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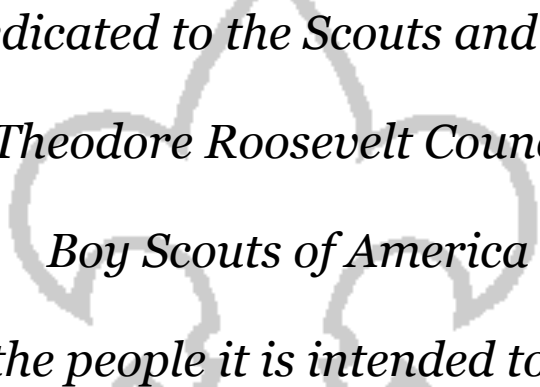
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*This guide is dedicated to the Scouts and volunteers of the
Theodore Roosevelt Council
Boy Scouts of America
And the people it is intended to serve.*

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -

I took the one less traveled by,

And that made all the difference.....

- R.Frost

To: All Scoutmasters

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Re: Where to Go Updates

Enclosed in this program packet are updates to the Order of Arrow Where to Go book. Only specific portions of the book were updated and the remainder is unchanged. The list of updated pages appears below. Simply remove the old pages from the book and discard them, replacing the old pages with the new pages provided.

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We hope that this book will provide you with many new places to hike and camp. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Stephen V. Sassi
Where to Go Adviser

The Order of the Arrow is the Scout Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America. Its purpose is to foster Scout Camping and the deals of brotherhood, cheerfulness and service. A Boy Scout cannot, of his own accord, become a member of the Order of the Arrowman. He is selected by his fellow Scouts based upon his willingness to serve, and his cheerfulness while doing so. He alone is worthy to wear the arrow who will continue faithfully to serve his fellow men.

BROTHERHOOD - He recognizes all men as his brothers, regardless of race, creed or nationality. He treats all men as his brothers -- brothers in the great world of Scouting -- in the greater world of mankind.

CHEERFULNESS - He is cheerful in all his tasks no matter how distasteful they may be. He is glad to be given the opportunity to serve and always remembers the eighth point of the Scout Law that tells us that a *Scout is Cheerful*.

SERVICE - He serves his brothers selflessly and cheerfully. He not only willingly completes the tasks that are assigned to him, but constantly seeks out new ways to help his fellow Scouts, his troop and his community and always remembers that the servant of all is the greatest, of all.

Where to Go

And

How to

Get There

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PREFACE

It is the hope of the Buckskin Lodge that this guide will be more than just a listing of places to camp. We would like it to be useful in planning high adventure treks as well as ordinary camping trips. We hope that it will provide your scout troop with many exciting places to visit.

HOW DO YOU LIKE THE "Where to Go"? If there is something missing or incorrect or some question you had was not answered, please let us know. If there is some item you would like to see in future editions drop me line:

Stephen V. Sassi - Where to Go Adviser
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Manhasset, NY 11030

This is your "*Where to Go*". It will only be a success if we support it. Contributions (of a literary nature) and suggestions are welcome. Because of the large group of people this guide services only written contributions and suggestions will be considered.

DISCLAIMER

None of the places in this guide are recommended by the Theodore Roosevelt Council #386 (the Council) or the Buckskin Lodge #412 (the Lodge). This is a service provided by the Buckskin Lodge #412 Order of the Arrow for units of the council in assisting them in finding places to camp. With the wide range of area and subject matter, mistakes are unavoidable. If differences between what is written here and what is actually true are encountered please notify me so that revisions can be made. Neither the Lodge nor the council can accept any responsibility for errors or discrepancies.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

INTRODUCTION

This book was written to provide Scout troops with a guide in planning and preparing their outdoor program. It serves merely as a guide on where to go and does not pretend to provide program ideas. The guide is written with both the backpacker and base camper in mind. It presupposes knowledge of campcraft and hiking as well as other outdoor skills and these skills include, but are not limited to, what to bring on a trip. Most of these skills must be learned by practice and in some cases, bitter experience. Always check in advance regarding places you wish to visit. Never assume that since an area is listed as allowing camping that you will always be accommodated.

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

Since the "Where to Go" guide is intended to assist in camping, only parks which have group camping facilities are listed. Some non-group camping parks are listed only because they are unique in some way.

When using Boy Scout camps or facilities, a unit **MUST** contact the council, which owns and/or operates the camp. This information is provided with each camp listed. To simply "show up" and expect service is irresponsible. When camping in a state park or preserve be sure to camp only in designated areas and be sure you are in compliance with all regulations of the area. Illegal camping carries very stiff penalties, being a scout troop will not exempt you from these rules and/or penalties.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

The area discussed in this guide is the B.S.A. Northeast Region and the Northeastern United States. States discussed are Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and all of New England. In this guide you will find descriptions of Boy Scout camps, state and national facilities.

Section 1 of each chapter always deals with Scout while the remaining sections deal with other facilities. There are no descriptions of private campgrounds since most (but not all) cater to family style camping.

TRAILS AND ABBREVIATIONS

As we know most, (but certainly not all) trails are blazed. Most (again, certainly not all) are marked by a color painted on trees or rocks. In some cases metal blazes are affixed to objects. Cairns are sometimes used extensively (a cairn is pile of stones usually shaped like a pyramid).

When referencing a trail the letter in Parenthesis denotes the color. Colors appearing in this guide are:

Black (Bl)	Blue (B)
Brown (Br)	Gray (Gr)
Green (G)	Orange (O)
Pink (P)	Red (R)
Silver (S)	Turquoise (T)
White (W)	Yellow (Y)
Unmarked (U)	

Example, Batona Trail (P). We know from this that the Batona Trail is pink.

Some trails are abbreviated and shown in their headings thus:

Suffern-Bear Mt. (SBM) (Y) - This tells us that whenever we see SBM (Y), we are referring to the Suffern-Bear Mt. and that it has yellow blazes.

Some trails are not so abbreviated:

Jacob's Ladder Trail (B/Gr) Blazes: Blue and Gray (B/Gr)
This means the Jacobs Ladder Trail is marked with blue and gray blazes.

ABBREVIATIONS

In most descriptions and highway directions abbreviations are used to save space and foster readability. It should be noted that nowhere in this guide when we give a direction do we mean the exact compass bearing of that direction, example when we say west, we do not mean exactly 270 degrees. Rather we mean generally west.

Directional abbreviations:

L - left	R - Right
N - north	S - south
E - east	W - west

We can also combine these to form NE meaning Northeast.

Other abbreviations

AYH	American Youth Hostels
ADK	Adirondack Mountain Club
AMC	Appalachian Mountain Club
BSA	Boy Scouts of America
L.I.	Long Island
L.I.E.	Long Island Expressway
GMNF	Green Mountain National Forest
Mass.	Massachusetts
N.F.	National Forest
N.P.	National Park
NPS	National Park Service
N.R.A.	National Rifle Association
N.Y.C.	New York City
S.C.	Scout Camp
S.P.	State Park
S.F.	State Forest
S.I.	Staten Island
S.R.	Scout Reservation
Tpk or Tpke	Turnpike
WMNF	White Mountain National Forest
X-Cntry	cross-country skiing is available

A NOTE ON MAPS - No maps are provided in this guide. Trail maps of the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference are very useful when planning outdoor excursions. These are available in waterproof/tear proof editions and cover most of the areas described in this guide in the New York Metropolitan Area. Most of the other outdoor clubs provides similar services. See the ORGANIZATION AND FURTHER READING Section at the end of each chapter.

FOOTNOTES are shown in brackets < > after each passage where they are needed.

Here then are the pages of the "Where to Go." Happy Trails.

Chapter 1 - BEFORE YOU GO

It is essential that you devote some time to planning your outdoor program and high adventure treks.

SECTION 1.1 TOUR PERMITS AND POLICIES

All units of the Boy Scouts of America must secure the proper tour permits issued by the Theodore Roosevelt Council Service Center (544 Broadway, Massapequa, NY 11758-5010, 516-797-7600, FAX: 797-9765, WEB PAGE: www.trcbsa.com) or the Northeast Region (Jamesburg, NJ). This designates the activity as an official Boy Scout affair and records the event with the council both for the record and for the unit's advantage with regards to insurance coverage. There are two types of tour permit applications, both explained below. Copies are available from the council service center.

LOCAL TOUR PERMIT APPLICATION - BSA NO. 4426 - For all trips with a destination under 500 miles. This form must be filed at the council service center two weeks before a trip.

NATIONAL TOUR PERMIT APPLICATION - BSA NO. 4419A - For all trips with a destination of over 500 miles and for international travel. See Section 1.2. This form must be filed at the council service center one month in advance since the application must be forwarded to the Northeast Region Office in Jamesburg, NJ.

Local Tour Permit is pictured below.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

LOCAL TOUR PERMIT APPLICATION

FOR TRIPS AND CAMPS UNDER 500 MILES

LOCAL PERMIT NO. _____ **DATE ISSUED** _____
This application must be filed with local council service center 2 weeks in advance of scheduled activity for proper clearance. It is used for trips of less than 500 miles. If destination is 500 miles or more one way or outside the U.S.A. (local council camp excepted), use National Tour Permit Application, No. 4419. If backcountry trip, be sure to know BSA Wilderness Use Policy.

No. _____ Town _____ District _____ hereby applies
Type of unit
 for a permit and submits plans herewith for a trip from _____, 19____ to _____, 19____.
Date Date
 Give itinerary if tour, or destination if camp, including route description for reaching campsite (for long trip attach map indicating route and overnight stops):

Type of trip: One day Touring camp Short-term camp Long-term camp (Furnish copy of program and menus.)
 Where swimming or boating is included in the program. *Safe Swim Defense*, No. 34370, and/or *Safety Afloat*, No. 34366, standards are to be followed.

Person in charge: _____ Safe Swim Defense Certification _____
 Expiration: _____ and/or Safety Afloat certification _____ Name _____ Expiration: _____
 or use of adult assistants so qualified: Safe Swim Defense Certification _____ Name _____ Expiration: _____
 and/or Safety Afloat certification _____ Name _____ Expiration: _____
 Also, at least one adult must be certified in CPR for Safety Afloat _____ Name _____ CPR Certificate Expiration: _____

Mode of transportation: Car RV Van Bus Boat Canoe Train Hiking Truck Other _____
(The beds of trucks and camper trucks are approved for equipment only—passengers are allowed only in the cab.)

Tour will include _____ youth and _____ adults. Have parents' approvals been secured?
 It is the tour leader's and unit committee member's understanding that all drivers, vehicles, and insurance coverages will meet the national requirements as listed on the reverse side of this application. The Boy Scouts of America policy requires two adult leaders on all camping trips and tours. Tour leader in charge must be at least 21 years of age.

Tour leader's name _____ Age _____ Phone _____
Print or type
 Address _____
 Assistant tour leader's name _____ Age _____ Phone _____
 Address _____

Signed by member of unit committee _____ Signed by tour leader _____
RETAIN IN COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER

OFFICIAL LOCAL TOUR OR CAMP PERMIT BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

This permit should be in the possession of group leader at all times and displayed when requested by Scouting officials or other duly authorized persons.

Permit issued to _____ No. _____ Town _____
Type of unit
 Name of tour leader _____ Age _____ Address _____
 Assistant tour leader _____ Age _____ Address _____
 Permit covers all travel between _____ and _____
 Dates of trip from _____, 19____ to _____, 19____
 Total youth _____ Total adults _____

This group has given the local council every assurance that they will conduct themselves according to the best standards of Scouting and observe all rules of health, safety, and sanitation as prescribed by the Boy Scouts of America and as stated in the Pledge of Performance on the reverse side of this permit.

These spaces are for the signatures and comments of officials where the group camps or stays for 1 night or more. Signatures indicate that the cooperation and conduct of the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or Explorer group were satisfactory in every way.

Date	Place	Signature	Comment

Local Permit No. _____

Date Issued _____

Council Stamp

Not official unless council stamp appears here.

Council name and address

Council phone no.

Signed for the council



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INSURANCE

All vehicles MUST be covered by a public liability and property damage liability insurance policy. The amount of this coverage must meet or exceed the insurance requirement of the state in which the vehicle is licensed. (It is recommended, however, that coverage limits are at least \$50,000/\$100,000/\$50,000.) Any vehicle carrying ten (10) or more passengers is required to have limits of \$100,000/\$500,000/\$100,000. In the case of rented vehicles the requirement of coverage limits can be met by combining the limits of personal coverage carried by the driver with coverage carried by the owner of the rented vehicle. All vehicles used in travel outside the United States must carry a public liability and property damage liability insurance policy that complies with or exceeds the requirements of that country.

KIND, YEAR, AND MAKE OF VEHICLE	NUMBER OF PASSENGERS	OWNER'S NAME	DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER	WILL EVERYONE WEAR A SEATBELT?	PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE		
					PUBLIC LIABILITY		PROPERTY DAMAGE
					Each Person	Each Accident	
					\$	\$	\$

The local council may allow a list of the above information to be attached to the permit in order to expedite the process. Each unit may circle the names of the drivers for an event or an activity.

TRANSPORTATION

- You will enforce reasonable travel speed in accordance with state and local laws in all motor vehicles.
- If by motor vehicle:
 - Driver Qualifications:** All drivers must have a valid driver's license and be at least 18 years of age. **Youth Member Exception:** When traveling to an area, regional, or national Boy Scout activity or any Explorer event under the leadership of an adult (21+) tour leader, a youth member at least 16 years of age may be a driver, subject to the following conditions: (1) Six months' driving experience as a licensed driver (time on a learner's permit or equivalent is not to be counted); (2) no record of accidents or moving violations; (3) parental permission has been granted to leader, driver, and riders.

- If the vehicle to be used is designed to carry more than fifteen persons (including driver) the driver must have a commercial driver's license (CDL).
Name: _____
C.D.L. expiration date _____

- Driving time is limited to a maximum of 10 hours and must be interrupted by frequent rest, food, and recreation stops.
- Seat belts are provided, and must be used, by all passengers and driver. Exception: A school or commercial bus.
- Passengers will ride only in the cab if trucks are used.

OUR PLEDGE OF PERFORMANCE

- We will use the Safe Swim Defense in any water activity.
- We will use trucks only for transporting equipment—no passengers except in the cab. All passenger cars, station wagons, recreational vehicles, and cabs of trucks will have a seat belt for each passenger.
- We agree to enforce reasonable travel speed (in accordance with national, state, and local laws) and use only vehicles that are in safe mechanical condition.
- We will be certain that fires are attended at all times.
- We will apply for a fire permit from local authorities in all areas where it is required.
- We will at all times be a credit to the Boy Scouts of America and will not tolerate rowdiness or un-Scoutlike conduct, keeping a constant check on all members of our group.
- We will maintain high standards of personal cleanliness and orderliness and will operate a clean and sanitary camp, leaving it in a better condition than we found it.
- We will not litter or bury any trash, garbage, or tin cans. All rubbish that cannot be burned will be placed in a tote-litter bag and taken to the nearest recognized trash disposal or all the way home, if necessary.
- We will not deface trees, restrooms, or other objects with initials or writing.
- We will respect the property of others and will not trespass.
- We will not cut standing trees or shrubs without specific permission from the landowner or manager.
- We will collect only souvenirs that are gifts to us or that we purchase.
- We will pay our own way and not expect concessions or entertainment from any individual or group.
- We will provide every member of our party an opportunity to attend religious services on the Sabbath.
- We will observe the courtesy to write thank-you notes to persons who assisted us on our trip.
- We will, in case of backcountry expedition, read and abide by the Wilderness Use Policy of the BSA.
- We will notify, in case of serious trouble, our local council service center, our parents, or other local contact.
- If more than one vehicle is used to transport our group, we will establish rendezvous points at the start of each day and not attempt to have drivers closely follow the group vehicle in front of them.

TWO DEEP LEADERS

All troop trips **MUST** have two adult leaders attending, one of whom **MUST** be 21 years of age or older.

TIPS ON TRAVEL

- Plan your route with frequent stops if it is a long trip.
- Limit driving to 9 hours in any 24 hour period
- 12 hours should be devoted to rest in any 24-hour period.

If you are planning any rigorous activity, adult participants should not also be drivers since there is an added danger of losing control of the vehicle due to fatigue.

PUBLIC CARRIERS - Public carriers should have required insurance coverage. For more information consult BSA "Tours and Expeditions" No. 3734A for further regulations and suggestions.

ADDITIONAL POLICIES AND SCOUT CONDUCT

Low-Impact Wilderness Use Policy
(Excerpted from "Tours and Expeditions" in condensed form)

- Contact landowner or managing agency well in advance.
- Limit the size of group (8 to 11 persons).
- Match objectives to skill levels. Ruggedness should not exceed group proficiency.
- Hold training sessions.
- Use backpacking stoves where fuel supply is limited
- Leave pets and electronic devices home (radios, TV's etc).
- Carry out unburnable trash. "If you can carry it in you can carry it out."
- Leave area cleaner than you found it.
- Dig shallow holes for latrines 200 feet from water source.
- Conduct all washing 200 feet from water source.
- Do not disturb wildlife or plant life.
- Take nothing but photographs, leave nothing but footprints.

For more information consult "*Guide to Safe Scouting*" and "*Tours and Expeditions*." <Some of the above material paraphrased from "*Tours and Expeditions*," pages 6-7>

SECTION 1.2 B.S.A. SERVICES AND PROGRAMS - CAMPWAYS

The National Council maintains the Campways service which will on request, furnish information on campgrounds in any part of the country. Although the information is usually out of date it does provide a list of military installations which have accommodations for youth groups.

Campways will also provide a list of historic trails. To use military facilities, contact Campways to find out about military installations in the area you intend to visit.

Contact the Service Center or write to:

Camping Service List the state(s)
Boy Scouts of America interested in.
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079

SECTION 1.3 OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND SERVICES

US DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (NPS)
Washington, D.C.

North Atlantic Region responsible for NJ, NY, and all of New England.
National Park Service
15 State Street
Boston, Ma. 02109-3572
617-565-8888

Mid-Atlantic Region responsible for DE, MD, Pa, VI, WV.
National Park Service
143 South Third Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19106

SECTION 1.4 TRAILS

Appalachian Trail (AT) (W) Blazes: white (W), length 2135 miles fourteen states.

The AT, the most famous long distance footpath (although not the oldest - that honor belongs to the Long Trail of Vermont) runs from Springer Mountain, GA to Mt. Katahdin, Maine. It keeps primarily to the crest of the Appalachian Mountain Range and runs generally in a northeasterly direction. The trail visits the following states: Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine.

