OUTDOOR CENTER

Council: Connecticut Yankee Council
P.O. Box 32
Milford, CT 06360-0032

Council Phone: (203) 876-6868
Web Site: <http://www.ctyankee.org/>

Camp Address: Killingworth, CT 06417

Directions: From Exit 62 on I-95 take Route 402 northwest. Right on Green Hill Road, cross bridge, then left on Paper Mill Road to camp.

Facilities: Resident Boy Scout summer camp, tent camping, winter camping, family camping, activity field, boats and canoes, dining hall, high adventure programs, and small lake.

Comments: 240 acres.

EARNEST THOMPSON SETON

Council: Greenwich Council
63 Mason Street
Greenwich, CT 06830

Council Phone: (203) 869-824

Camp Address: 363 Riverville Road
Greenwich, CT 06330

Directions: Exit Merritt Parkway on Round Hill Road; left on Porchuck Road, the camp is on the left.

Facilities: Tent camping, Adirondack shelters (lean-to), winter camping, activity field, Cub day camp and pool.

Comments: 278 acres.

EDMUND D. STRANG SCOUT RESERVATION

Council: Housatonic Council
326 Derby Avenue
Derby, CT 06418-2083

Council Phone: (203) 734-3329
Web Site: <http://www.electronicvalley.org/hcbsa/>

Camp Address: West Side Pond Road
Goshen, CT 06756

Directions: First left passed the intersection of Routes 4 & 63. Camp is on the right.

Facilities: Tent camping, Adirondack shelters (lean-to), winter camping, activity field, boats and canoes, dining hall, high adventure programs, COPE course, and medium lake.

Comments: 186 acres.

JUNE NORCROSS WEBSTER SCOUT RESERVATION

Council: Connecticut Rivers Council
60 Darlin Street
P.O. Box 280098
East Hartford, CT 06128-0098

Council Phone: (860) 289-6669
Web Site: <http://www.ctrivers.org/>

Camp Address: Route 44
Ashford, CT 06278

Directions: On route 44, between Phoenixville and Warrentonville.

Facilities: Resident Boy Scout summer camp, tent camping, activity field, boats and canoes, dining hall, high adventure programs, Cub day camp, extended Cub camping, and medium lake.

Comments: 1050 acres.

CAMP MATTATUCK

Council: Connecticut Rivers Council
60 Darlin Street
P.O. Box 280098
East Hartford, CT 06128-0098

Council Phone: (860) 289-6669
Web Site: <http://www.ctrivers.org/>

Camp Address: Plymouth, CT 06782

Directions: Route 8, eight miles north of Waterbury on Route 262, junction of Route 262 and Mount Tobe Road, follow Mount Tobe Road into camp.

Facilities: Resident Boy Scout summer camp, tent camping, Adirondack shelter (lean-to), winter camping, activity field, boats and canoes, dining hall, patrol cooking, high adventure programs, Cub day camp, COPE course, and medium lake.

Comments: 500 acres.

CAMP NAHACO

Council: Connecticut Rivers Council
60 Darlin Street
P.O. Box 280098
East Hartford, CT 06128-0098

Council Phone: (860) 289-6669
Web Site: <http://www.ctrivers.org/>

Camp Address: Weeks Road
Eastford, CT 06242

Directions: Take I-84 to exit 69. Follow Route 74 to Route 44. Take left onto Route 44 to Route 198, Phoenixville. Take left onto Route 198 and follow to center of Eastford. At stop sign, take left towards Buell Greenhouse and proceed approx. $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 mile until you see old cemetery and take right on to Weeks Road.

Facilities: Tent camping, Adirondack shelter (lean-to), winter camping, activity field, boats and canoes, and large lake.

Comments: 135 acres.

CAMP TADMA

Council: Connecticut Rivers Council
60 Darlin Street
P.O. Box 280098
East Hartford, CT 06128-0098

Council Phone: (860) 289-6669
Web Site: <http://www.ctrivers.org/>

Camp Address: Bozrah, CT 06334

Directions: From Middletown take Route 66 to East Hampton. Route 66 to Colchester. Route 2, exit 23, to Bozrah. Route 163 to Bishop Road.

Facilities: Resident Cub Scout summer camp, tent camping, Adirondack shelter (lean-to), winter camping, activity field, boats and canoes, dining hall, and medium lake.

Comments: 480 acres.