The highest point is Clingman's Dome (6643 feet) in the Great Smoky Mountains and the lowest is the Bear Mt. Bridge (nearly sea level). Virginia claims the longest mileage, West Virginia the shortest, while Duncannon, Pennsylvania claims to be the mid-point of the entire trail. New Hampshire and Maine have the roughest section (Mahosuc Notch) while Maine alone is the most remote. New York has the distinction of having the oldest section of the trail (Ramapo-Dunderberg Trail in Harriman State Park). The AT was completed in 1937 after only sixteen years had elapsed since it was initially proposed.

The Appalachian Trail passes near some state parks and scout camps. These are listed in both the facility description and in each trail section.

Guidebooks are available for the entire length of the AT. The books that deal with the northeastern U.S. are:

Appalachian Trail Guide Maine, Vol. #1.
Appalachian Trail Guide to New Hampshire and Vermont, Vol. 2.
Appalachian Trail Guide to Massachusetts-Connecticut, Vol. #3.
Appalachian Trail Guide New York-New Jersey, Vol. #4.
Appalachian Trail Guide to Pennsylvania, Vol. #5.
Guide Books for other sections are also available.

For more information on the AT contact:

Appalachian Trail Conference
P.O. Box 807
Harpers Ferry, WV. 25425-0807

<Above information paraphrased from: *Appalachian Trail Guide to Massachusetts and Connecticut*, Vol. #3, 1988 Appalachian Trail Conference, Harpers Ferry, WV.>

OTHER INTERSTATE TRAILS IN THE NORTHEAST

Metacomet-Monadnock Trail (simply Metacomet Trail in Ct.)

This trail begins in central Connecticut and travels north keeping to the western ridge of the Connecticut River Valley. It crosses that river in the Northampton, Ma. area and continues north to terminate on Mt. Monadnock in NH.

Long Path (LP) (T) Blazes: Turquoise (T)

The LP was inspired by the Long Trail (LT) of Vermont. The trail begins at the George Washington Bridge and travels northward along the Palisades. It then turns away from the Hudson River and visits Harriman and Catskill State Parks. LP terminates well north of NY 23 (East Windham) in John Boyd Thatcher State Park at the Indian Ladder Trail. Active plans are underway to link up this section with the Northville-Lake Placid Trail.

Shawangunk Ridge Trail portion of the LP was originally intended to by-pass those portions of the trail in Orange County which were being obliterated by advancing suburbia. The Ridge trail extends from High Point, NJ over the Shawangunk Ridge to link up with the LP main at Minnewaska State Park. Major relocations of the LP in Orange County have rendered this an alternate route as well as a new long distance trail.

Mason-Dixon Trail

This trail forms a huge crescent in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware. It begins on the AT near Harrisburg and travels south to the Chesapeake Bay. The trail then turns east through Delaware and then north and re enters Pennsylvania. Continuing north, the Mason-Dixon terminates on the Horse Shore Trail near Valley Forge.

SECTION 1.5 FURTHER READING

"Tours and Expeditions"

1971 Boy Scouts of America
Irving, TX.
No. 3734A
NEWER EDITIONS AVAILABLE

The National Parks:

Camping Guide 1988-89
U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Government Printing Office
Washington, DC 20402

The National Parks: 1987

U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Government Printing Office
Washington, DC 20402

Appalachian Trail Guides

Various volumes covering the entire trail.
See each section on the AT.

Each Chapter has a further reading section referencing other works with more information.

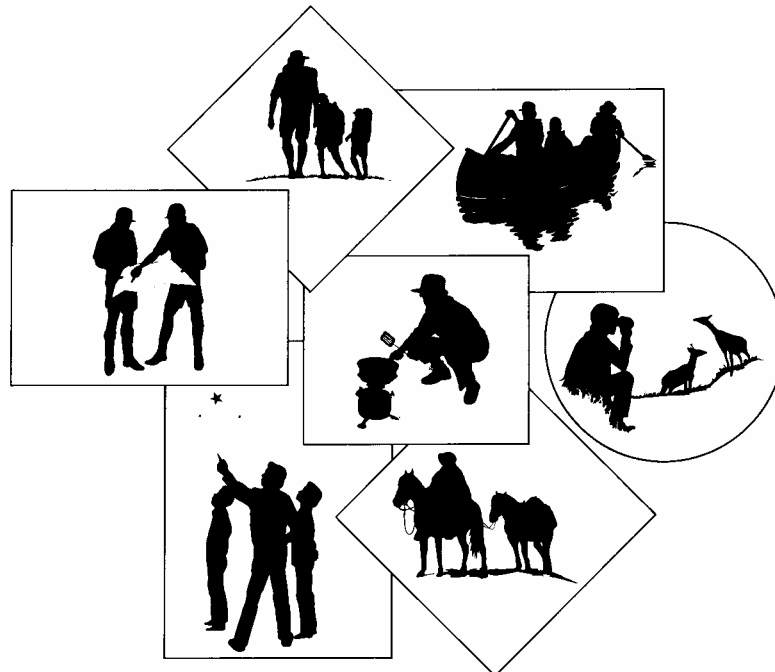
Scouting literature available from Supply Division:

"Nationally Approved Historic Trail"

1989 Boy Scouts of America
No. 20-135

Boy Scouts of America
P.O. Box 909
Pineville, NC 28134-0909

1-800-323-732 FAX 1-704-5822



Chapter 2- Theodore Roosevelt Council, BSA Camps

For more information on camping in the Theodore Roosevelt Council, visit the council's web page at www.trcbsa.org

Schiff Scout Reservation – is a 400 acre camp located in the Long Island Pine Barrens at Wading River. The camp surrounds the 30 acre "Deep Pond", which is a kettle hole famous for its Yellow Perch, Pickerel and Sunfish fishing. In the summer the Deep Pond's pure sand bottom provides a great swimming waterfront. Weekend camping, Project COPE, Cub World cub scout camping.

Onteora Scout Reservation – a 1,400 acre camp located in the Catskill Forest Preserve, approximately 6 miles from the Livingston Manor exit (#96) on NYS Route 17. Located at over 2,000' elevation the camp is heavily forested and features fine Brook Trout fishing in Orchard Lake. The camp is open weekends throughout the year, except during deer season. Boy Scout Summer camp is offered.

Chapter 3 – METROPOLITAN NEW YORK CITY AND LONG ISLAND

SECTION 3.1 BOY SCOUT CAMPS

W.H. Pouch Scout Camp - Todt Hill, Staten Island

Greater New York Councils (GNYC) (640)
350 Fifth Ave
New York, NY 10118
212-242-1100

The Aquehongan Trail encircles camp. Other features include weekend trading post and campmaster services. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, boating. DIRECTIONS: I-278 west from Verrazano Narrows Bridge. Slosson Ave exit. Turn left.

Camp Baiting Hollow - Calverton

Suffolk County (404)
7 Scouting Industrial Blvd.
Medford, NY 11763
516-924-7000

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, boating, summer program, cub program. DIRECTIONS: Long Island Expwy (I-495) east to Exit 71. Left onto Edwards Road. North to Sound Ave. Turn left. Camp on the right.

SECTION 3.2 STATE PARKS WITH CAMPING FACILITIES ON LONG ISLAND

For more information on State Parks contact:

Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12238	Long Island Region P.O. Box 247 Babylon, NY 11702 516-669-1000
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Hecksher State Park - East Islip - 516-581-2100

Southern terminus of the 34 mile Suffolk Greenbelt (terminates at the eastern end of Parking Field #8) see Section 3.5. Campsites located in the northern part of the park. Camping in summer only. FEATURES: Camping, hiking, swimming, fishing, and bicycling. DIRECTIONS: Southern State Parkway east to end.

Hither Hills State Park – Montauk - 516-668-3781

This park, located on the south fork near Montauk Point is mostly undeveloped. There are no marked trails and few roads. There are some woods roads. With adjoining Napeague State Park and adjacent Montauk Point State Park, this area can provide a fine variety of wilderness walks. FEATURES: Camping, group camping (out of season), hiking, fishing. DIRECTIONS: NY 27 east.

Wildwood State Park - Wading River - 516-929-4314

Adjoins Camp Baiting Hollow B.S.A. (404). Operates Summer Only. FEATURES: Camping, swimming, hiking, fishing. DIRECTIONS: Long Island Expwy (I-495) E to Exit 69. N to NY 25A. Turn right.

SECTION 3.3 NATIONAL CAMPING FACILITIES

Fire Island National Seashore
120 Laurel Street
Patchogue, NY 11772

Camping at Watch Hill is seasonal (May - October). Extending thirty-two miles from Democrat Point in the west to Moriches Inlet in the east, Fire Island offers many outdoor experiences. New York State's only designated wilderness area is located between Watch Hill and Smith Point. The Seashore Trail (when completed) will connect the Suffolk Greenbelt at Montauk Hwy (NY 27A) with Fire Island via the Sayville Ferry. The trail continues east to Smith Point County Park. Turning north the Seashore Trail terminates in Wertheim Wildlife Refuge. FACILITIES: Camping, youth group camping. Instructions: Send self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Fire Island National Seashore
120 Laurel Street,
Patchogue, NY 11772.
Reservations are by lottery.

DIRECTIONS: Access by ferry only from West Ave in Patchogue. Fire Island National Seashore Ferry 475-1665. I-495 east to Exit 57. Take NY 454 (Vets' Mem Hwy) to Patchogue. Or NY 27 (Sunrise Hwy) east to Exit 52. Turn right onto Waverly Ave - Co Rd 19 and proceed south. Follow Watch Hill Ferry signs and proceed past railroad tracks in Patchogue. Turn right one block past RR. Ferry terminal located here.

SECTION 3.4 NASSAU COUNTY CAMPING FACILITIES

Nassau County maintains three nature preserves all former estates. There is youth group camping in all three areas. A conservation project is required. Bring your own water.

Muttontown Preserve – Muttontown - 922-3123

DIRECTIONS: Proceed south on Muttontown Lane from NY 25A. This is just west of the Junction of NY 106 and 25A in East Norwich.

Sands Point Preserve - Sands Point - 883-1612

Sands Point was once an U.S. Naval Reservation. DIRECTIONS: Long Island Expwy (I-495) to Exit 36. Proceed north on Searingtown Road to NY 101. Continue north on 101 for its entire length. Continue north on Middle Neck Road. Preserve on the right.

Wellwyn Preserve - Glen Cove - 676-1483

Wellwyn is situated on Long Island Sound. DIRECTIONS: Proceed north on Glen Cove Road (Exit 39N on L.I.E.) or NY 107 (Exit 41N on L.I.E). The two roads will converge in Glen Head. Continue north to the end of 107 on Glen Cove Ave. Turn right and proceed three blocks to Cottage Row. Turn left and proceed straight on Cottage Row and then straight onto Roosevelt Street. Proceed to the end and turn right onto Crescent Beach Road. Proceed about a mile. Wellwyn is on the right.

Battle Row Campground - Old Bethpage
Bethpage-Sweethollow Road
(is Bethpage-Spagnoli Road in Suffolk County)
293-7120

This camping area is not really suitable for scouting groups but it is useful for overnight hikers on the Nassau Greenbelt (which you can hike in a day). **FACILITIES:** Family style campsites. **DIRECTIONS:** Long Island Expwy (I-495) to Exit 49S. Proceed south on NY 110. Turn right onto the Bethpage-Spagnoli Road. Proceed about a mile and turn left onto Claremont Road. Campground on the right.

SECTION 3.5 HIKING ON LONG ISLAND

There are a surprisingly large number of hiking trails on Long Island. The Long Island Greenbelt Trail Conference maintains and encourages the use of trails on L.I. See Section 3.6. Also consult the *New York Walk Book*. Membership in the conference is \$10.00 per year. To become a member of a hiking club is a worthy service project for any scouting unit.

WARNING; Much of the area described here is made up of low dense brush making it a natural habitat for ticks. Be aware of this while hiking and take proper precautions.

Nassau Greenbelt Trail (W) and Parkway-Tower Loop (B)
Greenbelt; Blazes: white (W), length 22 miles

This trail travels through one of the most heavily developed sections of Long Island. Surprisingly enough a walk on the Nassau Greenbelt can be a very pleasant experience as it is very cleverly concealed from suburbia and convenient as it is close to home. The trail begins in Massapequa and travels north ending at Cold Spring Harbor. The Nassau Greenbelt begins on Merrick Road just west of Massapequa Lake. The trail travels north using several paved and unpaved paths in the Massapequa Preserve to the Southern State Parkway. Crossing the Parkway, the trail continues north paralleling the Bethpage State Parkway. This is an interesting part of the trail as it is skillfully hidden from suburbia in the thickets so common to Long Island. The trail at many points along this section is sandwiched between bicycle paths, Bethpage Pkwy, and backyard fences.

Greenbelt traverses the western part of Bethpage State Park (parking available). This part of the trail is an excellent example of the type of forests found on western Long Island. After leaving Bethpage State Park, Greenbelt continues northward through a narrow band of woods to the Long Island Expressway. The terrain to this point is indicative of the southern plain of Long Island prior to development.

Parkway - Tower Loop (B) a blue blazed side trail diverges right and leads to Manetto Hill Park where it links up with the Walt Whitman trail. Parkway-Tower Loop returns to the Greenbelt just south of the Northern State Parkway. Greenbelt crosses the Northern State at Sunnyside Blvd overpass and immediately turns right into the woods. Continuing north, it crosses Woodbury Road, Jericho Turnpike (NY 25 - parking to the west), and Syosset-Woodbury Road.

Arriving at the Long Island RR, Greenbelt turns right and crosses under the tracks at Apple Hollow Farm before entering Stillwell Woods. From here to Cold Spring Harbor is the most remote section of the entire Nassau Greenbelt.

The trail winds its way through Stillwell Woods, crosses Velsor-Stillwell Road, enters the Franklin Pond Preserve and emerges on NY 108. Here the trail travels through its most

hilly section. Still heading north, Greenbelt passes Upland Farm (yellow blazed side trail diverges right), crosses Lawrence Hill Road and then turn west towards Cold Spring Harbor. Descending steeply, the Nassau Greenbelt terminates on NY 25A about 3/4 mile east of the junction of NY 108 and 25A (parking available).

Camping accommodations can be obtained at Battle Row Campground. Northbound hikers turn right at Hay Path Road and right again at Bethpage Road. Follow to Bethpage-Sweethollow (Spagnoli) Road. Turn right at Claremont Road. Southbound hikers turn left at Bethpage Road.

Walt Whitman Trail (W/R) Blazes: White with red centers (W/R)

The trail begins at Walt Whitman's birthplace on Old Walt Whitman Road in South Huntington. The trail heads west into West Hills County Park (camping available for Suffolk County Residents), climbs Jayne's Hill (highest point on L.I. - elevation 401 feet), and heads SW and then W towards Manetto Hill Park. Walt Whitman Trail terminates on Parkway-Tower Loop (B) which connects with the Nassau Greenbelt (W). Left is southbound, right is northbound. Note: There are several spur trails in West Hills.

Suffolk Greenbelt Trail (GBT) (W) Blazes: white (W), length 34 miles.

This trail begins at Hecksher State Park at the east end of Parking Field #8. It travels north visiting Connetquot State Park and the headwaters of the Connetquot and Nissequoque Rivers. GBT visits several Suffolk County Parks (camping available for Suffolk County residents) and terminates at Sunken Meadow State Park in Parking Field #3 after descending the famous Cardiac Hill of the cross-country runner.

HIKING ON EASTERN LONG ISLAND

There are many additional trails and locations for hiking on eastern Long Island. Many close to Schiff and Baiting Hollow. For more information on hiking and other trails on Long Island contact the L.I. Greenbelt Conference (listed below).

For New York State Forest Preserves contact:

Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
Region #1 (Eastern Long Island)
SUNY/Stony Brook
Building 40
Stony Brook, NY 11794
516-751-7900

SECTION 3.6 WESTCHESTER COUNTY CAMPING FACILITIES

Croton Point Park - Harmon and Croton-on-Hudson 914-271-3293

Located on a peninsula in the Tappan Zee. Family style and RV camping. Not really suitable for groups. **DIRECTIONS:** Proceed as described above. Leave US 9 at Croton Ave. Turn west and proceed along long viaduct over RR yards.

Mountain Lakes Camp - Hawley Road, North Salem
914-285-2643 or 669-5793

FEATURES: Camping, Group camping, lean-tos, hiking.
DIRECTIONS: I-95 N to I-287 W. I-684 N to Exit 6A. Proceed east on NY 138 to NY 121. Turn left and proceed 2 miles. Turn right onto Hawley Road. Camp on left.

Ward Pound Ridge Reservation - Cross River 914-763-3493

Extensive trail system. FEATURES: Lean-tos, hiking.
DIRECTIONS: Proceed to I-684 as described above. I-684 N to Exit 6. NY 35 east to NY 121. Turn south (right). Turn left.

SECTION 3.7 ORGANIZATIONS AND FURTHER READING

ORGANIZATIONS

New York-New Jersey Trail Conference - The trail conference is an organization dedicated to the preservation and maintenance of trails in the New York Metropolitan Area. Membership is made up of many hiking clubs and youth groups (these include scout troops). The conference's many publications describe many hiking areas in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut and are invaluable tools for anyone seeking to design an outdoor program.

New York-New Jersey Trail Conference www.nynjtc.org
P.O. Box 2250
New York, NY 10001

Long Island Greenbelt Trail Conference
23 Deer Path Road
Central Islip, NY 11722

PUBLICATIONS

New York Walk Book
Seventh Edition
2001, New York-New Jersey Trail Conference

New Jersey Walk Book
Sixth Edition 1998,
New York-New Jersey Trail Conf



Chapter 4 - NEW YORK STATE

SECTION 4.1 BOY SCOUT CAMPS IN NEW YORK STATE

The Boy Scout camps described here will include all of New York State excluding New York City and Long Island. Those areas are described in Chapter 3 - New York City and Long Island.

SECTION 4.1.1 BOY SCOUT CAMPS IN THE ADIRONDACK AREA

All directions will begin at either the NY Thruway (Interstate 87, Interstate 90 west of Albany) or the Adirondack Northway (Interstate 87). I-87 begins on the Bronx side of the Triboro Bridge. Northway is Exit 24 on the Thruway and this point is just west of Albany. This is where I-87 turns off the Thruway onto the Northway. The Thruway is designated I-90 for the remainder of its length from Exit 24 to Exit 60 (Ripley).

NEW JERSEY COUNCIL CAMPS IN THE ADIRONDACKS

Sabattis Adventure Camp - Long Lake

Patriots' Path Council (343)
12 Mount Pleasant Turnpike
Denville, NJ 07834
973-361-1800

FEATURES: Tent sites, boating, summer program with high adventure program. Directions: Northway (I-87) N to Exit 23. US 9 to NY 28 W to NY 30. N past Long Lake then L.

Rollings Pond Adventure Base - Saranac Inn (formerly Floodwood Mountain)

Northern New Jersey Council (333)
25 Ramapo Valley Road
Oakland, NJ 07436
201-677-1000 or Verona Center 973-857-007

Rollings Pond is located among the many Saranac Lakes, providing easy access to the famous canoe routes of these lakes. The camp itself provides an extensive canoeing program. FEATURES: Tent sites, boating, summer program with high adventure program. Directions: Northway (I-87) N to Exit 30. N on US 9 to NY 73. 73 to NY 86 to Saranac Lake. Continue on 86 to NY 30. S to Saranac Inn.

NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL CAMPS

Sabattis Scout Reservation - Long Lake

Hiawatha Seaway Council (373)
113 Twin Oaks Drive
Syracuse, NY 13206
315-463-0201

FEATURES: Tent sites, boating, summer program with high adventure program. Similar to a mini Philmont. Directions: Northway (I-87) to Exit 23. US 9 N to NY 28 W. W on 28 to NY 30. Proceed north. For Sabattis: N on NY 30 to green Sabattis sign (about 10 miles N of Long Lake). Turn left. Proceed to old Sabattis RR station. Follow dirt road into camp (7 more miles). For Massawepie (Forester and Mountaineer): Continue N on NY 30 to Tupper Lake. Turn W onto NY 3. Proceed 12 miles. Turn L.

Massawepie Scout Camp - Piercefield and Tupper Lake

Otetiana Council (397)
474 East Avenue
Rochester, NY 14607
585-244-4210

FEATURES: Tent sites, boating, summer program with high adventure program. Directions: See Sabattis SR

Camp Wakopominee - West Fort Ann

Twin Rivers (364)
253 Washington Ave Extension
Albany, NY 12205
518-869-6436

Also near Lake George and ski areas. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, activity field, boating, summer program with high adventure program. Directions: Northway (I-87) N to Exit 20. E on NY 149.

Woodsworth Lake - Bleeker

Twin Rivers (364) - see address above - 518-869-6436

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, summer program with high adventure program. Directions: NY Thruway to Exit 28. NY 30A N to Gloversville. NY 309 N to Bleeker.

Scout Island - Island in Great Sacandaga Lake between Maysville and Broadalbin

Twin Rivers (364) - see address above - 518-869-6436

A 57-acre island in Great Sacandaga Lake available to Scout troops for primitive camping. Accessible only by boat. FACILITIES: Tent sites. Directions: NY Thruway to Exit 27. NY 30 N to NY 29. E on 29 to Broadalbin. Depart from the Broadalbin Bible Conference Center. May not be any formal boat service, check in advance.

Boyhaven - Middle Grove

Twin Rivers (364) - see address above - 518-869-6436

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, summer program, Cub Scout program. Directions: Northway (I-87) to Exit 14. NY 9P into Saratoga Springs. W on NY 29 to Middle Grove. Camp on the right.

Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation - Malone

Westchester-Putnam (388)
41 Saw Mill River Road
Hawthorne, NY 12205
914-773-1135

FEATURES: Tent sites, Cabins (large and small), boating, summer program with high adventure program, Cub Scout program. Directions: Northway (I-87) to Exit 25. NY 8 north.

Camp Bedford - Malone

Adirondack (394)
1 Sesame Street
Plattsburgh, NY 12901
518-561-0360

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, summer program with high adventure activities.
Directions: Northway (I-87) to Exit 42 (second to last US exit). S on US 11 to Malone.

Camp Kingsley - Ava

Revolutionary Trails (395)
1401 Genesee Street
Utica, NY 13501
315-735-4437

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, activity field, boating, summer program with high adventure activities. Directions: NY Thruway to Exit 31 (Utica). I-790 to NY 12. N on 12 to NY 49 exit. 49 W to Rome. N on NY 26.

Camp Samuel Russell (formerly Ballou) - Frankfort Center

Revolutionary Trails (395)
1401 Genesee Street
Utica, NY 13501
315-735-4437

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, activity field, Cub Scout program. Directions: NY Thruway to Exit 30. W on either NY 5 or NY 5S.

Cedarland Scout Reservation - Long Lake

Revolutionary Trails (395)
1401 Genesee Street
Utica, NY 13501
315-735-4437

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, boating, summer program. Directions: Northway (I-87) N to Exit 23. US 9 to NY 28 W to NY 30. N past Long Lake then L.

Camp Russell - Woodgate

General Herkimer (400)
427 North Main Street
P.O. Box 128
Herkimer, NY 13350
315-866-1540

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, summer program with high adventure activities. Directions: NY Thruway to Exit 31 (Utica). I-790 to NY 12. N on 12 with NY 28 past Remsen. Turn right onto 28. Proceed to Woodgate.

Camp Portaferry - Harrisville

See Hiawatha Council above.

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, boating, summer program, Cub Scout program. Directions: NY Thruway to Exit 31 (Utica). I-790 to NY 12. N on 12 for 56 miles. N on NY 812 for 26 miles. E on NY 3.

SECTION 4.1.2 BSA CAMPS - WESTERN NEW YORK

Schoellkopf Scout Reservation - Cowlesville

Greater Niagara Frontier (380)
401-407 Maryvale Drive
Buffalo, NY 14225-2691
716-891-4073

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, summer program, Cub Scout program. Directions: NY Thruway to Exit 48A. NY 77 S to NY 354 then west.

Scouthaven - Freedom

Greater Niagara Frontier (380) see address above.

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, summer program. Directions: NY Thruway to Exit 16. NY 17 W to Exit 30. NY 19 N to NY 243. W to NY 98. N to Freedom.

Camp Stonehaven - Ransomville

Greater Niagara Frontier (380) see address above.

This camp is located near Niagara Falls and the Niagara Frontier Trail, which runs from the mouth of the Niagara River to the Falls. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins. Directions: NY Thruway to Exit 50. I-290 to I-190. 190 to last exit in US (Robert Mosses Parkway). N to NY 93. E to Ransomville.

Camp Merz - Mayville

Allegheny Highlands (382)
50 Hough Hill Road
PO Box 0261
Falconer, NY 14733-0261
716-665-2697

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, summer program with high adventure activities, Cub Scout program. Directions: NY Thruway to Exit 16. NY 17 W to Exit 8. NY 394 N to Mayville.

Camp Rotary - Niles

Cayuga (366)
59-65 Genesee Street
Auburn, NY 13021
315-252-9579

Situated in the Finger Lakes Region on Owasco Lake. Camp is near historic Millard Fillmore Trail. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, summer program. Directions: NY Thruway to Exit 40. NY 34 N to Auburn. US 20 E to NY 38A. S to camp.

Camp Sam Wood - Pike

Iroquois Trail (385)
7121 Rochester Road
Lockport, NY 14094
716-434-2851

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, summer program, Cub Scout program. Directions: NY Thruway to Exit 16. NY 17 to Exit 30. NY 19 N to Pike.

Camp Tuscarora - Sanford

Baden-Powell (368)
Box 66 Southview Station
Binghamton, NY 13903-0066
607-729-9161

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, summer program, Cub Scout program. Directions: NY Thruway to Exit 16. NY 17 to Exit 82. NY 41 N.

Camp Woodland – Constantia

Hiawatha (373)
113 Twin Oaks Drive
Syracuse, N.Y 13206
315-463-0201

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, Cub Scout program. Directions: NY Thruway to Exit 16. NY 17 to Binghamton. I-81 north to Exit 32. NY 49 E.

Camp Barton - Trumansburg

Baden-Powell (368)
Box 66 Southview Station
Binghamton, NY 13903-0066
607-729-9161

Camp located on Cayuga Lake. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, summer program with high adventure activities, Cub Scout program. Directions: NY Thruway to Exit 16. NY 17 W to Binghamton. I-81 N to Exit 8. NY 79 W to Ithaca. NY 89 N.

Camp Dittmer - Phelps

Iroquois Trail (385)
7121 Rochester Road
Lockport, NY 14094
716-434-2851

FEATURES: Tent sites, cabins, summer program, Cub Scout program. Directions: NY Thruway to Exit 42. W on NY 96.

Babcock Hovey - Ovid

Finger Lakes (391)
3685 Pre-Emption Road
Geneva, NY 14456-9138
315-789-1166

Located on Seneca Lake and in Finger Lakes National Forest (not described). FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, summer program with high adventure activities, COPE, Cub Scout program. Directions: NY Thruway to Exit 41. NY 414 S to Ovid.

Muller Scout Reservation – Naples

See Finger Lakes above

Camp is located in the Bristol Hills and is the council's short term camp. FEATURES: Tent sites. DIRECTIONS: I-86 W (NY 17) to I-390 to Cohoctan. NY 371 to NY 21 to Naples. L on Co Rd 36.

J. W. Cutler Scout Reservation - South Bristol

Otetiana (397)
474 East Avenue
Rochester, NY 14607
716-244-4210

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, Cub Scout program. Directions: NY Thruway to Exit 43. S on NY 21.

Camp Gorton - between Wayne and Tyrone

Five Rivers (375)
P.O. Box 5190
Horseheads, NY 14844-5190
607-796-0699

Situated on Lake Waneta just east of Bath. Gorton offers a very extensive program. The camp also offers a conference center in addition to three cottages (cabins). FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, summer program with high adventure activities. Directions: NY Thruway to Exit 16. NY 17 W to Exit 40. NY 226 to Tyrone. Then left to Wayne.

SECTION 4.1.3 BSA CAMPS - EASTERN NEW YORK (Excludes New York City and Long Island)

NEW JERSEY COUNCIL CAMPS IN EASTERN NEW YORK

Forestburg Scout Reservation - Forestburg

Monmouth (347)
Deal and Monmouth Roads
Post Office Box 188
Oakhurst, NJ 07755-0188
732-531-3636

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, summer program. Directions: From GW Bridge, proceed W on I-80 to Exit 53. NJ 23 N to Port Jervis. US 6 to NY 42. NY 42 N to Forestburg.

Dow Drukker Scout Reservation - Cuddebackville (AKA Camps Kluge and Turrell)

Northern New Jersey (333)
25 Ramapo Valley Road
Oakland, NJ 07436
201-677-1000 or Verona Center 973-857-007

Dow Drukker is composed of two camps, Turrell and Kluge. Turrell is used for summer camp, while Kluge accommodates short-term camping. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, boating, summer program with high adventure activities. Directions: From GW Bridge, proceed W on I-80 to Exit 53. NJ 23 to Port Jervis. US 6 to US 209. N on 209 for 7 miles. Turn L onto Oakland Valley Road. Proceed 4 miles. Turn left onto Galligan Road. Proceed 3 miles to camp.

NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL CAMPS

Rotary (Training Center) Scout Reservation - Averill Park

Twin Rivers (364)
253 Washington Ave Extension
Albany, NY 12205
518-869-6436

Rotary is located in the Berkshires not far from Albany. The camp is between Albany and Stockbridge-Pittsfield, Mass. area. Several ski areas are near this camp; these include Brodi and Jimminy Peak. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, winter and summer program with high adventure activities, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS: Thruway (I-87) north to Exit 23. I-787 N to I-90 E on I-90 to Exit 8. NY 43 E to NY 351. Turn L. At the second traffic light (blinking light) R onto Plank Road (County Route 40). 1.5 miles to the top of the hill. L (over bridge) onto Blue Factory

Road (County Route 79). Left onto Davitt's Lake Road. Camp is at the end.

Camp Nooteming - Salt Point

Hudson Valley (374)
P.O box 374
Salisbury Mills, NY 12577-0374
845-497-7337 FAX 497-7355

Nooteming is situated in the heart of historic Dutchess County. Nearby points of interest include Franklin D. Roosevelt home and library, Ogden Mill Estate, the Vanderbilt Mansion, and Locust Grove (the home of Samuel F.B. Morse). Also in nearby Rhinebeck is the famous Old Rhinebeck Areodrome a museum of antique aircraft. There are airshows every weekend (seasonal and weather permitting). FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, summer program with high adventure activities, Cub Scout program, weekend trading post. Directions: I-95 N to I-287 W. I-684 N to I-84. W on 84 to Exit 16. Taconic Parkway N past US 44 to Hibernia Road Exit D15. Turn left and take first left. Proceed to camp on left. Commercial vehicles use NY 22 to NY 343 W. 343 to US 44 to Creek Road. Turn right and proceed north to camp.

Camp Bullowa - Stony Point

Hudson Valley (374) – see address above - 845-497-7337

Bullowa is located just southeast of Harriman-Bear Mt. State Park. The 1779 (B) trail passes by the camp's main gate. The proximity of the park facilitates the planning of many hiking, backpacking and cross-country ski trips. . FEATURES: Tent sites, cabins, Cub Scout program. Directions: From the GW Bridge (upper level) proceed north on the Palisades Interstate Parkway to Exit 15 (formerly exit 14) Gate Hill Road (formerly NY 210). Turn left and proceed east to Old Route 210. Turn Left. Take next left and then right onto Wayne Ave then left onto Franck Road. Camp is on the right. Commercial vehicles use: Use US 9W. Turn left onto Central Drive then right onto Old Route 210. Note: Route 210 (NY 210) no longer exists in this area.

Henderson Scout Reservation - Portlandville-Maryland

Otschodela (393)
Route 23
RD 2
PO Box 1356
Oneonta, NY 13820-1356
607-432-6491

Crumhorn Mountain lies wholly within Henderson's boundaries. The camp has an extensive trail system and is located near many points of interest. These include the Baseball Hall of Fame, and the Farmer's Museum both in Cooperstown. The Soccer Hall of Fame is in Oneonta; Old Stone Fort in Schoharie, and Howe Caverns is in nearby Cobleskill. Vroman's Nose Historical Trail located nearby in West Middleburg. FEATURES: Tent sites cabins and lodges, boating, summer program. Directions: NY Thruway to Exit 19. NY 28 past Oneonta to Portlandville. Co Rd 35 N. Right onto Boy Scout Road.

Camp Tri Mount - East Jewett

Rip Van Winkle (405)
65 St. James Street
CPO Box 1471
Kingston, NY 12401-1471
845-339-0846

This camp of five hundred acres is nestled in northeastern Catskill State Park. The camp lies near the Black Dome Trail (BD) (R) as it begins its ascent of The Blackhead Mountains. The Colgate Lake Trial (CL) (Y) terminates c. 4 miles from the main gate of the camp. Both these trails intersect with the Escarpment Trail (ES) (B). CL intersects the ES at 10.85 miles from North Lake and BD intersects the ES via Blackhead Mountain Trail (BM) (Y) 13.50 from North Lake. ES shares its route with the Long Path (LP). Nearby are Hunter, Cortina, and Windham Ski areas. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, summer program with high adventure activities, Cub Scout program. Directions: NY Thruway to Exit 20. NY 32 N to NY 32A. 32A to NY 23A in Palenville. 23A W to Tannersville. Right at traffic light onto Co Rd 23C. Proceed to Boy Scout Road on right.

Ten Mile River Scout Camps (TMR) - Narrowsburg and Bethel

Owned by:	Operating Camp Ranachqua:
Greater New York Councils (640)	Hudson Valley (374)
350 Fifth Ave	P.O box 374
New York, NY 10118	Salisbury Mills, NY 12677
212-242-1100	845-497-7337 FAX 497-7355

Ten Mile River (TMR) is known as the largest Scout camp in the country after Philmont. Because of its vastness, there are many possibilities for outdoor programs. The 35 mile TMR trail circles the camp and offers many secluded campsites. Conklin Campsite is located on the Delaware River making overnight canoe trips possible. TMR offers canoe programs in the spring and will rent canoes to units interested in running their own trips. Other councils periodically operate camps in TMR. Currently Hudson-Delaware Council (392) is operating Camp Ranachqua. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, summer program with high adventure activities. (Since there are several camps operating here, program may vary from one camp to the other). Directions: From GW Bridge, I-80 west to Exit 53. NJ 23 north to Port Jervis. US 6 west to NY 97. Take 97 north. Depending on which part of TMR you are visiting will determine whether you stay on 97 or turn onto NY 55. For Camp Keowa use 55. For the rest of camp stay on 97 to Co Rd 23. Turn right.

Clear Lake Scout Reservation - Putnam Valley

Westchester-Putnam (388)
41 Saw Mill River Road
Hawthorne, NY 10532
914-773-1135

Clear Lake contains 1400 acres of land surrounded by Fahnestock State Park. See Section 4.2.1. An unmarked woods road connects the Three Lake Trial (3L) (B) in the park with the main trail in the camp. 3L also connects with the Appalachian Trail (AT) (W). FEATURES: Tent sites, swimming, boating (Troop must provide their own supervision), Cub Scout program. Directions: Bronx River Parkway N to Sprain Brook Parkway to Taconic Parkway. Exit at Peekskill Hollow Road. Turn left. Proceed to Tomkins Corners and turn right onto Wicopee Road. Then left onto Oscawana Heights Road. Turn right onto Oscawana Lake Road. Commercial traffic use: I-95 to I-287 to I-684. 684 N to Exit 10. US 6 W to Carmel. NY 52 a short distance then left onto NY 301. Proceed west on 301 for 4 1/2 miles. Turn left onto Peekskill Hollow Road.

SECTION 4.2 NEW YORK STATE CAMPING FACILITIES

New York State Camping facilities are divided into two categories:

1) State Parks under the auspices of:

Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation
Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza
Agency Building 1
Albany, NY 12238
518-474-0456

This office has jurisdiction over state parks and recreation facilities which includes all Long Island parks, Harriman - Bear Mt., and others but excludes Catskill and Adirondack. State parks are grouped into regions according to their geographical location. There are 11 such regions scattered about New York:

Allegheny, Central, Finger Lakes, Genesee, Long Island, New York City, Niagara Frontier, Palisades, Saratoga-Capitol, Taconic, Thousand Islands.

Underscored regions are discussed here.

(Long Island is discussed in Chapter 3.

There are no camping facilities in New York City).

State Park facilities will be described in SECTION 4.2.1.

2) State Parks, Forests, and Multiple Use Areas under the auspices of:

Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
50 Wolf Rd
Albany, NY 12233-4255

Campsite reservations can be made in advance 1-800-456-2267.

This office has jurisdiction over Catskill and Adirondack State Parks in addition to various State Forests and other Multiple Use Areas. Like the State Parks, this office divides its responsibility into regions numbered from 1 to 9. Regions 1 and 2 deal with Long Island and New York City, respectively. Since there are no camping facilities in these areas, they will not be discussed although Eastern Long Island does contain some areas useful for day hiking. Region 3 deals with the Southern Catskills. Region 4 with the Northern and Western Catskills and the Southern Adirondacks. Region 5 deals with the Central Adirondacks, and Region 6 deals with the Southern Adirondacks. Regions 7 - 9 deal with Western New York and will not be described.