CAMP POMPERAUG

Council: Connecticut Yankee Council
P.O. Box 32
Milford, CT 06360-0032

Council Phone: (203) 876-6868
Web Site: <http://www.ctyankee.org/>

Camp Address: Stafford Springs, CT 06076

Directions: Exit 106 off Wilbur Cross Parkway

Facilities: Tent camping, Adirondack shelter (lean-to), winter camping, activity field, boats and canoes, high adventure programs, COPE course and small lake.

Comments: 165 acres.

CAMP WORKCOEMAN

Council: Connecticut Rivers Council
60 Darlin Street
P.O. Box 280098
East Hartford, CT 06128-0098

Council Phone: (860) 289-6669
Web Site: <http://www.ctrivers.org/>

Camp Address: Winsted, CT 06098

Directions: Route 8 from Winsted to Pinewood Road. One mile on Pinewood Road.

Facilities: Resident Boy Scout summer camp, tent camping, Adirondack shelter (lean-to), winter camping, activity field, boats and canoes, dining hall, Cub day camp, and large lake.

Comments: 500 acres.

CAMP SEQUASSEN

Council: Connecticut Yankee Council
P.O. Box 32
Milford, CT 06360-0032

Council Phone: (203) 876-6868
Web Site: <http://www.ctyankee.org/>

Camp Address: Winsted, CT 06098

Directions: Route 8 from Winsted to Pinewood Road. One mile on Pinewood Road.

Facilities: Resident Boy Scout summer camp, tent camping, Adirondack shelter (lean-to), winter camping, family camping, activity field, boats and canoes, dining hall, patrol cooking, COPE course, and large lake.

Comments: 544 acres.

CAMP WAKENAH

Council: Connecticut Rivers Council
60 Darlin Street
P.O. Box 280098
East Hartford, CT 06128-0098

Council Phone: (860) 289-6669
Web Site: <http://www.ctrivers.org/>

Camp Address: RFD Colchester, CT 06415

Directions: Exit 80 off Route 52, 5 miles west on Route 82.

Facilities: Tent camping, winter camping, activity field, boats and canoes,
dining hall, Cub day camp, and large lake.

Comments: 90 acres.

COCHEGAN ROCK

Council: Connecticut Rivers Council
60 Darlin Street
P.O. Box 280098
East Hartford, CT 06128-0098

Council Phone: (860) 289-6669
Web Site: <http://www.ctrivers.org/>

Camp Address: Montville, CT

Directions: I-95 to I-395 North (13 miles) to Exit 80 West – go under bridge
and turn right to enter I-395 South ramp.. Head south (3 miles) to
Mobile Gas Station ramp. ** go past Station and turn in to parking
lot. Walk across bridge to Scout Camp at Northwest corner. To
leave head south on I-395 to I-95 about 10 miles.

Comments: As a geological curiosity, Cohegan Rock stands unique for it is
reported to be the largest free boulder in the United States and is
not part of some talus as there is no cliff anywhere near it.

CAMP BARBOUR

- Council: Connecticut Rivers Council
60 Darlin Street
P.O. Box 280098
East Hartford, CT 06128-0098
- Council Phone: (860) 289-6669
Web Site: <http://www.ctrivers.org/>
- Camp Address: Norfolk, CT
- Directions: Take Route 8 North to the end of the major highway. At the end turn right on to Route 44 and proceed West on Route 44 toward Norfolk. At the junction of Route 44 and Route 182 take a right on to Ford Road to the end. At the end turn left and proceed to Camp Barbour parking area on left.
- Comments: The unit leader will inspect the facilities used by the unit upon arrival and before departing from camp. Any and all damages will be the responsibility of the unit. Leave the area at least as clean as you found it. All trash is to be disposed by the unit (take it with you). Troops are to bring their own water. None is available on the property. Leave an adequate supply of firewood for the next group. The building of fires may be restricted during periods of fire danger.

MAINE SCOUT CAMPS

CAMP HINDS

Council: Pine Tree Council
125 Auburn Street
Portland, ME 04103

Council Phone: (207) 797-5252
Web Site: <http://www.pinetreebsa.org/>

Camp Address: Raymond, ME 04071

Directions: Route 302 north out of Portland for 20 miles; right on Route 85 for 6 miles.

Facilities: Tent camping, Adirondack shelter (lean-to), winter camping, activity field, boats and canoes, Cub day camp, and large lake.

Comments: 230 acres.