Region 1 - See Chapter 3, Long Island.

Region 2 - New York City.
Manhattan, NY 10031
212-694-3606

DEC facilities will be described in SECTION 4.2.2.

SECTION 4.2.1 STATE PARKS IN NEW YORK STATE

For information contact Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation at the above address. Many campsites can be reserved in advance through the 1-800-456-2267.

Palisades Region - contact Harriman-Bear Mt. State Park

Harriman-Bear Mountain State Park - Orange and Rockland Counties
(Part of the Palisades Interstate Park System, PIP)

Bear Mt., NY 10911 914-786-2701

Harriman and Bear Mountain State Parks operate jointly under both administrations and make up about 75% of the Palisades Interstate Park (PIP). This park system is second to none in the New York Metropolitan Area in its ability to offer a wide variety of outdoor activities. The area is steeped in history and folklore. Still visible are the remains of mines and forges, which provided the shot for the armies of both the Revolutionary and Civil Wars.

There are over 200 miles of backcountry trails and 9 backcountry shelters. The Appalachian Trail (AT) (W) passes for 21 miles through the park. The Long Path (LP) (T) passes for 22 miles through the park. Facilities are spread over 5 recreation areas and one campsite. There are two youth group camping areas. Because of the park's proximity to New York City and Long Island, its features will be discussed at length. For more information consult the *New York Walk Book*.

FEATURES: Camping, activity fields, fishing, swimming, boating, hiking, X-Cntry, ice skating, golf, youth group camping, cabins, backpacking, back country shelters and camping. When not near a shelter, please use fireplaces for fires. There are many fireplaces scattered about the park.

CAMPING AREAS IN HARRIMAN-BEAR MTN STATE PARK.

Tiorati Plateau

Group camping area. Located at Lake Tiorati just east of Tiorati Circle (on Seven Lakes Drive) and north of Tiorati Brook Road/Ramapo-Dunderberg Trail (RD) (R). The area is a large, flat space on a hill overlooking Lake Tiorati. When the beach on the Lake is open, campers are allowed free admission to the beach. Accommodations are on first come, first served basis. FEATURES: Group camping, swimming, boating, hiking, running water (seasonal). Contact ranger at Tiorati Circle 914-351-2568

Cedar Pond Youth Group Camping

Located on a peninsula jutting out into Lake Tiorati. The camp is on Seven Lakes Drive, 1 mile south of Tiorati Circle and just north of the Hurst Trail (B) terminal. FEATURES: Group camping, swimming, boating, hiking, running water (seasonal). Contact ranger at Tiorati Circle at 914-351-2568

Beaver Pond Camp Site (Closed in Winter.) 914-947-2792

This campsite is on Gate Hill Road (formerly NY 210) just east of Lake Welch. Individual tent sites not really suitable for Scouting sized groups. Reservations can be made at 800-456-2267. FEATURES: Tent sites, swimming, fishing, hiking.

Lake Sebago Cabins available, reservations required through 800-456-2267. See Lake Sebago description in Recreation Area.

RECREATION AREAS (NO CAMPING)

Bear Mt. Inn Area. 914-786-2701

Located on US 9W-202 just below Bear Mt. Bridge at the northern terminus of the Palisades Parkway.

Trailheads:

Appalachian Trail (AT) (W), Suffern-Bear Mt. (SBM)(Y), Major Welch Trail (red '0'), Cornell (B), and 1777E (R) meet here.

FEATURES: Lodging available at the inn (seasonal), hiking, ice skating, activities field, zoo, boating, museums, nature trail, food, seasonal festivities and events, x-country skiing. Many services are offered only seasonally.

Anthony Wayne 914-942-2560 - Exit 17 - Palisades Parkway.

Trailheads:

Anthony Wayne (AW) (W), Beechy Bottom Road (No autos).

FEATURES: Swimming, hiking, x-country skiing, activity fields, picnicking. Services operate seasonally.

Lake Welch Beach 914-947-2444

Accessible from Palisades Parkway - Exit 16 (On Lake Welch Parkway or north of Gate Hill Road, formerly NY 210.)

FEATURES: Swimming, boating, picnicking, hiking. Closed in winter.

Lake Sebago and Sebago Beach 914-351-2583

Sebago is on Seven Lakes Drive south of Kanawauke Circle and at the end of Lake Welch Parkway. FEATURES: Swimming, boating, cabins. For reservations call 800-456-2267. Closed in winter. DIRECTIONS: From GW Bridge (Upper level) Use Palisades Pkwy N, commercial traffic use NY Thruway (I-87) and US 9W.

Perkins Drive (closed in winter)

Perkins Drive is the automobile road to the summit of Bear Mountain. The drive ascends Bear Mountain in a counter clockwise direction starting from the south on Seven Lakes Drive. The drive ascends north passing a woods road (no autos) which leads east to a circle, which will be described later. Perkins Drive turns NE, then E, and finally S to the summit of Bear Mountain. A spur road or scenic drive continues SE down the east slope of Bear Mt. and terminates at the Circle mentioned earlier. A woods road (no automobiles permitted) connects the circle with the main Perkins Drive.

TRAILS IN HARRIMAN-BEAR MTN STATE PARK - For more information consult the *New York Walk Book* and *Harriman Trails*, A Guide and History by William J. Myles.

BACKCOUNTRY SHELTERS IN HARRIMAN-BEAR MTN.

Park rules require that all backpackers camp in close proximity to the shelters in the park. Heavy fines may be levied for failure to comply (being a Boy Scout troop does not exempt you).

Big Hill Shelter - on Suffern-Bear Mt. (SBM) (Y) trail 0.13 miles south of junction with Long Path (LP) (T). Water: travel N on SBM to stream.

Stone Memorial - on SBM north of junction with Conklin's Crossing (W) east of Pine Meadow Lake just north of rock known as the 'Egg'. View of New York City. Water: in gully

below shelter and from pipe spring on Sherwood Path (woods road) just east of shelter.

Dutch Doctor - Tuxedo-Mt Ivy (TMI) (R) at junction of White Bar (W) and Triangle (Y). West of Seven Lakes Drive at Stony Brook Bridge. Water: From stream west of shelter.

West Mountain - On Timp Torne (TT) (B) east of SBM (Y) and 0.67 miles from AT. View of Hudson Valley and New York City. Accessible from Anthony Wayne Recreation Area via Beechy Bottom, AT, and TT. Water: Stream in Hollow 0.3 miles east of shelter.

Stockbridge Mountain - on Long Path (LP) (T) 2.1 miles south of US 6 at Turkey Hill-Long Mountain Parking Area. Cave Shelter is nearby. Water: East on yellow blazed trail.

William Brien Memorial - on AT-RD at AT 2.1 miles north of Tiorati via RD. Water: available from well southeast of shelter.

Tom Jones - East of RD and North of Victory (B) on south side of Tom Jones Mt.. Excellent views if Skenonto and Sebago Lakes. Water: Available from stream south of shelter.

Black Rock or Bald Rock - On RD just north of Black Rock Mountain 1.4 miles north of Rt. 106, formerly NY 210. Water: available from spring in gully just east of shelter. (May be dry in late summer. If so there is a waterfall about 0.5 miles farther down the gully to the right and beyond the swamp).

Fingerboard - On Hurst Trail (B) 0.02 miles from AT-RD. Hurst Trail descends 0.5 miles to Seven Lakes Drive just south of Tiorati Circle. Tiorati Circle 1.3 miles distant via RD. Water: Available at spring on Hurst Trail. (May be dry in late summer. If so, may be able to take water out of Lake Tiorati).

Taconic Region – Only Fahnestock SP provides group camping.

Staatsburg, NY 12580
914-889-4100

Lake Taghkaic State Park - Columbia County 518-851-3631

Located near Rhinebeck Aerodrome a museum of antique aircraft. Rhinebeck features seasonal air shows depicting the barnstorming era and World War I dog fighting. FEATURES: Camping, cabins, hiking, swimming, X-Cntry. DIRECTIONS: Taconic Pkwy N to NY 82, E on 82. Commercial traffic, use I-684 to NY 22 to NY 199, W on 199 to NY 82, turn right.

Mills-Norrie State Park - Dutchess County 914-889-4646

Located at Staatsburg on US 9 just N of Hyde Park, Vanderbilt Mansion and Roosevelt home. FEATURES: Camping, cabins, hiking, cycling, X-Cntry, boating. DIRECTIONS: I-684 to I-84 W to US 9 exit. N on 9 past Poughkeepsie and Hyde Park.

Clarence Fahnestock State Park - Putnam County 914-225-7207

Dr. Alfred Fahnestock donated Fahnestock State Park to the State of New York in 1929 in memory of his father. <New

York Walk Book, 5th ed., 1984 New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, p. 185>. The park comprises nearly 6200 acres and while there is no backcountry camping campsites are secluded enough to give the impression that civilization is far away.

There are two camping areas. Main camping area off NY 301 near the park office not far from the Taconic State Parkway. This facility has individual trailer sites and camp sites. The other area, known as Dennytown Wilderness Camp Ground located at Dennytown is more suited to group camping. South of the park is Clear Lake Scout Reservation (388), accessible via a woods road off of Three Lakes Trail (3L) (B). The Appalachian Trail traverses the park for 10.2 miles and runs near Dennytown Camping Area. For more information, consult the *New York Walk Book* and the AT guides. FEATURES: Camping, hiking, boating, swimming, X-Cntry, youth group camping. DIRECTIONS: Bronx River Pkwy N to Sprain Brook Pkwy to Taconic State Parkway. N to NY 301 W-Cold Spring. Commercial vehicles use I-684 N to Exit 10, US 6 W to Carmel. Turn right onto NY 52 and proceed a short distance to NY 301. Turn left and proceed west.

Taconic State Park - Columbia and Dutchess Counties

See campsites listed below for phone numbers.

Taconic Park is situated north of a point where the New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut State lines converge. With the neighboring Mount Washington State Forest in Massachusetts, the park covers part of the Taconic Mountain Range, which extends from the New York/Connecticut area north to southern Vermont where it becomes the Green Mountains. The park and state forests are noted for their water falls deep ravines and gorges. Many trails cross the area. These include the Appalachian Trail (AT) (W) in Massachusetts and Connecticut and the South Taconic Trail (W) which starts in New York just above Rudd Pond near Millerton (junction US 44 and NY 22) and ends on NY 23 between Hillsdale and the New York - Massachusetts state line. This trail crosses the state line several times on its way from Rudd Pond Road to NY 23. Total trail length is roughly 15 miles (this is the only description of the South Taconic Trail). Other trails in the park and forest. See Chapter 9 - Massachusetts. Also consult the *New York Walk Book* and the *AMC Massachusetts and Rhode Island Trail Guide*.

CAMPsites IN TACONIC STATE PARK (Seasonal camping)

Copake 518-329-3939 - Copake Falls, Columbia County

Located near Copake Falls the South Taconic Trail and the scenic Bashbish Falls. FEATURES: Camping, cabins, swimming, hiking, fishing, X-Cntry.

OTHER PARKS IN NEW YORK WHICH PROVIDE GROUP CAMPING

Allegheny Region
2373 ASP
Salamanca, NY 14779
716-354-2335

Allegheny State Park - Cattaraugus County

See campsites listed below for phone numbers. Allegheny is situated on the NY/PA state line between Jamestown and Olean. On the Pennsylvania side of the line lies Allegheny National Forest. See Pennsylvania National Areas Chapter 8,

Section 8.3. The North Country Trail connects the park and forest. (If ever completed the North Country Trail will stretch from Vermont to North Dakota.) There are two camping areas in Allegheny:

Quaker 716-354-2182 FEATURES: Camping, cabins, swimming, hiking, bicycling, fishing, showers, X-Cntry. DIRECTIONS: NY Thruway to Exit 16. NY 17 W to Exit 18.

Red House 716-354-9121 FEATURES: Camping, cabins, swimming, hiking, bicycling, showers, boating, X-Cntry. DIRECTIONS: NY Thruway to Exit 16. NY 17 W to Exit 19.

Finger Lakes Region – No group camping in this region.

Genesee Region
1 Letchworth State Park
Castile, NY 14427
716-493-3600

Letchworth State Park - Livingston and Wyoming Counties 716-493-3600

Letchworth is located on the Genesee River Gorge, which is 600 feet deep and extends for 17 miles through the park. This park is known the Grand Canyon of New York. FEATURES: Camping, showers, cabins, swimming, hiking, bicycling, X-Cntry. DIRECTIONS: NY Thruway to Exit 16. NY 17 W to I-390. 390 N to Exit 7.

Saratoga-Capital Region
19 Roosevelt Drive
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
518-584-2000

Moreau Lake State Park - Saratoga County 518-793-0511

FACILITIES/ACTIVITIES: Camping, swimming, fishing, hiking, boating, X-Cntry, Youth group camping. DIRECTIONS: Thruway (I-87) N to Exit 24. Northway (I-87) N to Exit 17S.

Thousand Islands Region
PO box 247
Alexandria Bay, NY 13607
315-482-2593

Westcott Beach – Jefferson County 315-646-2239

FEATURES: Tent sites, hiking, cabins, boating, X-Cntry. DIRECTIONS: NY Thruway To Exit 16. NY 17 W to Binghamton. I-81 N past Syracuse to Exit 41. NY 178 W to NY 3. Turn N.

Wellesley Island State Park - Jefferson County 315-482-2722

Located on Wellesley Island in the Thousand Island Chain in the St. Lawrence River. This park is only 100 miles S of Ottawa the capitol of Canada. FEATURES: Camping, showers, cabins, swimming, hiking, boating, X-Cntry. DIRECTIONS: NY Thruway To Exit 16. NY 17 W to Binghamton. I-81 N past Syracuse over the first Thousand Island Bridge to Exit 52 (Last US exit).

SECTION 4.2.2 STATE PARKS, FORESTS AND MULTIPLE USE AREAS

(Under jurisdiction of Department of Environmental Conservation)

For Information contact:

Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
50 Wolf Road
Albany, NY 12238
518-457-7433

ON LINE: <http://www.park-net.com>

SECTION 4.2.2.1 CATSKILL STATE PARK

Catskill forms a rough triangle north from Kingston to Catskill and then west to Hancock. The area is administered by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) which governs by amendment to the New York State Constitution.

Scenic Beauty in the park is breathtaking and outdoor experiences are extensive. There are seven public campgrounds in the park as well as hundreds of miles of trails. Normally open camping is permitted (there are exceptions) except near campgrounds, but campers must observe the following rules (shown here in condensed form):

- 1) Groups of 10 or more MUST have a camping permit from the ranger in whose jurisdiction they expect to camp (this rule is particularly applicable to Scout troops). A complete list of rangers and their jurisdictions appear in the back of the booklet "Use of New York State's Public Forest Lands". This booklet is available from the DEC in Albany or any Region office.
- 2) Camping is prohibited within 150 feet of any road, trail, spring, stream, pond, or body of water except at designated areas.
- 3) Keep a clean camp.
- 4) Remove ALL garbage and refuse. (If you can carry it in, you can carry it out). This rule applies even to refuse which was not left by your group. Follow the outdoor code.
- 5) Emergencies excepted, camping is prohibited between December 21 to March 31 (Dec 15 to April 30 in Adirondack State Park) at an elevation in excess of 3500 feet (4000 feet in Adirondack). Elevations are counted from sea level.
- 6) No open fires in the area described in rule #5. Emergencies excepted.

NOTE: Non compliance with these rules carries very stiff penalties. Being a Scout Troop will not save you. For more information obtain the booklet "Use of New York State's Public Forest Lands" available from the DEC.

PUBLIC CAMPGROUNDS IN CATSKILL STATE PARK

Beaverkill - Sullivan County, between Livingston Manor and Lew Beach. 914-439-4281. Within hiking distance of Onteora Scout Reservation (386). FEATURES: Swimming, fishing, hiking. Trailhead and trails (nearby): Pelnor Hollow Trail (B). DIRECTIONS: NY 17 (Quickway) W to Exit 96. Turn right twice. Proceed to Sullivan Co Rd 151. Turn right again. Proceed about six miles.

Mongaup Pond - Sullivan County north of DeBruce. 914-439-4233. Within hiking distance of Onteora Scout Reservation (386). FEATURES: Swimming, hiking, fishing. Trailheads: Mongaup-Hardenburgh Trail (MH) (B), Mongaup-Willowemoc Trail (MW) (Y). DIRECTIONS: NY 17 (Quickway) to Exit 96. Turn left. Proceed 5 miles to DeBruce. Turn left.

Kenneth L. Wilson - Ulster County east of Mt. Tremper. 914-679-7020. FEATURES: Swimming, hiking, fishing, showers. DIRECTIONS: N.Y. Thruway to Exit 19. NY 28 West to NY 212. Turn right. Take first right in Mt. Tremper. Proceed east for four miles on Ulster Co Rd 40.

Woodland Valley - Ulster County near Phoenicia. 914-688-7647. FEATURES: Hiking, fishing. Trailheads and trails: Long Path (LP), Phoenicia-East Branch Trail (PE) (Y), Wittenberg-Cornell-Slide Trail (WS) (R), Giant Ledge-Panther-Fox Hollow Trail (GP) (B) (nearby). DIRECTIONS: N.Y. Thruway to Exit 19. NY 28 west for 27 miles to Phoenicia. Turn left onto High Street and left again on Woodland Valley Road.

Little Pond - Delaware County near Lew Beach and Turnwood. 914-439-5480. FEATURES: Swimming, hiking, fishing. Trailheads: Touch-me-not Trail (TO) (R), Little Pond Trail (LT) (Y) (neither trail is described in this text). DIRECTIONS: About 7 miles north of Beaverkill Campground.

Devil's Tombstone - Greene County in Stony Clove Notch on NY 214. 914-688-7160. FEATURES: Hiking, fishing. Trails: Devil's Path (DP) (R) (nearby). DIRECTIONS: N.Y. Thruway to Exit 19. NY 28 west for 28 miles. Turn right onto NY 214. Proceed 10 miles.

North and South Lake - Greene County near Haines Falls. 518-589-5058. FEATURES: Swimming, hiking, fishing, showers. Trails and trailheads: Escarpment Trail (ES) (B), Mary's Glen Trail (MG) (R), Rock Shelter Trail (RS) (Y), Scutt Road Trail (SC) (R). DIRECTIONS: N.Y. Thruway to Exit 20. North on NY 32 to NY 32A. Turn left. Proceed to Palenville. Turn left and proceed west on NY 23A. Continue to Haines Falls. Turn right.

TRAILS IN CATSKILL STATE PARK - For more information consult:

Hiking the Catskills, 1987, Third Printing, 1995
New York New Jersey Trail Conference

Guide to Catskill Trails, Vol. 8, 1994
Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK).

SECTION 4.2.2.2 ADIRONDACK STATE PARK

The park occupies three regions of the State Department of Environmental Conservation and operates under constitutional amendment of the Constitution of New York State. This park and Catskill are one of the few state parks to enjoy constitutional protection directly under an article of the state constitution. Lying in regions 4, 5, and 6 (see campsite description) the park occupies almost all of the northeastern New York State. Beginning in Gloversville NW of Albany the park extends northward past Plattsburg almost to the Canadian border and west nearly to Utica in the south and Potsdam in the north. The mountains within the park are the only mountains in the northeastern US which are not part of the Appalachian Mountain Range. The Adirondacks belong to a Canadian Shield, which even now is causing upward doming of these mountains.

There are 40 camping areas within the park. They are located at various parts of the park. Campgrounds listed below. Normally open camping is permitted (there are exceptions) except near campgrounds, but campers must observe the following rules (shown here in condensed form):

1) Groups of 10 or more MUST have a camping permit from the ranger in whose jurisdiction they expect to camp (this rule is particularly applicable to Scout troops). A complete list of rangers and their jurisdictions appear in the back of the booklet "Use of New York State's Public Forest Lands". This booklet is available from the DEC in Albany or any Region office.

2) Camping is prohibited within 150 feet of any road, trail, spring, stream, pond, or body of water except at designated areas.

3) Keep a clean camp.

4) Remove ALL garbage and refuse. (If you can carry it in, you can carry it out). This rule applies even to refuse which was not left by your group. Follow the outdoor code.

5) Emergencies excepted, camping is prohibited between December 15 to April 30 (Dec 21 to March 31 in Catskill State Park) at an elevation in excess of 4000 feet (3500 feet in Catskill). Elevations are counted from sea level.

6) No open fires in the areas described in rule #5. Emergencies excepted.

NOTE: Non compliance with these rules carries very stiff penalties. Being a Scout troop will not save you. For more information obtain the booklet "Use of New York State's Public Forest Lands" available from the DEC.

TRAILS IN ADIRONDACK STATE PARK - The Adirondack Mountain Club prints a series of guidebooks on trails in the Adirondacks. List follows:

- Vol. 1 *Guide to Adirondack Trails High Peaks Region* 1993
- Vol. 2 *Guide to Adirondack Trails Northern Region* 1994
- Vol. 3 *Guide to Adirondack Trails Central Region* 1993
- Vol. 4 *Guide to Adirondack Trails Northville-Placid Trail* 1994
- Vol. 5 *Guide to Adirondack Trails West Central Region* 1994
- Vol. 6 *Guide to Adirondack Trails Eastern Region* 1994
- Vol. 7 *Guide to Adirondack Trails Southern Region* 1994

Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK)
814 Goggins Road
Lake George, NY 12845-4117
518 - 668-4447

Adirondack Mountain Club
Box 867
Lake Placid, NY 12946
518-523-3441

Northville - Lake Placid Trail Blazes: Blue (B), length 133 miles.

It is hoped that this trail may someday be linked with the Long Path (LP) (T) that will constitute a continuous footpath from the George Washington Bridge to Lake Placid. Significant also is that this will provide a link with the North Country Trail, which if ever completed will stretch from Vermont to North Dakota.

The Trail starts at Northville NY (NY Thruway to Exit 27 NY 30 N) and winds its way north through the low southern foothills of the Adirondacks over some high peaks and terminates at Lake Placid. Total hiking time is 20 days. The DEC prints a description and may be obtained by contacting the DEC office in Albany.

CAMPGROUNDS IN ADIRONDACK STATE PARK AND FOREST PRESERVE

Caroga Lake Campground
NY 29A, 9 mi. N of Gloversville
518-835-4241

Northampton Beach Campground
NY 30, 1.5 mi. S of Northville
518-863-6000

Brown Track Pond
NY 28, 7 mi. E of Eagle Bay
315-354-4412

Eighth Lake Campground
NY 28, 5 mi. W of Raquette Lake
315-357-4120

Forked Lake Campground
off NY 30, 3 mi. W of Deerland Village
518-624-6646

Golden Beach Campground
NY 28, 3 mi. N of Raquette Lake
315-354-4230

Indian Lake Islands
Access by boat only, NY 30 14
miles N of Speculator
518-648-5300

Lake Durant Campground
NY 28, 3 mi. E of Blue Mountain Lake
518-352-7797

Lake Eaton Campground
NY 30, 2 mi. W of Long Lake
518-624-2641

Lewey Lake Campground
NY 30, 14 mi. N of Speculator
518-648-5266

Limekiln Lake Campground
off NY 28, 3 mi. SE of Inlet
315-357-4401

Little Sand Point Campground
off NY 8, 3 mi. W of Piseco
518-548-7585

Moffit Beach Campground
NY 8, 4 mi. W of Speculator
518-548-7102

Point Comfort Campground
off NY 8, 4 mi. W of Piseco
518-548-7586

Poplar Point Campground
off NY 28, 2 mi. W of Piseco
518-548-8031

Sacandaga Campground
NY 30, 4 mi. S of Wells
518-924-4121

Tioga Point Campground
Access by boat only, Raquette Lake
315-354-4101

Eagle Point Campground
US 9, 2 mi. N of Pottersville
518-494-2220

Hearthstone Point Campground
NY 9N, 2 mi. N of Lake George Village
518-668-5193

Lake George Battleground Campground
US 9, 1/4 mi. S of Lake George Village
518-668-9860

Lake George Islands
Access by boat only, Bolton Landing
518-644-9696

Luzerne Campground
NY 9N, 8 mi. SW of Lake George Village
518-696-2031

Prospect Mountain
US 9, 1/2 mi. S of Lake George Village
518-668-5198

Rogers Rock Campground
NY 9N, 3 mi. N of Hague
518-585-6746

Ausable Point Campground
US 9, 12 mi. S of Plattsburgh
518-561-7080

Taylor Pond Campground
Silver Lake Rd, 9 mi. NW of Ausable Forks
518-647-5250

Crown Point Reservation Campground
off NY 9N, 8 mi. N of Crown Point
518-597-3264

Lake Harris Campground
off NY 28N, 3 mi. N of Newcomb
518-582-2503

Lincoln Pond Campground
Co NY 7, 6 mi. S of Elizabethtown
518-942-5292

Meadowbrook Campground
NY 86, 4 mi. E of Saranac Lake
518-891-4251

Paradox Lake Campground
NY 74, 2 mi. E of Severance
518-532-7451

Poke-O-Moonshine Campground
US 9, 6 mi. S of Keeseville
518-834-9045

Putnam Pond
NY 74 6 mi. W of Ticonderoga
518-585-7280

Sharps Bridge
US 9 15 mi. N of Schroon Lake
518-532-7538

Wilmington Notch
NY 86 3.5 W of Wilmington
518-946-7172

Buck Pond
NY 30 12 mi. E of Paul Smith's
518-891-3449

Fish Creek Pond
NY 30 12 mi. E of Tupper Lake
518-891-4560

Meacham Lake
NY 30 19 mi. N of Clear Lake Jct.
518-483-5116

Rollins Pond
NY 30 12 mi. E of Tupper Lake
518-891-3239

Saranac Lake Islands
NY 3 entrance Village of Saranac Lake
518-891-3170

Alger Island
Access by boat only
NY 28 8 mi. E of Old Forge
315-369-3415

Nick's Lake
NY 28 1.5 mi. SW of Old Forge
315-369-3314

Cranberry Lake
NY 3 1.5 mi. S of Cranberry Lake Village
315-348-3614

SECTION 4.2.2.3 MULTIPLE USE AREAS (MUA)

Multiple Use Areas are state lands, which are maintained for a variety of uses. These uses can include, but are not limited to, primitive camping, hunting, and off road vehicle recreation. Rules for camping on a Multiple Use Area are the same as for using a State Forest Preserve. You must notify the ranger under whose jurisdiction you intend to camp if your group is over a certain size. For more information, consult "Use of New York State's Public Forest Lands" available from the DEC. For more information contact the DEC.

SECTION 4.3 TRAILS IN NEW YORK STATE

Appalachian Trail (AT) (W) in New York Blazes: white (W), length 90 miles in New York

The Appalachian Trail enters New York just to the west of Greenwood Lake. It is connected to NY 210 and Co Rd 511 by the State Line Trail (B). The AT runs north from the state line over Mt. Peter and then traverses Sterling Forest. The trail then enters Harriman State Park and crosses the park to Bear Mt.. Crossing the Bear Mt.. Bridge (lowest point on the entire AT); the trail then climbs Anthonies Nose. Proceeding NE, the AT crosses Canada Hill, US 9 and then enters

Fahnestock State Park. Continuing NE the trail traverses Fahnestock, crosses Hosner Mt., I-84, NY 55 and then descends to NY 22 just north of Pawling. Still travelling NE, the trail enters Connecticut. For CT description see Trails in Connecticut Chapter 6 Section 6.3.

<Above trail description from Appalachian Trail Guide to New York-New Jersey, Vol. 4, 1988 New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, Pages 167-72.>

STATE PARKS ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN NEW YORK

Harriman-Bear Mt.. State Park - Rockland and Orange Counties
914-786-2701

Clarence Fahnestock State Park - Putnam County
914-225-7207

Dennytown group camping area located near the AT.

BOY SCOUT CAMPS ON OR NEAR THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN NEW YORK

Camp Bulowa (683) South on 1779 (B) from AT.

Clear Lake Scout Reservation (388) South from AT via Sunk Mine Road, or via 3L and a woods road.

Long Path (LP) (T) in New York Blazes: Turquoise (T), length 128 miles in New York (11.9 miles in New Jersey)

For New Jersey section of the LP see Trails Section in New Jersey Chapter 5 Section 5.4. The LP begins at the George Washington Bridge and proceeds north to the Catskills. It runs along the top of the famous Palisade cliffs as far as the NY/NJ state line. The trail continues north through Tallman Mountain, Blaauvelt, Hook Mountain/Rockland Lake, and High Tor State Parks before entering Harriman State Park. Traversing the park, the LP meets the Appalachian Trail and continues north passing through Central Valley after leaving Harriman. LP then climbs and descends Schunemunk Mountain before angling to the NW through Minnewaska State Park (no camping) near the famous Lake Mohonk Preserve. LP then enters Catskill State Park at Peekamoose. Camping is allowed only where the trail traverses state parks and is subject to the regulations of that park. Camping is not allowed at the following state parks traversed by the LP: Tallman Mt., Blaauvelt, Hook Mt./Rockland Lake, High Tor, and Minnewaska State Parks. Camping is allowed in New Jersey at two B.S.A. camps.

Shawangunk Ridge Trail portion of the LP was originally intended to by-pass those portions of the trail in Orange County which were being obliterated by advancing suburbia. The Ridge trail extends from High Point, NJ over the Shawangunk Ridge to link up with the LP main at Minnewaska State Park. Major relocations of the LP in Orange County have rendered this an alternate route as well as a new long distance trail.

LP terminates well north of NY 23 (East Windham) in John Boyd Thatcher State Park at the Indian Ladder Trail. Active plans are underway to link up this section with the Northville-Lake Placid Trail. For more information consult the *Guide to the Long Path*, 1996 Fourth Edition.

SECTION 4.4. ORGANIZATIONS AND FURTHER READING - ORGANIZATIONS

New York-New Jersey Trail Conference - This organization maintains trails and publishes hiking guide books for the New York Metropolitan Area. There are numerous additional activities.

New York-New Jersey Trail Conference
PO Box 2250
New York, NY 10001
212-685-9699

232 Madison Ave
New York, NY 10016

ON LINE: www.nynjtc.org/~trails.org

Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) - The ADK was organized in 1922 for the purpose of bringing together in a working unit a large number of people interested in the mountains, trails, camping, and forest conservation. There are over thirty chapters scattered over the northeastern U.S., including one on Long Island.

<Above information quoted and paraphrased from the *Guide to Adirondack Trails: High Peaks Region*, Eleventh Edition, Volume #1, 1985 Adirondack Mountain Club, Page 23.>

Adirondack Mountain Club
814 Goggins Road
Lake George, NY 12845-4117

PUBLICATIONS

New York Walk Book
Seventh Edition
2001, New York-New Jersey Trail Conference

Harriman Trails a Guide and History
By William J. Myles
1992,1994,1999 New York-New Jersey Trail Conference

New Jersey Walk Book – soon to be released
1998 First Edition
New York-New Jersey Trail Conference

- Above listed publications provide a complete list of trails in the New York Metropolitan Area

Guide to the Long Path
2002 Fifth Edition
New York-New Jersey Trail Conference

Appalachian Trail Guide to New York and New Jersey, Vol. 4
Fourteenth Edition
1998 New York-New Jersey Trail Conference

Guides to the Adirondacks

Vol. 1 *Guide to Adirondack Trails High Peaks Region* 1993
Vol. 2 *Guide to Adirondack Trails Northern Region* 1994
Vol. 3 *Guide to Adirondack Trails Central Region* 1993
Vol. 4 *Guide to Adirondack Trails Northville-Placid Trail* 1994
Vol. 5 *Guide to Adirondack Trails West Central Region* 1994
Vol. 6 *Guide to Adirondack Trails Eastern Region* 1994
Vol. 7 *Guide to Adirondack Trails Southern Region* 1994
Vol. 8 *Guide to Catskill Trails* 1994

Hiking the Catskills, 1987, Third Printing, 1995

New York New Jersey Trail Conference

All published by the Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK).

"Use of New York State's Public Forest Lands"
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
(DEC).



Chapter 5 - NEW JERSEY

SECTION 5.1 BOY SCOUT CAMPS IN NEW JERSEY

SECTION 5.1.1 BSA CAMPS - NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

Alpine Scout Camp - Alpine

Greater New York Councils (GNYC) (640)
350 Fifth Ave
New York, NY 10118
212-242-1100

Alpine Scout Camp is conveniently located near the Palisades Interstate Parkway, just 15 minutes from the George Washington Bridge. This large camp offers much for the weekend camper. Along with weekend camping, Alpine is ideal for day hikes. The 5 mile Red Dot Trail that encircles the camp provides a good hiking experience. Also the Palisades at the State Line Lookout are accessible via a foot bridge, over the Palisades Parkway. This trail connects with the Long Path (LP) (T) near the Women's Federation Memorial (the Castle). FEATURES: Cabins, lean-tos, picnic areas, camporee areas, conference centers, trading post (open on weekends), and activity fields, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS: George Washington Bridge (upper level) stay right exit onto Palisades Parkway. Proceed north past Exit 3 (State Line Lookout). Take the Turnaround and first exit. Alpine is straight ahead.

Camp Alpine - Closter

Northern New Jersey Council (333) www.nnjbsa.org
Oakland Service Center (Main) Verona Service Center
25 Ramapo Valley Road 788 Bloomfield Ave
Oakland, NJ 07436 Verona, NJ 07044
201-677-1000 973-857-007

Located next to Greater New York Council's Camp Alpine, this camp is also conveniently located in suburbia but provides easy access to camping facilities. Accessible from the Long Path (LP) (T) at mile 7.1 via Closter Dock Road making it a good spot for backpackers on LP. Ruckman Road runs through camp as a woods road. It ends on US 9W just south of the GNYC trail overpasses, which lead to The Castle and the LP. FEATURES: Tent sites lean-tos, activity fields. DIRECTIONS: George Washington Bridge to US 9W or Palisades Parkway North. Exit 2 of Palisades Pkwy. Proceed on Closter Dock Road to Piermont Rd, turn right, proceed about 1 mile, turn right again onto Ruckman Rd, proceed to camp.

Camp No-Be-Bo-SCO - Blairstown and Flatbrookville

Northern New Jersey (333) see above. 201-677-1000

No-Be-Bo-SCO is tucked under the Kittatinny Ridge in Northwestern New Jersey. This beautiful camp provides access to the Appalachian Trail at mile 13.6 via Millbrook-Blairstown Rd. It is ideal for backpacking and also provides easy access to the major ski areas of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The camp is also located on Sand Pond. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, X-Cntry, and ice skating, summer program. DIRECTIONS: I-80 west from George Washington Bridge to Exit 12. North on Co Road 521 to NJ 94. Left and then first right. Proceed on Co Rd 602. Follow signs.

Camp Yaw Paw - Mahwah

Northern New Jersey (333) see above. 201-677-1000

This camp is located in the vicinity of the many trails of Ringwood State Park. See Section 5.4 and consult the *New Jersey Walk Book*. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, summer program. DIRECTIONS: From George Washington Bridge, take NJ 4 west to NJ 208. Proceed on 208 to I-287. Proceed south on 287 a short distance US 202. Exit and proceed north about three miles.

Conklin Scout Reservation - Boonton

Northern New Jersey (333) see above. 201-677-1000

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating. DIRECTIONS: I-80 west to Exit 37. East on US 46 to Denville exit (NJ 53 north). Turn right at second traffic light. Proceed 3.2 miles on Diamond Spring Road will become Rockaway Valley Road. Turn left onto Farber Hill Road. Proceed 0.75 miles. Camp on left.

Camp Lewis - Marcella

Northern New Jersey (333) see above. 201-677-1000

This camp is located near two major ski areas, Vernon Valley and Great Gorge. It is also close to New York City making inexpensive ski weekends possible. Camp Lewis also has a rifle range available to units who supply a qualified NRA instructor and who is present when the range is in use. There are also facilities for fiing and ice skating. . FEATURES: Lean-tos, 2 cabins (capacity 25 and 30), tent sites, rifle range, ice skating summer program, cub program. DIRECTIONS: I-80 west to Exit 37. North on Co Rd 513 to Upper Hibernia Road. Right here then left into Camp.

Camp Winnebago - Marcella

Patriots' Path Council (343)
12 Mount Pleasant Turnpike
Denville, NJ 07834
973-361-1800

Winnebago is located north central New Jersey close to Vernon Valley Great Gorge. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, activity field, boating, cabins. DIRECTIONS: See Camp Lewis.

Yards Creek Scout Reservation - Columbia and Blairstown

Central New Jersey Council (352)
4315 US Highway 1
Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852-1903
609-419-1600

Yards Creek is situated inside Worthington State Forest and Delaware Recreation Area. The Appalachian Trail is nearby. As this area provides little in the way of camping along the Trail, Yards Creek can be used for overnight camping while hiking the AT. . FEATURES: Tent sites. DIRECTIONS: I-80 west from George Washington Bridge to Exit 4. NJ 94 north for 5.3 miles. Left onto Walnut Valley Road. Straight into

camp. Note: Advance reservations are vital since the access road crosses power company property.