CAMP NUTTER

Council: Pine Tree Council
125 Auburn Street
Portland, ME 04103

Council Phone: (207) 797-5252
Web Site: <http://www.pinetreebsa.org/>

Camp Address: Acton, ME 04001

Directions: Contact Council Office

Facilities: Tent camping, winter camping, Cub day camp, and small lake.

Comments: 80 acres.

MASSACHUSETTS SCOUT CAMPS

CAMP ACTON

Council: Boston Minuteman Council
199 State Street, Third Floor
Boston, MA 02109

Council Phone: (617) 723-0007
Web Site: <http://www.bsaboston.org/>

Camp Address: Acton, MA 01720

Directions: Route 2 west, past West Concord to Route 27, go west to Acton center to Pope Road.

Facilities: Tent camping.

Comments: 57 acres.

CACHALOT SCOUT RESERVATION

Council: Moby Dick Council
651 Orchard Street, Suite 107
New Bedford, MA 02740

Council Phone: (508) 993-9978
Web Site: <http://www.>

Camp Address: Plymouth, MA 02360

Directions: Route 58 to Myles Standish State Forest, follow signs to camp.

Facilities: Tent camping, Adirondack shelter (lean-to), winter camping, activity field, boats and canoes, Cub day camp, dining hall, patrol cooking, high adventure and medium lake.

Comments: 880 acres.

CHESTERFIELD SCOUT RESERVATION

Council: Great Trails Council
88 Old Windsor Road
Dalton, MA 01226-1398

Council Phone: (413) 684-3542
Web Site: <http://www.>

Camp Address: Williamsburg, MA 01096

Directions: Route 9 to Williamsburg, turn on Route 143 west 4.2 miles to sign.

Facilities: Tent camping, Adirondack shelter (lean-to), winter camping, activity field, boats and canoes, dining hall, patrol cooking, and medium lake.

Comments: 521 acres.

CHILD SCOUT RESERVATION

Council: Old Colony Council
2438 Washington Street
Canton, MA 02021-1123

Council Phone: (617) 828-8360
Web Site: <http://www.>

Camp Address: RFD 8, Plymouth, MA 02360

Directions: Route 3A for 10 miles south of Plymouth, sign on right 1 mile in.

Facilities: Tent camping, Adirondack shelter (lean-to), winter camping, activity field, boats and canoes, dining hall, patrol cooking, Cub day camp, and medium lake.

Comments: 242 acres.

CAMP COLLIER

Council: Nashua Valley Council
1980 Lunenburg Road
Lancaster, MA 01523

Council Phone: (978) 534-3532
Web Site: <http://www.>

Camp Address: Gardner, MA 01440

Directions: Old Route 140 to Kelton Street opposite golf course, bear left.

Facilities: Tent camping, Adirondack shelter (lean-to), winter camping, activity field, boats and canoes, dining hall, and large lake.

Comments: 585 acres.

CAMP GREENOUGH

Council: Cape Cod and the Islands Council
247 Willow Street
Yarmouth Port, MA 02675-1744

Council Phone: (508) 362-4322
Web Site: <http://www.>

Camp Address: Pine Street
Yarmouth, MA 02675

Directions: From Hyannis, Willow Street to Yarmouthport; right on Route 6A; right on Strawberry Lane; right on Pine Street to camp.

Facilities: Tent camping, Adirondack shelter (lean-to), winter camping, activity field, boats and canoes, dining hall, patrol cooking, Cub day camp, and medium lake.

Comments: 300 acres.

CAMP MASSASOIT

Council: Boston Minuteman Council
199 State Street, Third Floor
Boston, MA 02109

Council Phone: (617) 723-0007
Web Site: <http://www.bsaboston.org/>

Camp Address: Cedarville. MA 02360

Directions: Exit 2 off Route 3, turn left then right at red house, bear left at fork then right at sign. Camp is on left.

Facilities: Tent camping, winter camping, activity field, boats and canoes,
Cub day camp, dining hall and medium lake.

Comments: 250 acres.

NOBSCOT SCOUT RESERVATION

Council: Knox Trail Council
490 Union Avenue
Framingham, MA 01702-5817

Council Phone: (508) 872-6551
Web Site: <http://www.>

Camp Address: Nobscot Road
Sudbury, MA 01776

Directions: Edgell Road in Framingham to Nobscot Road in Sudbury.
Camp is on left.

Facilities: Tent camping, Adirondack shelter (lean-to), winter camping,
activity field, Cub day camp.

Comments: 650 acres.