Kittatinny Mountain Scout Reservation - Culvers Inlet near Branchville NJ

Central New Jersey Council (352)
4315 US Highway 1
Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852-1903
609-419-1600

Stokes State Forest surrounds Kittatinny Mountain on three sides. The camp is 2 miles north of the point where the Appalachian Trail (AT) (W) crosses US 206 in Culvers Gap. The AT is also accessible from the camp via Jacob's Ladder (B/Gr) and Steffen Trails (BI/Gr). The latter trail terminates between US 206 and the camp entrance. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, activity field, boating, summer program cub program. DIRECTIONS: I-80 west to Exit 34B. NJ 15 north to US 206 north. Proceed 5.5 miles past Branchville just past Stokes State Forest office. Turn left.

Camp Casperson - Hopatcong

Patriots Path Council (343) see address above. 373-361-1800

Casperson is located on the shores of Lake Hopatcong. FEATURES: Tent sites. DIRECTIONS: I-80 west to Exit 28. Proceed north past Hopatcong to Sperry Springs.

Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation - Stanhope

Patriots' Path Council (343) see address above. 373-361-1800

This camp is surrounded by Allamuchy Mountain State Park. Hiking opportunities are numerous. It is also close to the historic Waterloo Village. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, summer program, high adventure activities, Cub Scout program, COPE. DIRECTIONS: I-80 west to Exit 25. US 206 north past Acorn Street. Turn Left at next traffic light. Follow signs.

SECTION 5.1.2 BSA CAMPS - SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY

J.A. Citta (Brookville) Scout Reservation - Barnegat

Jersey Shore Council (341)
1518 Ridgeway Road
Toms River, NJ 08754-1247
732-349-1037

Citta is located in the eastern Pine Barrens of South Central New Jersey. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, activity field, boating, summer program with high adventure activities, cub program. DIRECTIONS: Garden State Parkway south to Exit 67. West on Co Rd 554 to Brookville Road. Right on Brookville Road to camp. Commercial traffic use US 9.

Quail Hill Scout Reservation - Manalapan and Englishtown

Monmouth Council (347)
Deal and Monmouth Roads
PO Box 188
Oakhurst NJ 07755-0188
732-531-3636

Monmouth Council also operates Forestburg Scout Reservation in Forestburg, NY. FEATURES: Tents sites, cabins, activity field, boating, summer program cub program .

DIRECTIONS: NJ Turnpike to Exit 8. NJ 33 to Co Rd 527A north to camp.

Pine Tree Educational and Environmental Center -
Tabernacle

Burlington County Council (690)
PO Box 246
Rancocas, NJ 08073
609-261-5850

Center is located close to Philadelphia and adjoining Wharton State Forest.

FEATURES: Cabin camping only, conference center, camping and canoeing, bicycling, athletic field, hiking trails on and off camp. DIRECTIONS: NJ Turnpike to Exit 6. US 206 S past NJ 70 circle (Red Lion Circle). Continue on 206 for 1.1 miles to Tabernacle/Carranza Memorial Turn-off and take this left. Continue on Carranze Road past Co Rd 532 for 3.5 miles and turn left onto Brace Lane. Proceed 2/10 mile to Pine Tree on the right.

Pine Hill Scout Reservation - Pine Hill, NJ

Southern New Jersey Council (334)
4468 South Main Road
Millville, NJ 08332-1464
856-327-1700

Located near Philadelphia, PA, camp is ideally situated for units desiring to tour the historic areas. FEATURES: Tent sites, summer program, cabins, lean-tos, COPE. DIRECTIONS: New Jersey Turnpike south to Exit 3. NJ 168 south to Co Rd 534. Turn left.

Roosevelt-Grice Scout Reservation - Grice and Woodstown

Southern New Jersey Council (334) – see address above
856-327-1700

Camps Roosevelt and Grice are actually two camps located next to each other. Grice is a primitive camp while Roosevelt has extensive facilities. FEATURES: Olympic size pool, summer program. Grice: Tent sites Roosevelt: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins. DIRECTIONS: NJ Turnpike south to Exit 1. East on US 40 to Woodstown. Right onto Co Rd 672 (Woodstown-Friesburg Road) to fork. Take right fork. Camp on left.

SECTION 5.2 STATE CAMPING FACILITIES IN NEW JERSEY

For maps and information contact:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Parks and Forestry
CN 404
Trenton, NJ 08625

SECTION 5.2.1 NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

Cheesequake State Park - Middlesex County - 300 Grodon Road, Matawan, NJ 07747 –732-566-2161 (Apr1 – Oct 31)

A 3.5-mile perimeter trail rings the park. This trail provides a look at some of the historical clay mining spoils, which once supported the pottery industry in New Jersey. Group camping is available in a field in the park. FEATURES: Group camping, fishing, swimming. DIRECTIONS: From Verrazano Bridge I-278 west to NY 440 to Outerbridge Crossing into New Jersey.

Continue on NJ 440 to Garden State Parkway. South to Exit 120. Commercial traffic use US 9 and NJ 34.

Wawayanda State Park - Sussex County PO Box 198
Highland Lakes, NJ 07422 973-853-4462 (Apr 1 – Oct 31)

Located in northern New Jersey between Ringwood and Vernon, the park is situated in very hilly terrain. Near the wilderness group camping area is Ames Charcoal Blast Furnace, built in 1845-1846. The camping area is just E of the Furnace, which is located on the camping area access road. The park has many miles of hiking trails some of which link up with the Appalachian Trail. Some of these trails will be discussed below. By using these trails in conjunction with the camping area it is possible to backpack in the park. For more information, consult the *New Jersey Walk Book*.
FEATURES: Hiking, boating, fishing, and a wilderness group camp. DIRECTIONS: From George Washington Bridge proceed west on NJ 4 to NJ 208 to I-287. Exit at Skyline Drive and proceed to Co Rd 511. Continue past Greenwood and Upper Greenwood Lakes. Continue along Warwick Turnpike disregarding 511 (which will turn right at Greenwood Lake). Park entrance on the left.

The Park Road leaves Warwick Turnpike 1 mile north of Upper Greenwood Lake. Road goes past Park office (parking available here) and continues to the beach, about 2 1/2 miles. About 1 1/2 miles past park building the road to the Wilderness Camp Area diverges left just past a concrete bridge.

High Point State Park - Sussex, Sussex County (Apr 1 – Oct 31)

1480 State Route 23
Sussex, NJ 08559
973-875-4800

High Point (elev. 1803 – highest point in NJ) and the highest lake, Lake Marcia are located in this park. There is a system of eight trails varying in length from half a mile to four miles. The Appalachian Trail traverses the park. See Section 5.4 Trails in New Jersey. Cabins available, but not suited for group usage. FEATURES: Group camping, camping, hiking, boating, fishing.
DIRECTIONS: From George Washington Bridge, west on I-80 to Exit 53. NJ 23 north for 45 miles. Group camping entrance about one mile north of road to tower memorial.

Stokes State Forest - Branchville, Sussex County (Apr 1 – Nov 30)

Forest office:
US 206 North of Culvers Gap
1 Coursen Road
Branchville, NJ 07826
973-383-5230

Stokes State Forest is located southwest of High Point and straddles the Kittatiny Mountain Ridge. There are eighteen marked trails within the forest including the Appalachian Trail (AT) (W). Kittatiny Scout Reservation (352) is centrally located just off US 206. For more information on hiking, consult the *New Jersey Walk Book*. FEATURES: Camping, group camping, cabins, fishing, swimming, wilderness camping and shelters on AT only. DIRECTIONS: From George Washington Bridge, I-80 west to Exit 34B. Take NJ 15 north to US 206 north to Culvers Gap.

CAMPsites IN STOKES STATE FOREST - Campsites available at the following areas. Some roads within the forest are closed in winter, (ex. Sunrise Mountain Road.)

Shotwell - Near the forest office and at the end of Tibbs Trail marked Blue and Green (B/G).

Steam Mill - Camping area on Crigger Road. Accessible from US 206 via Flatbrook Road and Gran Road. Also located on the Parker Trail (B).

Lake Ocquittunk - Area situated on the lake, which bears its name. Trailer sites as well as cabins. It is located at the intersection of Flatbrook, Gran, and Skellinger Roads. Both Tinsley and Blue Mountain trailheads are on Skellinger Road.

Haskins - Group camping area sites capable of handling between 50 and 100 people. This area is on Kittle Road, just off Flatbrook Road, which is just E of US 206.

Swartswood State Park - northwest of Newton, Sussex County (Apr 1 – Oct 31)

PO Box 123
Swartswood, NJ 07877-0123
973-383-5230

This park is distant from major thoroughfares. FEATURES: Group camping, boating, camping, hiking, swimming, X-Cntry. DIRECTIONS: From George Washington Bridge, I-80 west to Exit 25. US 206 north to Newton. Leave Newton on Co Rd 519 and proceed north. Left onto Newton-Swartswood Road.

Worthington State Forest - Columbia, Warren County (Apr 1 – Oct 31)

Old Mine Road
HC 62, Box 2
Columbia, NJ 07832
908-841-9575

Located at the southern end of the Appalachian Trail (AT), in the New Jersey Kittatiny Mountain Ridge and is wholly within the Delaware Recreation Area. The forest comprises 6,000 acres on the Delaware River in Delaware Water Gap. Mt. Tammany, which overlooks the gap, is situated within its boundaries and is accessible by trail. The Appalachian Trail traverses the forest just prior to its exiting of New Jersey into Pennsylvania. Formal facilities operate from April 1 to December 31. For AT description consult the *Appalachian Trail Guide to New York-New Jersey*, Vol. 4. FEATURES: Boating, camping, swimming, wilderness campsites on AT. DIRECTIONS: From George Washington Bridge take I-80 to Exit 1.

Jenny Jump State Forest - west of Hackettstown, Warren County. (Apr 1 – Oct 31)

PO Box 150
Hope, NJ 07844
908-459-4366

Located in Western New Jersey, the forest is so named because Jenny Jump Mountain lies within its boundaries. Numerous hiking opportunities with spectacular views of the Delaware River Valley and beyond can be found within the forest. FEATURES: Camping, hiking. DIRECTIONS: From George Washington Bridge, west on I-80 to Exit 12. Left on

Co Rd 521 south through Hope. Turn left onto Co Rd 519 proceed 1 mile. Turn right where marked.

Round Valley Recreation Area - near Clinton, Hunterdon County (Apr 1 – Oct 31)

1220 Lebanon/Stanton Road
Lebanon, NJ 08833
908-236-6355

Round Valley is located in west central New Jersey, not far from Clinton. There are a variety of outdoor opportunities. Within the area is a three mile long and two mile wide reservoir surrounded by a horseshoe-shaped ridge known as Cushetunk Ridge. The Round Valley Trail (9 miles long) runs along the crest of this ridge accessing a wilderness area campsite. The area also provides many campsites on the shore of the reservoir. For more information consult the *New York Walk Book*. FEATURES: Boating, camping, fishing, swimming, wilderness campsites. DIRECTIONS: I-78 W to Exit 20A (west of I-278).

Voorhees State Park - near High Bridge, Hunterdon County (Apr 1 – Oct 31)

251 County Road,
Route 513
Glen Gardner, NJ 08826
908-638-6969

FEATURES: Camping, hiking. DIRECTIONS: I-78 west to Exit 16. NJ 31 north. Right on Co Rd 513 through High Bridge. Turn left.

Washington Crossing – Mercer County

355 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road
Titusville, NJ 08560-1517
609-737-0623

FEATURES: hiking. DIRECTIONS: NJ Tpke to Exit 7A. I-195 W to I-295. N or W to NJ 29. N on 29.

STATE PARKS W/O YOUTH GROUP CAMPING

Bulls Island Recreation Area - Stockton, Hunterdon County
609-397-2949

Spruce Run State Park - near Clinton, Hunterdon County -
908-638-8572

Stephens and Allamuchy Mountain State Parks - near Netcong, Morris and Warren Counties 908-638-8572

Allamuchy Mountain State Park is an undeveloped state park bisected by I-80 just west of Netcong. Hiking opportunities are numerous in the park. The area also includes the Waterloo village restoration, which commemorates the historic village on the Morris Canal (which ran from Newark to Phillipsburg). The Park also surrounds Mt. Allamuchy Scout Reservation operated by Patriots Path Council (343). Camping can be found in Stephens State Park at the south end of Allamuchy. Open April through October. FEATURES: Fishing, 50 campsites. DIRECTIONS: From George Washington Bridge take I-80 to Exit 19.

SECTION 5.2.2 THE PINE BARRENS AND SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY

The Pine Barrens are vast near arid areas of pitch pine, which cover most of South Central New Jersey. This phenomenon

occurs in about only twenty other areas of the world, nearly all of them in the northeastern United States. Some other areas of note are Cape Cod and Eastern Long Island. Eastern L.I. is discussed in Chapter 3. Although pine barrens are semi arid they form a protective cover for vast underground fresh water supplies. If only for their unusual characteristics, these regions are worth a visit. <Lawrence Paul, *Pine Barrens of Ronkonkoma*, 1986 New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, Page 1.>

WARNING: As Pine Barrens are made up of low dense brush, they are an ideal habitat for ticks. Be aware of this while hiking and camping and take proper precautions.

Allaire State Park - Monmouth County

Box 220
Farmingdale, NJ 07727
732-938-2371

Offers the wilderness experience of the Pine Barrens while being located near the shore. Facilities are not really suitable for scouting activities. FEATURES: Camping, swimming, boating. DIRECTIONS: Garden State Parkway south to Exit 98. I-195 west to Exit 31. Co Rd 547 north. Turn right onto Co Rd 524.

Bass River State Park - Ocean and Burlington Counties

PO Box 118
New Gretna, NJ 08224
609-296-1114

Located at the southern terminus of the Batona Trail, this park encompasses over 14,000 acres of the Pine Barrens. There is a guided nature trail. Camping is available at Lake Absegami (State Forest Headquarters). The Batona Trail has only recently been extended into the Forest. As of this writing there may be no wilderness camping areas on the trail. FEATURES: Camping, swimming, boating, fishing, and cabins. DIRECTIONS: Garden State Parkway south to Exit 52 (East Greenbush Road). Commercial traffic use US 9 south to East Greenbush Road.

Wharton State Forest - Atlantic, Burlington, and Camden Counties

Batsto Road 4
Hammonton NJ 08037
609-561-3262

Covers over 100,000 acres of the New Jersey Pine Barrens. Located in the south-central part of the state 8 miles west of Garden State Parkway, north of Mullica Road and straddling US 206.

The forest offers much in history and activities. The Batona Trail traverses the forest for much of its length. The trail enters the forest at Apple Pie Hill and proceeds south to Batsto, then swings E and exits the forest at Evans Bridge. Wilderness campsites for Batona Trail available at Batona Camp, Lower Forge, and Godfrey Bridge. (Autos not permitted at Lower Forge). Other camping areas are located at Atsian Lake, Goshen Pond, Mullica River, Buttonweed Hill, Hawkin Bridge, and Bodine Field. For more information consult *the New Jersey Walk Book*.

Four rivers flow through the forest making canoeing possible. These rivers are Mullica River and its tributary, Atsian Branch, Batsto, Nescochaque Creek, and Wading River. There are

several campsites located on these rivers. These may be used for overnight canoe trips. Atsian Lake Camp is on the Atsian Branch of Mullica River. Mullica River Camp also serves this river 6 miles below (southeast) of Atsian. Buttonwood Hill Camp is located at the junction of Batsto River, Nescochaque Creek and Atsian Branch of Mullica River at Batsto. Mullica River Proper starts here. For more information consult Canoeing in the Jersey Pine Barrens. FEATURES: Camping, backcountry camping, canoe camping, hiking, swimming, boating, fishing. DIRECTIONS: Because of the vastness of the forest, a description of a single route is impractical. Generally the north and west edge are best approached by US 206 south from Exit 7 on New Jersey Turnpike. South and east are best approached from Garden State Parkway Exit 52. (Commercial traffic use US 9) and Co Rd 542 west from New Gretna. Headquarters are located at Batsto on Co Rd 542 10 miles east of the junction of US 206 and US 30. The office is 13 miles west of New Gretna.

Lebanon State Forest - Burlington and Ocean Counties (Mar 1 – Nov 30)

PO Box 215
New Lisbon NJ 08064 609-726-1191

Located at the northern fringe of the Pine Barrens. The forest is honeycombed with trails and jeep sand roads, which can provide many hiking opportunities. It is also the northern terminus of Batona Trail (P) which terminates at Ongs Hat on the Pemberton Road 2 miles northwest of 4 Mile Circle on NJ 72. Camping near Pakim Pond which is mile 8 on Batona Trail. Open from March 1 to November 30. Consult *New Jersey Walk Book*. FEATURES: Camping, swimming, and hiking. DIRECTIONS: Garden State Parkway south to Exit 88 (US 9 south). NJ 70 west to 4 Mile Circle, about 26 miles.

Parvin State Park - Salem County (Mar 1 – Nov 30)

701 Almond Road
Pittsgrove, NJ 08318
609-358-8616

FEATURES: Group camping, camping, hiking, boating, swimming. DIRECTIONS: New Jersey Turnpike to Exit 2, US 322 east to NJ 77 south to Deerfield Co Rd 540 east.

Belleplaine State Forest - Cape May County

Box 450
Woodbine, NJ 08270
609-861-2404

Located near, but not on the Cape May peninsula, this Forest offers hiking and nature trails and a lodge, which can accommodate 24 persons. Its camping grounds are located on the shores of Lake Nummy. FEATURES: Camping, hiking, boating, fishing, swimming. DIRECTIONS: Garden State Parkway south to Exit 17. North on US 9, then west on Co Rd 550. Commercial traffic use US 9.

SECTION 5.3 DELAWARE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area - Sussex and Warren Counties
(also in Pennsylvania)

National Park Service Office
Eastern National Park and Management Assn.
Delaware Water Gap NRA
Bushkill, PA 18324

See description in Chapter 8 – Pennsylvania, Section 8.3.

CAMPGROUNDS IN DELAWARE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Group Camping (Reserve group campsites through area office in Bushkill).

- **Hidden Lake** - Group camping in Bushkill, Pa. FEATURES: Water from June to Labor Day.

- **River's Bend** - Group camping in Millbrook, NJ and Flatbrookville, NJ. NOTE: Bring your own water. FEATURES: camping, (RV camping at Dingman's Ferry), group camping at Hidden Lake and River's Bend. Backcountry camping on Appalachian Trail (AT) (W), see Appalachian Trail in New Jersey (Chapter 5, Section 5.4). Canoe camping on Delaware River. DIRECTIONS: I-80 W into New Jersey. For Dingman's Ferry - Exit 34B and take NJ 15 and US 206 north. Turn left at Co Rd 560. This will lead to Dingman's Ferry. For Hidden Lake Campsite, proceed W on I-80 into Pa. Take Exit 52. Proceed north on US 209 to Bushkill. Turn onto Hidden Lake Drive and proceed 2 miles. For River's Bend - I-80 west in NJ to Exit 1. Proceed along the river for 14 miles.