CAMP SAYRE

Council: Boston Minuteman Council
199 State Street, Third Floor
Boston, MA 02109

Council Phone: (617) 723-0007
Web Site: <http://www.>

Camp Address: Milton, MA 02186

Directions: Uniquity Road, Milton, MA 02186

Facilities: Tent camping, Adirondack shelter (lean-to), winter camping, activity field, boats and canoes, Cub day camp, COPE course, and pool.

Comments: 110 acres.

CAMP SPILT ROCK

Council: Nashua Valley Council
1980 Lunenburg Road
Lancaster, MA 01523

Council Phone: (978) 534-3532
Web Site: <http://www.>

Camp Address: Ashburnham, MA 01430

Directions: On Route 31, 2 miles from Route 119 and 2 miles from Route 12.

Facilities: Tent camping, Adirondack shelter (lean-to), winter camping, activity field, boats and canoes, Cub day camp, and medium lake.

Comments: 110 acres.

ROBSHAM SCOUT RESERVATION

Council: Knox Trail Council
490 Union Avenue
Framingham, MA 01702-5817

Council Phone: (508) 872-6551
Web Site: <http://www.>

Camp Address: Bolton, MA 01740

Directions: Take 495 to Bolton/Stow exit (exit 27; Route 117 East). Take first right (Route 85). The camp is located approx. 1/2 mile on right.

Facilities: Tent camping, Adirondack shelter (lean-to), winter camping, activity field, boats and canoes, Cub day camp, dining hall, high adventure program, COPE course, and medium lake.

Comments: 170 acres.

SQUANTO SCOUT RESERVATION

Council: Old Colony Council
2438 Washington Street
Canton, MA 02021-1123

Council Phone: (781) 828-8360
Web Site: <http://www.>

Camp Address: South Carver, MA 02566

Directions: South on Route 58 to South Carver to Miles Standish State Forest. Follow signs to camps.

Facilities: Tent camping, Adirondack shelter (lean-to), winter camping, activity field, boats and canoes, dining hall, patrol cooking, extended Cub camping, COPE Course, and medium lake.

Comments: 640 acres.

TREASURE VALLEY SCOUT RESERVATION

Council: Mohegan Council
19 Harvard Street
Worcester, MA 01609-2870

Council Phone: (508) 752-3768
Web Site: <http://www.>

Camp Address: Paxton, MA 01612

Directions: Route 122 to Paxton Center, Route 31 west & follow signs.

Facilities: Tent camping, Adirondack shelter (lean-to), winter camping, activity field, boats and canoes, dining hall, patrol cooking, high adventure programs, and large lake.

Comments: 1600 acres.

NEW HAMPSHIRE SCOUT CAMPS

CAMP CARPENTER

Council: Daniel Webster Council
571 Holt Avenue
Manchester, NH 03103-1892

Council Phone: (603) 625-6431
Web Site: <http://www.>

Camp Address: Londonderry, NH 03053

Directions: Off Route 28A, Mammoth Road to Bodwell Road, 3 miles to camp.

Facilities: Tent camping, Adirondack shelter (lean-to), winter camping, activity field, boats and canoes, dining hall, and medium lake.

Comments: 225 acres.

CAMP HEMENWAY

Council: Knox Trail Council
490 Union Avenue
Framingham, MA 01702-5817

Council Phone: (508) 872-6551
Web Site: <http://www.>

Camp Address: Great Hill Fire Road
Tamworth, NH 03886

Directions: I-93 or Route 16 north to Route 25 to Route 113. Off Route 113 after fire wardens house turn right after Barnstomers Theater on Hemenway Road. Go 2.6 miles. Camp is uphill on the right.

Facilities: Tent camping, Adirondack shelter (lean-to), winter camping, and high adventure.

Comments: 600 acres.

HIDDEN VALLEY SCOUT RESERVATION

Council: Daniel Webster Council
571 Holt Avenue
Manchester, NH 03103-1892

Council Phone: (603) 625-6431
Web Site: <http://www.>

Camp Address: Gilmanton Iron Works, NH 03105

Directions: From Route 93, take Laconia exit to Route 140, east to Gilmanton Iron Works. Follow signs to camp.

Facilities: Tent camping, winter camping, activity field, boats and canoes, dining hall, patrol cooking, high adventure, and large lake.

Comments: 2700 acres.

LONE TREE SCOUT RESERVATION

Council: Yankee Clipper Council
36 Amesbury Road
Haverhill, MA 01830-2802

Council Phone: (978) 372-0735
Web Site: <http://www.>

Camp Address: Kinston, NH 03848

Directions: From Haverhill, 8 miles north on Route 125 to West Shore Drive.