SECTION 5.4 NEW JERSEY TRAILS

Ringwood State Park
Ramapo Mountain State Forest
Ramapo Valley County Reservation - all in Passaic and Bergen Counties

No camping in these three areas. They are listed because there are many miles of trails and Camp Yaw Paw (333).

These three areas are situated all next to each other in lower Sterling Forest on the ridge east and north of Wanaque Reservoir. Although there are no state camping facilities, there are many miles of hiking trails, which pass near Camp Yaw Paw of Northern New Jersey Council (333). Backpacking trips or day hikes to and from this camp are simple to plan. Additionally, Ramapo County Park Trailheads on US 202 are only 3 miles by road from the southern terminus of Suffern-Bear Mountain Trail (SBM) (Y) in Harriman State Park, New York. See Chapter 4, Section 4.2.1.

TRAILS

Hoeflerlin Memorial Trail (Y) and Lookout Trail (R)

Hoeflerlin Memorial Trail (14 miles) Blazes: Yellow (Y)
Lookout Trail (2.3 miles) Blazes: Red (R)

The Hoeflerlin Memorial Trail travels from Oakland, NJ north to Bear Swamp Lake in Ringwood SP (Construction Of I-287 through the area has obliterated the northern section to Suffern NY.) The trail begins on the right side of Pool Hollow Road immediately off West Oakland Avenue (West Oakland Ave begins opposite Skyline Drive I-287, Exit 57). The trails travels along the old Cannonball Connector to the Cannonball Trail (W/R). Hoeflerlin Trail merges with Cannonball and both cross I-287 on a pedestrian overpass. Hoeflerlin turns right soon after the overpass and crosses a gravel road and continues north over several rock ledges. The Lookout Trail (R) enters from the right. To the right, the Lookout Trail crosses some ledges, which give some fine views of Oakland and Pompton Lakes. It then descends to join the Hoeflerlin Trail at the outlet by Ramapo Lake Dam. To continue straight, the Hoeflerlin and Lookout trails descend to Ramapo Lake where the Lookout Trail terminates at the gravel road on the

lake shore. Hoeflerlin turns right and proceeds to the dam at the end of the lake, here it meets the other end of the Lookout Trail mentioned above. After crossing the Ramapo Lake Dam, the Hoeflerlin Trail crosses the MacEvoy Trail (B) (not described) and then begins to ascend using blacktop, gravel and woods roads before emerging on Skyline Drive opposite the entrance to the defunct Camp Tamarack BSA. Hoeflerlin Trail then crosses Skyline Drive and climbs steeply to the top of a ledge offering good views east. The trail then parallels Skyline Drive to the junction with Cannonball Trail (W/R). Cannonball and Hoeflerlin Trail proceed north jointly for 1.75 miles skirting Skyline Drive and then leaving the road behind the trails head north skirting the former BSA Camp Glen Gray. Here the trails divide, Cannonball diverges right, Hoeflerlin left, and continues north to Ringwood Ramapo Trail (R), which diverges, left. Hoeflerlin goes right and enters Camp Yaw Paw BSA (333). Yaw Paw Orange Trail (O) diverges right in a short distance later Green trail diverges R. both entering Yaw Paw west into Ringwood State Park merges with Crossover Trail (W) which enters from right. Both proceed jointly past Ilgehstein Rock (views E over bear Swamp Lake). Crossover Trail diverges left and Hoeflerlin continues north. Hoeflerlin Trail descends to north end of Bear Swamp Lake and terminates on the Shore Trail (B). Shore Trail runs along the shore of Bear Swamp Lake.

Halifax Trail (G) Blazes: green (G) (6 miles).

Halifax trail begins on Crossover Trail (W) in Ringwood State Park E of Sloatsburg Road. The Halifax Trail climbs an arm of Mount Defiance by Ringwood-Ramapo Trail (R) and then descends on switch backs to Glasmere Ponds. The trail then crosses over Pierson Ridge and then descends to Bear Swamp. The trail encounters the north end of the Shore Trail (B) which runs along the shore of Bear Swamp Lake to the south. Entering Ramapo County Reservation, The Halifax Trail continues through Havemeyer Hollow and past Havemeyer Reservoir (named for a onetime owner of the valley). The trail then turns south and while paralleling the Ramapo River a lava butte is encountered. Halifax Trail terminates on Silver Trail (S), which leads, left to US 202.

Cannonball Trail (W/R) Blazes: White C on Red (W/R), length 8.5 miles.

The Cannonball Trail is so named since it was used during the Revolution to transport cannonballs from Pompton Lakes into Smith's Clove, New York. The trail begins at the end of Barbara Drive in Pompton Lakes off West Oakland Avenue (West Oakland Ave proceeds south from the point where Skyline Drive meets NJ 208). Cannonball goes through a town park and proceeds along the Du Pont plant fence. Joining a woods road the trail arrives at the junction with the Hoeflerlin Trail. Cannonball and Hoeflerlin Trails cross Interstate 287 on a pedestrian overpass. After the overpass Hoeflerlin diverges right and Cannonball left. The trail continues along the west shore of Ramapo Lake on a gravel road past a ranger station over an arm of the lake. Shortly after this is the junction of MacEvoy Trail (B) (not described here) which diverges left and also proceeds straight jointly with Cannonball. Cannonball continues north to a junction with Castle Point Trail (W), which diverges, left and proceeds to a former mansion. Cannonball/MacEvoy continue on for a short distance and then divide. Cannonball turns left and begins to ascend a ridge. Castle Point Trail (W) (not described here) diverges left just before Skyline Drive which is reached at mile 3.5. Cannonball trail crosses the drive and joins the Hoeflerlin Trail, which it follows jointly for 1.75 miles. The Trails then head north skirting the now defunct BSA Camp Glen Gray. The trails then divide with Hoeflerlin proceeding left and Cannonball

right. The Cannonball then enters the former Camp Glen Gray, now a county park. Cannonball Trail continues through Camp Yaw Paw (333), passes into Ringwood State Park and then meets the Crossover Trail terminus (W), which enters from the left. Cannonball then descends to Bear Swamp Lake and terminates on the Shore Trail (B) which runs along the shore of the lake.

Ringwood-Ramapo Trail (R) Blazes: red (R), length 10.5 miles.

The Ringwood-Ramapo Trail begins in Ramapo Mountain State Forest and runs northwest deep into Ringwood State Park. The trail begins on the Hoeflerlin Trail (Y) about 0.3 miles beyond Hoeflerlin/Cannonball (R) split on the ridge near the former BSA Camp Glen Gray. The trail proceeds north along the state park boundary line with Camp Yaw Paw (333) and then descends west to High Mountain Brook before turning north again. Paralleling High Mountain Brook for 3/4 mile the trail then enters Ringwood State Park still proceeding north along High Mountain Brook. It then swings left and proceeds northwest ascending Mount Defiance and passes a rock ledge lookout called Warm Puppy. A short distance later the trail meets the Crossover Trail (W) and continues along the ridge of Mount Defiance crossing Halifax Trail (G) and reaches the summit of Mount Defiance (1100 ft). The trail then descends steeply and crosses an unnamed summit before descending to the shores of Sheppard Lake. Turning west along Sheppard Lake, the trail reaches Sheppard Pond Road (Parking available). Continuing west the trail crosses Cupsaw Brook (B) and Cooper Union (Y) Trails (not described) before terminating on the Sloatsburg Road. (Left to Co Rd 511, right to NY 17 in Sloatsburg Ringwood Manor.) This road is also known as Sterling Lake Road.

GREEN TRAIL (BSA) (G) Blazes: Green (G), length 0.5 miles.

Connects Hoeflerlin trail (R) with Cannonball Trail in Camp Yaw Paw (333).

Crossover Trail (W) Blazes: White (W), length 6 miles.

The Crossover Trail Leaves left from Cannonball Trail (R) just north of Cannonball Lake and Camp Yaw Paw BSA. The trail climbs northwest meeting the Hoeflerlin Trail (Y), which diverges left. The two trails jointly cross Ilgenstein Rock and then divide a short distance later with Crossover turning left and heading northwest towards Pierson Ridge. Pierson Ridge Trail (B) Diverges right and runs on top of Pierson Ridge to connect with Halifax Trail (G). Zigzagging northwest, Crossover skirts Gatum Pond and climbs the southern arm of Mount Defiance. The Ringwood-Ramapo Trail (R) crosses on top. Crossover continues west and then north descending past Swan Pond. The Halifax Trail (G) diverges right and leads past the summit of Mount Defiance. Crossover turns west leading past Skylands Manor (worth a look). The trail continues to Sheppard Pond Road (Parking available here) at Morris Ave intersection and continues west and then north meeting Morris Ave a second time (Parking available here). Crossover continues west to connect with Cooper Union (Y) (not described) and turns north with Cooper Union (Y), crosses Morris Ave and then diverges left heading northwest terminating with Ringwood-Ramapo Trail (R) at Ringwood Manor on the Sloatsburg Road. Left on Sloatsburg for Co Rd 511, right for NY 17 at Sloatsburg (also known as Sterling Lake Road).

SILVER TRAIL (S) Blazes: Silver (S), length 2 miles.

The Silver Trail begins at the parking area of Ramapo Valley County Reservation off US 202 just south of West Mahwah. The trail crosses Ramapo River immediately. Halifax Trail (G) (may be unmarked), diverges right just after crossing the river. Silver continues past Scarlet Oak Pond where several marked trails diverge and then return. Ridge Trail (B) diverges right and climbs Monroe Ridge and then rejoins Silver Trail later on. Silver Trail continues west ascending to MacMillan Reservoir passing Yellow-Silver (Y/S) which leaves left. The trail then arrives at the junction with Yellow Trail (Y), which diverges, left just past the reservoir. Yellow Trail is a good access to BSA Camps Yaw Paw (333). Silver proceeds to and terminates at the junction of Ridge (B) and Red-Silver (R/S) Trails.

RED-SILVER TRAIL (R/S) Blazes: Red and Silver (R/S), length (1 mile).

Skirting Rocky Mountain this trail connects the Silver Trail (S) with the Cannonball Trail (R) at Bear Swamp Lake.

Todd Trail (W) Blazes: White (W), length 2.2 miles.

The Todd Trail leaves MacEvoy Trail (B) (not described) 500 feet E of Ramapo Lake and Hoeflerlin Trail (Y). The Todd Trail runs north over Skyline Drive along the edge of the ridge to where it meets Yellow Trail (Y) near Todd Lake. Todd Trail turns west and proceeds to the gate of the defunct Camp Tamarak on Skyline Drive (P), where it meets the Hoeflerlin Trail (Y).

<Above trail descriptions paraphrased from *New York Walk Book*, 1984 New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, Pages 275-89.>

Palisades Interstate Park (PIP) - Bergen County

No camping in New Jersey. This unique park system includes many State Parks in both New York and New Jersey. These include Rockland Lake, Blauvelt, Tallman Mountain, and Harriman-Bear Mountain in New York. In New Jersey the park was organized to protect the famous Palisades Cliffs known simply as the Palisades from quarrymen. Although there is no camping in New Jersey the park is traversed by the Long Path (LP) (B) and there are two Boy Scout camps at and near its northern end. These camps both known as Camp Alpine are operated respectively by Northern New Jersey Council (333) and Greater New York Councils (GNYC) (640). Trails run on both the top and the bottom of the cliffs. The LP runs on the top of the cliffs. Cross country skiing is available through a private vendor at State Line Lookout - Palisade Pkwy Exit 3. FEATURES: Hiking, x-Cntry.

Long Path (LP) (T) Blazes: turquoise (T), length 11.2 miles in New Jersey

The Long Trail in Vermont inspired the idea for the Long Path. When the property for the Palisades Interstate Parkway was acquired in 1935, the way was open for New York and New Jersey to create their own Long Path. When completed, the path will run from the George Washington Bridge on the New Jersey side to the southern terminus of the Northville-Lake Placid Trail in New York. Currently the Long Path is not completed across the Mohawk Valley. The trail now runs from the George Washington Bridge through Catskill State Park. LP terminates well north of NY 23 (East Windham) in John Boyd Thatcher State Park at the Indain Ladder Trail. Active plans are underway to link up this section with the Northville-Lake Placid Trail.

The trail in New Jersey is of particular interest to Scouts since two Boy Scout camps are located near the trail. Both called Alpine, one is operated by Greater New York Councils (GNYC) (640), the other by Northern New Jersey Council (333). The LP runs on the top of the Palisades but there is a lower trail, which runs along the riverbank. A patch and medal were available from the former Bergen Council for completing a walk on both trails. Contact Northern New Jersey Council for information and to ascertain if this program is still current. Consult the *New York Walk Book and the Guide to the Long Path*.

The southern terminus of the Long Path is easily accessible by public transportation. Near the New York side of the GW Bridge, is the 175th St. subway station (A train) in upper Manhattan. The A train connects directly with the Long Island Railroad, Amtrak, New Jersey Transit, all in Penn Station). With the walkway on the GW Bridge itself, this can provide an interesting trip.

DIRECTIONS: From the north walkway of the GW Bridge or the Stairway on Hudson Terrace, proceed north on the Long Path (LP) (T). From Upper Level on the GW Bridge, take second exit marked US 9W-NJ 67. Immediately after exiting turn sharply right where marked Hudson Terrace. Proceed to the end of the ramp. Stairway is across the street. No long term parking.

Trail location	Northbound Mileage
George Washington Bridge Stairway	0.0
Parkway Gas Station	1.0
Palisades Avenue	1.8
Rockefeller Lookout	2.8
Greenbrook Sanctuary	
Huyler Trail (R)	
diverges right descends to river.	5.1
Alpine Lookout	5.8
Tunnel to left to US 9W and Closter Dock Rd (Turn here for Northern New Jersey Council Alpine Scout Camp (333). Follow Closter Dock Rd west to 1.5 miles. Turn right onto Anderson Rd. Proceed past dead end onto a woods road, then onto the street again. Opposite Ruckman Rd turn right into camp.)	
	7.1
Palisades Park Administration	7.6
Trail diverges left	
to Alpine Scout Camp GNYC (640)	9.7
Women's Federation Mem. (The Castle)	9.9
Trail to river diverges right	10.0
State Line Lookout	10.2
New York / New Jersey State Line	11.2
US 9W at Lamont Dougherty Observatory	11.9

<Description taken from: *Guide to the Long Path*, 1987 New York- New Jersey Trail Conference, Pages 6-7>

Appalachian Trail (AT) (W) Blazes: white (W), length 73.6 miles in New Jersey.

The Appalachian Trail in New Jersey covers 73 miles from the Delaware Water Gap to the State Line Trail just above Greenwood Lake on the New York/New Jersey state line. From the Gap the trail travels northeast on the Kittatiny Ridge. AT Crosses High Point (highest point in New Jersey, elevation 1,803 ft). From High Point the Trail turns southeast, crosses the Walkill River and climbs the ridge above Greenwood Lake. It then turns north into New York.

For more information on the Appalachian Trail consult the *Appalachian Trail Guide to New York-New Jersey*, Volume 4.

<AT description from *Appalachian Trail Guide to New York-New Jersey*, Volume 4, 1988 New York-New Jersey Trail Conference.>

STATE PARKS AND FORESTS ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN NEW JERSEY

Stokes State Forest, High Point State Park, Wawayanda State Park

SCOUT CAMPS NEAR THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN NEW JERSEY

Yards Creek S.R. (352) near Mohican Road.
Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco (333) near Millbrook-Blairstown Road.
Kittatinny Mt. S.R. (352) via Jacob's Ladder and Steffen Trails.

Batona Trail (P) Blazes: Pink (P), length 40 miles.

The Batona is the longest trail in southern New Jersey. Since it covers ground in the Pine Barrens it is a very level although sandy route. It begins at Onga's Hat in Lebanon State Forest and travels south into Wharton State Forest. It then turns east on a new section and enters Bass River State Forest. Since the Batona Hiking Club of Philadelphia maintains the trail, there is a description in *Pennsylvania Hiking Trails*. Consult this and the *New York Walk Book*.

SECTION 5.5 ORGANIZATIONS AND FURTHER READING

ORGANIZATIONS

The New York-New Jersey Trail Conference is a collection of hiking clubs and volunteers who maintain trails and shelters in the New York Metropolitan Area. They also publish a variety of materials on hiking in the New York Area.

New York-New Jersey Trail Conference
PO Box 2250
New York, NY 10116

232 Madison Ave
New York, NY 10016

ON LINE: www.nynjtc.org/~trails.org

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Chapter 6 - CONNECTICUT

SECTION 6.1 BOY SCOUT CAMPS IN CONNECTICUT

Ernest Thompson Seton Scout Reservation - Greenwich (Seton)

Greenwich (67)
63 Mason Street
Greenwich, Ct. 06830
203-869-8424

Henry David Thoreau would feel quite at home in this camp. It is the opinion of the writer that the pond located in E.T. Seton surpasses the actual Walden Pond in scenic beauty. The camp is an island in suburbia situated on 248 wooded acres in the Glenville section of Greenwich, Ct. The short-term camping season is September through May. FEATURES: Cabins, day hiking, bicycling, boating, Cub Scout summer program. Directions: Hutchinson River Parkway to King Street, Exit 30. North on NY/CT 120A. Turn right onto Sherwood Ave. Turn left onto Riversville Road. Camp is sixth driveway on right. Commercial vehicles use I-95 to Exit 20. US 1 north into Port Chester. Turn left on King Street. Proceed on 120A as described above.

Camp Mattatuck - Plymouth

Connecticut Rivers (66)
60 Darlin Street
PO Box 280098
E. Hartford, Ct. 06128-0098
860-414-2433

Mattatuck Trail passes near the camp. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, summer program, Cub Scout program. Directions: I-95 N to Exit 27A. CT 8 N to Exit 37. Turn right onto CT 262 and follow to Mt. Tobe Road. Follow to camp.

Camp Nahaco - Eastford

Connecticut Rivers (66) (See Camp Mattatuck above for address.)

Camp is situated one mile north of the Natchaug Trail via the Ashford Road. The camp itself is located on Crystal Pond in the rolling hill country side typical of eastern Connecticut. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, activity field, Cub Scout program. Directions: I-95 to Exit 48. I-91 N to Hartford. I-84 E to Exit 69. CT 74 E to US 44. 44 E to Phoenixville. Proceed N on CT 198. Turn left at Eastford onto Eastford-Westford Road.