Facilities: Tent camping, winter camping, activity field, boats and canoes, dining hall, patrol cooking, high adventure, and large lake.

Comments: 2700 acres.

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Youth Group Camping in Connecticut State Parks and Forests

Purpose:

Youth Group Camping areas are offered free of charge to qualifying youth organizations. The group camp areas are generally away from main public use areas, giving group leaders maximum control over their group's camping experience. Groups can carry on their activities – meetings, projects, games – free from outside interference and without disturbing other park visitors. This program is designed to encourage youths to learn about nature and the camping experience.

Qualifications:

In order to qualify for Youth Group Camping, your group must be:

Youth Oriented – the group must have a demonstrated interest in social, educational or religious work with youth. “Youth” generally implies age 17 and under.

Non-profit: the group must be sponsored by or affiliated with a school, church or recognized youth organization. Written proof of IRS non-profit tax exempt status may be required when applying for a camping permit.

To Apply:

Youth Group Camp areas are available by written application or FAX. District offices can advise applicants of site availability but will not take reservations by phone.

Apply by application or use organization letterhead. Indicate name, number of members, number of adult supervisors, dates of stay and time of arrival.

A letter of application or FAX for a camping permit must be received by the appropriate District office at least 14 business days prior to your camping dates.

Maps and other information specific to the area of your camping trip will be sent along with your permit.

Guidelines:

In order for Youth Group Camping to be offered as a program to the public, the following guidelines must be followed:

The group leader (as named on the application) must be present during the entire stay and will serve as a contact person with park personnel.

The group must have adult supervision in a ratio of at least one adult per ten campers under 18. The adult supervision ratio must also not exceed four per ten campers, with the exception of cub scouts who may be required to have a higher adult : youth ratio.

Retain all or some of the vehicles in which you arrived for emergency purposes.

At least one adult advisor should be trained in first aid and should have a first aid kit suitable for group needs.

Alcoholic beverages and pets are not permitted in youth group camping areas.

Duration of stay cannot exceed 4 days and 3 nights.

Reservations:

Reservations for the Youth Group Camping Areas may be made by writing to:

Eastern District:

Department of Environmental Protection
Eastern District Office
209 Hebron Road
Marlborough, CT 06447

Phone: (860) 295-9523
FAX: (860) 344-2941

Western District:

Department of Environmental Protection
Western District Office
230 Plymouth Road
Harwinton, CT 06791

Phone: (860) 485-0226
FAX: (860) 485-1638

WEB Site: <http://dep.state.ct.us/rec/camping/ygcamp.htm>

There will be no camping on any Department of Environmental Protection lands from March 1 to the third week in April.

Youth Groups are permitted to camp in the following State Parks and Forests:

American Legion State Forest Pleasant Valley

Rugged terrain with steep, rocky hillsides typifies this 782 acre forest. The initial 213 acres were a gift from the American Legion. A hiking trail which winds through the forest offers a review of beautiful rock formations as well as of the river valley. Thirty spacious campsites line the East branch of the Farmington River.

Activities: Camping, Picnicking, Freshwater Fishing, Hiking/Snow-shoeing, Field Sports, Hunting, Cross-Country Skiing, **Youth Group Camping**, Mountain Biking

Services: Flush Toilets, Gravel Parking

Location: 1 mile north of Pleasant Valley on West River Road

Charge: None

Cockaponset State Forest Haddam

Cockaponsett, named after an old Indian chief who's buried in the Ponset section of Haddam, is the second largest state forest in Connecticut. The development of this 15,652 acre area for recreational purposes allows visitors to fully enjoy the attractiveness of the land, woods, and streams within the forest.

Activities: Picnicking, **Youth Group Camping**, Fishing, Swimming, Snow-mobiling, Hiking, Cross-Country Skiing, Hunting, Mountain Biking

Services: Drinking Water, Parking

Location: 3 miles west of Chester on Route 148

Charge: None

Devil's Hopyard State Park East Haddam

Devil's Hopyard's primary focal point is Chapman Falls whose water tumbles over the rocky escarpment more than sixty feet. The water from the splash pool at the base of the falls, continuing as the Eight Mile River, flows through the hemlock canopied picnic area, providing a tranquil setting for a family outing..

No less than half a dozen myths surround the name of this 860 acre park. The numerous potholes at the base of the falls are the basis for one tale which suggests that these formations were the result of the Devil hopping from ledge to ledge in order not to get wet. The cylindrical holes were "burned" into the rock by the "hot hoofs".

Activities: Picnicking, Camping (21 sites), **Youth Group Camping**, Stream Fishing, Hiking, Mountain Biking

Services: Picnic Shelter, Outhouses, Gravel Parking, Drinking Water

Location: 3 miles north of the intersection of Route 82 and Route 156.

Charge: None

Gay City State Park Hebron

The 1569 acre Park centers about the remains of an 18th century, abandoned mill village. Stone foundations of mills, water ditches, and houses can be seen along wooded roads. The Park adjoins Meshomasic State Forest.

Activities: Picnicking, Swimming, Hiking, Interpretive Trail, Field Sports, Fishing, **Youth Group Camping**, cross-country Skiing, Ice Skating, Historic Site, Mountain Biking

Services: Flush Toilets, Gravel Parking, Telephone, Drinking Water

Location: 3 miles south of Bolton on Route 85.

Charge: Weekends and Holidays.

Goodwin State Forest Hampton

This 2171 acre gift from James L. Goodwin in 1964 provides an ideal setting for the forest conservation center, offering education in forest, wildlife, and general conservation. There is a living display of all forest practices common to Connecticut.

Activities: Picnicking, Pond Fishing, Horseback Riding, Hiking, Snowshoeing, Cross-Country Skiing, Interpretive Trail, Nature center, Observation Tower, **Youth Group Camping**

Services: Gravel Parking, Drinking Water

Location: 3miles east of South Chaplin on Route 6.

Charge: None

Housatonic Meadow State Park Sharon

Located in the rock-strewn valley of the Housatonic River amid the rugged hills of the Northwestern uplands, Housatonic Meadows is an ideal 451 acre setting for a variety of out door recreational activities.

Camping under the tall pines on the river banks gives the overnight visitor a genuine feeling of isolation. The clear cold river water also provides a fine opportunity for fly fishermen to test their skills on trout and bass. A two-mile stretch of river (including the park shore) is limited to fly fishing.

Activities: Camping (95 sites), Picnicking, **Youth Group Camping**, Fishing, Hiking, Canoeing, Limited Cross-Country Skiing.

Services: Flush Toilets, Drinking Water, Gravel Parking, Telephone.

Location: 1 mile north of Cornwall Bridge on Route 7.

Charge: None

Hurd State Park East Hampton

Situated on the high east bank of the Connecticut River, the 884 acre Park provides a scenic view of the river in spring and summer, and of the fall foliage in the autumn.

Activities: Hiking, Picnicking, Freshwater Fishing, Cross-Country Skiing, Field Sports, **Youth Group Camping**, Boat Camping, Rock Climbing, Mountain Biking

Services: Picnic Shelter, Gravel Parking, Drinking Water

Location: 3 miles south of Colbalt center on Route 151.

Charge: None

Kettletown State Park Southbury

When settlers first arrived in this portion of the State, they purchased a large tract of land from the Indians for the consideration of one brass kettle. The name Kettletown, given to this area at the time still endures and all of the present 492 acre State Park lies within the boundaries of the original purchase.

The Park extends for about two miles along the east shore of Lake Zoar. A recently constructed handicapped accessible nature trail is a popular attraction.

Activities: Camping (72 sites), **Youth Group Camping**, Fishing, Hiking, Nature Trail, Field Sports, Swimming, Camper Nature Program, Picnicking

Services: Flush Toilets, Paved/Gravel Parking, Drinking Water

Location: 5 miles south of Southbury, Exit 15 off I-84.

Charge: Daily

Mashamoquet Brook State Park

Pomfet

(Indian Chair Area)

The present 860 acre Park was formed by combining three parks: Mashamoquet Brook, Wolf Den, and Saptree Run. An interesting trail system provides access to the various areas and features of the Park.

The most famous of the Park features is the Wolf Den into which, on a night in 1742, Israel Putnam crept and shot a wolf which for years had preyed upon local sheep and poultry. This same Israel Putnam was later to gain fame as a Major General in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. Near the Den are the Table Rock and Indian chair stone formations.

Activities: Picnicking, Fishing, Swimming, Field Sports, Camping (Mashamoquet Brook – 20 sites), (Wolf Den – 35 sites), Nature Trail, **Youth Group Camping**.

Services: Flush Toilets, Picnic Shelter, Concession, Drinking Water, Change Houses, Gravel Parking.

Location: 5 miles southwest of Putnam on Route 44.

Charge: Weekends and Holidays

Pachaug State Forest

Voluntown

(C.C.C. Area)

Over the rocky landscape, many miles of roads and trails are available for the hiker, snowmobiler, motorcyclist, and equestrian. Two separate camping areas offer nearby pond swimming; no camping reservations are needed. In addition to its recreational value, the 22,938 acre forest contains a rare rhododendron sanctuary and southern white cedar swaps which are of interest to the botanist.

Activities: Camping, Picnicking, Horse Camping, Backpack Camping, **Youth Group Camping**, Freshwater Fishing, Boating, Horseback Riding, Motorcycling, Snowmobiling, Hiking/Snowshoeing, Cross-Country Skiing, Scuba Diving, Hunting, Dog Sled Racing, Scenic Vista, Mountain Biking.

Services: Drinking Water, Boat Launch Ramp, Gravel Parking

Location: 1 mile north of the center of Voluntown on Route 49.

Charge: Weekends and Holidays

Peoples State Forest Barkhamsted

200 year old white pines in the Mathies Grove offer an ideal site for picnicking adjacent to the Farmington River.

Activities: Picnicking, Freshwater Fishing, Hiking, Snowmobiling, Cross-Country Skiing, Field Sports, Hunting, **Youth Group Camping**.

Services: Picnic Shelter, Parking, Flush Toilets.

Location: 1 mile north of Pleasant Valley on East River Road.

Charge: Weekends and Holidays

Putnam Memorial State Park Redding

This was the site of the Continental Army's 1779 winter encampment under the command of General Israel Putnam. The 183 acre site consists of remains of the encampment, reconstructed log buildings, and a museum.

Activities: Museum, Fishing, Picnicking, Field Sports, Interpretive Trail, Historical Site, Ice Skating, **Youth Group Camping**.

Services: Drinking Water, Flush Toilets, Gravel Parking.

Location: 3 miles south of Bethel on Route 58.

Charge: None

Quaddick State Forest Thompson

This area was once the site of Thompson's town farm where elderly residents of the village spent their reflective years. Prior to that, it had been a fishing area of the Nipmuck Indians. The cool reservoir water and the sandy beach draw frequent crowds during the warm summer months.

Activities: Hiking, Fishing, Swimming, Boating, Picnicking, Field Sports, Ice Skating, **Youth Group Camping**.

Services: Concession, Drinking Water, Gravel Parking, Telephones, Flush Toilets, Change Houses, Boat Launch Ramp.

Location: 7miles northeast of Putnam via East Putnam Road off Route 44.

Charge: Weekends and Holidays.

Shenipsit State Forest West Stafford (Kellogg Lot)

Activities: Hiking, Fishing, Picnicking, Observation Tower, Civilian Conservation Corps Museum, Cross-Country Skiing, Snowmobiling, Hunting, **Youth Group Camping**.

Services: Gravel Parking, Outhouses

Location: Off of Route 190 in Stafford.

Charge: None

Sleeping Giant State Park

Hamden

Primitive area, no drinking water

Two miles of mountain top resembling a large man lying in repose, “the sleeping giant,” is a popular feature of the south central Connecticut skyline. A 1 ½ mile scenic trail leads to the stone observation tower on the peak of Mt. Carmel which provides an excellent view of Long Island Sound and the New Haven area.

Activities: Hiking, Stream Fishing, Picnicking, **Youth Group Camping**, Nature Trail, Rock Climbing, Scenic Vista, Lookout Tower.

Services: Picnic Shelter, Drinking Water, Flush Toilets, Gravel Parking.

Location: 2 miles north of Hamden off Route 10.

Charge: Weekends and Holidays.

Interesting Websites

BSA Home Page

<http://www.bsa.scouting.org/>

BSA Councils on the Web

<http://emf.net/~troop24/scouting/c-home.html>

Camping on the Web

<http://emf.net/~troop24/scouting/camping.html>

Focus on Boyscouting

<http://boyscouting.miningco.com/>

Greater Outdoor Recreation Pages

<http://gorp.com>

L.L. Bean's Home Page

<http://www.llbean.com>

MacScouter - Scouting Resources Online

<http://www.macscouter.com/>

Recreational Equipment Inc. Home Page (R.E.I.)

<http://www.rei.com>

Scouter Home Page

<http://www.scouter.com/>

<http://compass.scouter.com/Default.asp>

ScoutNet's Scouting Spider

<http://www.spider.scout.net/>

Scouting Online

<http://www.scoutorama.com/>

U.S. Scouting Service Project Home Page

<http://usscouts.org/>

The Order of the Arrow's Role in Camping Promotion

"The Purpose of the Order:

To recognize those campers - Scouts and Scouters - who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition cause other campers to conduct themselves in such a manner as to warrant recognition.

To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit

To promote Scout camping, which reaches its greatest effectiveness as a part of the unit's camping program, both year-round and in the summer camp, as directed by the camping committee of the council.

To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others."

- Order of the Arrow Handbook, 1998 Edition

This current statement of the purpose of the Order of the Arrow states the four main points that have been the guidelines of the Order since its founding in 1915. Clearly the Order of the Arrow is an organization that centers upon campers and camping, its membership being one of honor campers.

The Order of the Arrow serves as a manpower tool to the district camping committee, keeping in contact with units in the district and helping them to develop a full yearly camping program, by working with key youth and adult leaders in the troop. Members also make presentations to Scouts, troop committees and scoutmasters. All these activities are coordinated by the chapter vice-chief of camping promotions, who is in charge of camp promotion in his district.

History of the Order of the Arrow

The Order of the Arrow was originally founded in 1915 at the Treasure Island Scout Camps in Pennsylvania. E. Urner Goodman, camp director, and Carroll Edson, assistant commissary director, were studying and making plans for their summer season. In one of the books Goodman read, there was contained a description of a camping society, organized at a camp, that perpetuated its ideals from season to season. Both men agreed that they wanted to create a similar society in their camp, utilizing the lore and legend of the Delaware Indians who had once lived in the area of the camp. 1915 saw twenty-five inducted by ceremonies at camp; the first membership meeting held in November of that year marked the first formal founding of the Order. Order of the Arrow lodges were founded in adjacent states as word of the new program spread, and the Order became a BSA 'program experiment' in 1922. By 1948, the Order of the Arrow was officially integrated into the Scouting movement, and supervision shifted from the Order's national lodge to the Boy Scouts of America. Today, as we move into the 85th year of the Order of the Arrow, we can see what an impact it has had on the scouts of the nation: over 1 million Boy Scouts, Scouters, and Explorers have been inducted into the Order over its lifetime; currently it serves more than 160,000 members.

Membership Requirements

The Order of the Arrow is special in the fact that its membership is elected by non-members. Members of a troop choose those within their troop that they feel best lives up to the Scout Promise and shows Scout spirit. Any boy in a troop can become a candidate for membership, providing that he has met these three requirements:

- Must be a registered member of the BSA
- Must hold a minimum of First Class rank
- Must have experienced 15 days and nights of camping, including 6 days and nights of a long term camp.

Additionally, one adult from each unit may be recommended for induction into the Order of the Arrow, providing that they also meet the camping requirements and will serve a useful purpose once elected. Once a boy or adult is elected into the Order, they won't be 'taken away from the troop'; instead, it should be just the opposite, for they are asked to rededicate themselves in service to their troop. The Order serves as a supplement to a boy's scouting experience. To have an Order of the Arrow election in your troop, talk to your District Executive or your district's Order of the Arrow adviser.

Camping Promotions in the Connecticut Rivers Council

Camping Promotion in the Connecticut Rivers Council is handled by the council Camping Committee. Overall, the committee is responsible for making sure that each unit has a full yearly camping program (which consists of monthly, well planned campouts and a stay at a week-long summer camp.) This responsibility is fulfilled in each district by a district camping committee, which keeps information on each unit in its district. Any unit without a full camping program is offered assistance through visitations to the troop, Scoutmaster, or troop committee, and, if possible, actual leadership assistance on campouts. The Order of the Arrow is willing to visit any unit that wants them to; if you would like them to visit your troop, call your District Executive or district Camping Chairman for details.

Camp Promotion Contacts

If you'd like more information about weekend or summer camping, or want an Order of the Arrow Camp Promotion visit to your unit, get in touch with your District Executive, or district Camping Chairman.

Any Suggestions?

Like all books, this one isn't perfect- although we may want it to be. This is where you can help us make any corrections or add new information (including campsites that aren't included but you feel are worth mention,) and suggestions for the next edition. Any ideas you send us are appreciated, and all will be honestly considered for the next revision of this book. Please send any comments and/or correspondence to the address listed below, and don't forget to include your name, address, and telephone number or e-mail.

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