Camp Tadmah - Bozrah

Connecticut Rivers (66) (See Camp Mattatuck above for address.)

FEATURES/ACTIVITIES: Tent sites, activity field, cabins, boating, summer program. Directions: I-95 N to I-395. N to Exit 80. W on CT 82, 2 miles. R on South Road. R again on Bishop Road. Camp on right.

Camp Workcoeman - New Hartford

Connecticut Rivers (66) (See Camp Mattatuck above for address.)

Located on West Hill Pond in northern Connecticut near Winsted. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, activity field, boating, summer program, Cub Scout program. Directions: I-95 N to Exit 27A. CT 8 N to Exit 46. Turn east to CT 163. Proceed N on 163 for .5 miles. Turn R and proceed past Camp Sequassen. Turn L.

Camp Cochegan Rock - Montville

Connecticut Rivers (66) (See Camp Mattatuck above for address.)

The largest freestanding boulder in the United States can be found in this in this 100-acre camp. Primitive camping only. Bring your own water or obtain it from a nearby state garage. FEATURES: Tent sites. Directions: I-95 N to Exit 76. I-395 N to Exit 79. CT 163 N.

June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation - Ashford (J. N. Webster)

Connecticut Rivers (66) (See Camp Mattatuck above for address.)

J. N. Webster is near the Natchaug Trail where it crosses US 44. Consult the *Connecticut Walk Book*. FEATURES: Tent sites, activity field, boating, summer program, Cub Scout program. Directions: I-84 E to Exit 69. CT 74 E to US 44. 44 east to Ashford. Camp is on 44.

Camp Wakenah - Salem

Connecticut Rivers (66) (See Camp Mattatuck above for address.)

FEATURES: Tent sites, cabins, activity field, Cub Scout program. Directions: I-95 N to Exit 70. CT 156 N to CT 82. East on 82 for 6 miles to CT 354. Turn left, proceed 0.5 mile and turn right onto Forest Drive. Camp on right.

John Sherman Hoyt Scout Reservation - West Redding (Hoyt Training Center)

Connecticut Yankee (72)
70 Wellington Road PO Box 32
Milford, Ct 06460-0032
203-876-6868

Hoyt Training Center is accessible via public transportation. FEATURES: Cabins, pavilions, tent sites. DIRECTIONS: I-95 N to Exit 15. US 7 N to Simpaug Tpk. Turn right.

Camp Edmond Strang - Goshen (formerly Housatonic Scout Reservation)

Housatonic (69)
326 Derby Ave
Derby, Ct. 06418
203-734-3329

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, activity field, summer program. Directions: I-95 north to Exit 27A. CT 8 north to Exit 44. West on CT 4. for 6 miles to Goshen. Turn right onto CT 63, proceed north about a mile. Turn left onto West Side Road. Proceed one mile. Camp on right.

Camp Deer Lake - Killingworth
Camp Sequassen - New Hartford

Connecticut Yankee (72)
70 Wellington Road PO Box 32
Milford, Ct 06460-0032
203-876-6868

Deer Lake is located close to Cockaponset State Forest. FEATURES: Tent sites, cabins, activity field, boating, summer program. Sequassen also has Cub Scout program. Directions: I-95 N. For Deer Lake use Exit 61. CT 79 north 1 mile. Turn R onto Green Hill Road. Proceed 1.75 miles. L onto Paper Mill Road. Proceed to camp. For Sequassen use Exit 27A. CT 8 N to Exit 46. R to CT 163. N on 163 .5 miles. Turn right. See Camp Workcoeman.

Camp Wah Wah Taysee - North Haven

Connecticut Yankee (72) (see address above)

This camp is situated near the southern end of the Quinipiac Trail and Sleeping Giant State Park. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos. Directions: I-95 N to Exit 48. I-91 N to CT 40 to CT 10. N and R on Mt. Carmel Ave. Turn R on Ridge Rd.

SECTION 6.2. STATE CAMPING FEATURES IN CONNECTICUT
SECTION 6.2.1 YOUTH GROUP CAMPING IN CONNECTICUT

Youth group camping in Connecticut is available at the state parks listed below. Reservations must be made at the district office that has jurisdiction over the park. There are two districts, the Eastern and Western. Parks with no address feature youth group camping only.

Directions: All directions will begin at Interstate 95, Interstate 84, or Interstate 684 and NY 22. To reach I-84, I - 684, and NY 22, proceed N on I-95 to Exit 21 in New York. Proceed west on I-287 to I-684. 684 will lead north to I-84 and NY 22.

WESTERN DISTRICT

Department of Environmental Protection
Western District Office
230 Plymouth Road
Harwinton, Ct. 06791
203-485-0226

American Legion State Forest - Pleasant Valley, Litchfield County

P.O. Box 161
Pleasant Valley, Ct. 06063
203-345-4449

Initial 213 acres were a gift from the American Legion. Terrain is very rugged with rock formations. A Trail winds its way through the forest. Peoples State Forest is located directly east. Consult *Connecticut Walk Book* for trail descriptions. FEATURES: Activity Field, hiking, X-Cntry, fishing.

Directions: I-95 N to Exit 27A. CT 8 N for 57 miles. East on US 44.

High Bank (Stanley Tract) - Kent, Litchfield County

High Bank is near the Appalachian Trail (AT) (W) where it meets River Road. FEATURES: Youth group camping. Directions: I-684 N to NY 22 N to Wingdale. NY 55 E into Ct. CT 55 to US 7. Proceed N to Kent. L onto CT 341. Turn right just after bridge onto River Road. Proceed north to camp.

Housatonic Meadows State Park - Sharon, Litchfield County

Cornwall Bridge, Ct. 06754
203-927-3238 (Jan 15 to April 15)
203-672-6772 (April 15 to Labor Day)

Housatonic Meadows is located near the Appalachian Trail. The Pine Knob Trail (B) indirectly connects the AT with the park youth group camping area. Consult Section 6.3 Trails in *Connecticut, Appalachian Trail Guide, Massachusetts-Connecticut*, Vol. 3, and the *Connecticut Walk Book*. FEATURES: Fishing, boating, X-Cntry, hiking. Directions: I-684 N to NY 22 N to Wingdale. NY 55 E into Ct. CT 55 east to US 7. Turn left. North to park. Youth group area is about one mile past the main office on US 7. Camp on the left.

Kettletown State Park - Southbury, New Haven County

Southbury, Ct. 06488
203-264-5169 (Jan 15 to April 15)
203-264-5678 (April 15 to Labor Day)

Located on Lake Zoar (part of the Housatonic River). There are three trails in the park, the Pomperaug (length, 2.55 mile), the Crest (length, 1.2 miles), and the Miller (length, 1.55 miles). Pomperaug and Crest run S from the park ticket booth. Since they initially parallel and later join, it is possible to form a loop. Miller trail begins at the park ticket booth and heads north only to loop around and return to the park road. Aggregate trail mileage: 5.30. Most trails in Connecticut are blue blazed (B). Consult the *Connecticut Walk Book*. FEATURES: Fishing, hiking, youth group camping. Directions: I-84 E to Exit 14. Turn right. Proceed south on Georges Hill Road. Park on the right.

Mohawk State Forest (Ethan Allen Area) - Cornwall, Litchfield County

Located on a the blue blazed Mohawk Trail which was once the AT from Cornwall Bridge to the Lime Rock-Falls Village Area. This trail leaves the AT just N of CT 4 and connects with the uncompleted Mattatuck Trail in the state forest. For more information consult the *Connecticut Walk Book* (listed as Appalachian Trail "Eastern/Traditional Route"). FEATURES: Youth group camping, X-Cntry, hiking. Directions: I-684 N to NY 22 to Wingdale. NY 55 E into Ct. CT 55 east to US 7. Turn left. Proceed to N on 7 to Cornwall Bridge. Turn right and proceed east on CT 4.

Naugatuck State Forest (Crombie Area) - Hamden, New Haven County

FEATURES: Youth group camping. Directions: I-95 N to Exit 27A. North on CT 8 to Exit 26.

Peoples State Forest - Barkhamsted, Litchfield County

American Legion State Forest is located directly west. The Tunxis Trail runs north/south on the other side of the

Barkhamsted Reservoir, which is located to the east. Consult the *Connecticut Walk Book* section on American Legion S.F. FEATURES: X-Cntry, fishing, hiking, swimming. Directions: See American Legion State Forest.

Putnam Memorial State Park - Redding, Fairfield County

Site of the Continental Army's 1779 winter encampment under Gen. Israel Putnam. FEATURES: Activity field, fishing, hiking. Directions: I-95 N to Exit 15. US 7 N to CT 107. 107 to park.

Sleeping Giant State Park - Hamden, New Haven County (Primitive camping, NO WATER) Phone for permit, 203-789-7408.

So-called since the mountain in the park resembles the form of a sleeping man. There is an extensive park trail system. Park is also located on the Quinipiac Trail, Length 21 miles. The Quinipiac Trail begins in North Haven (near Camp Wah Wah Taysee (72)) and loops around Mt. Carmel into Sleeping Giant S.P. After exiting the park, the trail travels north to terminate on CT 68 between Cheshire and Prospect. This is the oldest trail in the Conn. blue blazed system. Consult the *Connecticut Walk Book*. FEATURES: Fishing, hiking. Directions: I-95 N to Exit 48. I-91 N to Exit 10. CT 40 to CT 10. North on 10.

EASTERN DISTRICT

Department of Environmental Protection
Eastern District Office
230 Hebron Road
Marlborough, Ct. 06447
203-295-9523

Cockaponset State Forest - Haddam, Middlesex County (operates May 1 to Feb 28)

Ranger Road
Haddam, Ct. 06438
203-345-4449

Second largest State Forest in Connecticut. Has many miles of hiking trails. Limited backpacking possible. Cockaponset Trail (length, 7.5 miles) extends the length of the forest. The trail begins on CT 148 about 2.5 miles W of Exit 6 on CT 9. Cockaponset Trail travels north through the forest and terminates on Beaver Meadow Road .2 miles W of CT 9 Exit 8. Most trails in Connecticut are blue blazed (B). Consult the *Connecticut Walk Book*. FEATURES: Hiking, fishing, swimming, X-Cntry. Directions: I-95 N to Exit 69. CT 9 N to Exit 8.

Gay City State Park - Hebron, Tolland County

Park is located near the northern section of the Shenipsit Trail and adjoins Meshomasic State Forest (not described). Consult the *Connecticut Walk Book*. FEATURES: Fishing, hiking, swimming, activity field. Directions: I-95 N to Exit 48. I-91 N to I-84. Proceed east. Turn onto I-384. Exit at CT 85. Turn south.

James L. Goodwin State Forest - Hampton, Windham County (Primitive camping, NO WATER) Phone for permit, 203-455-9534.

Located on the Natchaug Trail near the trail's terminal on US 6. Backcountry campsites available on the trail in Natchaug State Forest. Consult the *Connecticut Walk Book*.

FEATURES: Fishing, hiking, boating, X-Cntry. Directions: I-95 N to Exit 76. I-395 N to Exit 91. US 6 west to Hampton (about 12 miles).

Hurd State Park - East Hampton, Middlesex County

This state park also has FEATURES for canoe camping as it is located on the Connecticut River. FEATURES: Fishing, hiking, boating, X-Cntry, activity field, canoe camping. Directions: I-95 N to Exit 48. I-91 N to Exit 16. CT 66 east to Cobalt. Turn right. Proceed south on CT 151.

Mansfield Hollow State Park (Old Windham Road Area) - Mansfield, Tolland County (Open Jan 1 to Feb 28, April 15 to October)

One of the southern terminals of the Nipmuck Trail is located in the picnic grove of this park (the Nipmuck Trail has two southern terminals). Backcountry campsites available on the trail in Nipmuck State Forest. Consult *Connecticut Walk Book*. See map in Section 6.3. FEATURES: Fishing, hiking, boating, X-Cntry, activity field. Directions: I-95 N to Exit 76. I-395 N to Exit 81. CT 2 west to CT 32. 32 north to Willimantic. Take CT 195 N out of Willimantic. Turn right onto Bassets Bridge Road. Proceed 0.9 miles.

Cashamoquet Brook State Park (Indian Chair Area) - Pomfret, Windham County

Pomfret Center, Ct. 06259, 203-928-6121

Two campgrounds other than the group camping area are available, these are Mashamoquet Brook and Wolf Den. Park was formed by combining three state parks. Extensive Trail system can be used for backpacking (no backcountry sites). FEATURES: Fishing, hiking, swimming, activity field. Directions: I-95 N to Exit 76. I-395 N to Exit 93. CT 101 west to park.

Nye Holman State Forest (Archery Range Area) - Tolland, Tolland County (open April 15 to Feb 28)

FEATURES: Youth group camping. Directions: I-84 east to Exit 69.

Pachaug State Forest (C.C.C. Area) - Voluntown, New London County

RFD 1,
Voluntown, Ct. 06384
203-376-4075

Narragansett Trail System extending into R.I. and connecting with Yawgoog Scout Camp (546). Trails include the Nehantic,

Pachaug, and the Pequot. See map. Extensive forest trail system also. Consult the *Connecticut Walk Book* and the AMC Massachusetts and Rhode Island Trail Guide. See Chapter 7, Section 7.3, which deals with the Pequot-Narragansett Trail. FEATURES: Activity field, swimming, fishing, X-Cntry, hiking, backcountry camping. Directions: I-95 N to Exit 76. I-395 N to Exit 85. CT 164 N to CT 138. CT 138 east 10 miles. See map.

Shenipsit State Forest (County Road Area) - West Stafford, Tolland County
(open July 15 to Feb 28 and first part of May)

Located on the northern section of the uncompleted Shenipsit Trail. Consult the *Connecticut Walk Book*. FEATURES: Youth group camping. Directions: I-95 north to Exit 28. I-91 north to Exit 47. CT 190 east.

SECTION 6.2.2 OTHER STATE CAMPING FEATURES IN CONNECTICUT

Parks in Connecticut, which have camping FEATURES but no formal youth, group camping. Obtain camping permit from:

State of Connecticut
Department of Environmental Protection
Office of Parks and Recreation
165 Capitol Ave
Hartford, Ct 06106

Fill out permit and send it to the park you wish to use together with the camping fee. Maps and detailed descriptions of Connecticut State Parks are also available from the Department of Environmental Protection.

Black Rock State Park - Litchfield County

Thomaston, Ct. 06787
203-677-1819 (Oct 30 to April 15)
203-283-8088 (April 15 to Oct 30)

Park is situated on the Mattatuck Trail. See Section 6.3 and consult the *Connecticut Walk Book*. FEATURES: X-Cntry, activity field, swimming, hiking. Directions: I-95 N to Exit 27A. CT 8 N to Exit 38. US 6 west.

Burr Pond State Park - Litchfield County

Torrington, Ct 06790
203-482-1817 (Jan 15 to May 1)
203-379-0172 (May 1 to Sept 30)

Camping at Taylor Brook Campground. Park is located on the Mattatuck Trail. Consult the *Connecticut Walk Book*. FEATURES/ACTIVITIES: Boating, fishing, swimming, activity field, X-Cntry. Directions: I-95 N to Exit 27A. CT 8 N to Exit 46.

Devil's Hopyard State Park - Middlesex County

East Haddam, Ct. 06423 - 203-873-8566
FEATURES: Fishing. Directions: I-95 N to Exit 70. CT 156 N.

Hammonasset Beach State Park - New Haven County - 203-245-2785

Hopeville Pond State Park - New London County
Lake Waramaug State Park - Litchfield County

Macedonia Brook State Park - Litchfield County
Rocky Neck State Park - New London County

SECTION 6.3 TRAILS IN CONNECTICUT

(Most trails in Ct. are blue blazed with the exception of the AT. There are other exceptions.)

Appalachian Trail (AT) (W) Blazes: white (W), length 49 miles in Connecticut.

The Appalachian Trail enters Connecticut not far from Gaylordsville in northern Fairfield County. Camp Siwanoy (388) in New York is nearby. The trail proceed north through Litchfield County keeping to ridges and river valleys. Most roadwalking has been eliminated but some remains. The traditional route of the AT in CT has been relocated. The trail used to swing east along what is now the Mohawk Trail through Mohawk State Forest. Note: Camping in Connecticut is very strictly regulated. Camp only in designated areas while hiking the AT. Consult *Appalachian Trail Guide for Connecticut and Massachusetts and the Connecticut Walk Book*.

For more information on the AT in Connecticut:

Appalachian Trail Guide to Massachusetts-Connecticut, Volume #3
Seventh Edition
1988 Appalachian Trail Conference
P.O. Box 807
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425-0807
ISBN # 0-917953-14-2
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OTHER TRAILS IN CONNECTICUT

All trails in Connecticut are blue blazed (B) with the exception of the Appalachian Trail (AT) which is white (W). For more complete descriptions consult the *Connecticut Walk Book*. In western Connecticut the New York Walk Book is also useful. Camping is prohibited except in designated areas.

Pine Knob Loop Trail Length 2.5 miles (other red blazed side trails in the area)

Pine Knob Loop begins on US 7 (parking available) 1.1 miles north of Cornwall Bridge. It provides a link with the youth group camping area of Housatonic S.P. and the AT. The trail ascends to the point where the loop begins 0.2 miles from US 7. Turning right the trail begins to climb Pine Knob. At 0.4 miles a side trail diverges right and leads to the main camping area on US 7. 75 yards farther on another trail leads right to the group camping area. The trail reaches the summit of Pine Knob about one mile from US 7 after passing some spectacular cliffs (good views). Crossing Pine Knob the AT is reached at 1.2 miles from US 7. Pine Knob Trail merges with AT for a short distance. (R is north, L is south on AT). Pine Knob then diverges L and descends to main trail. Total distance is 1.8 miles. US 7 is 0.2 miles down main trail.

Mattatuck Trail - Length 35 miles.

Trail begins in Mohawk State Forest on a blue blazed Mohawk Trail, which was formerly the AT. (This trail meets the current AT near Cornwall Bridge and CT 4). There is a gap on the Mattatuck Trail between Milton and Litchfield. By walking on Flat Rocks Road, College St, Seeley Road, E. Cornwall Road, and Maple Street the gap can be bridged. The trail resumes on Maple Street just north of Bantam on US 202. Continuing southeast the trail crosses White Woods Road (R to East Shore Street leads to Bantam Lake AYH Hostel - See Appendix A). It then passes Pitch, Morris, and Wigwam

Reservoirs before arriving at Black Rock State Park. There is a network of trails in this area. Crossing CT 8, Mattatuck Trail head east passing Camp Mattatuck (66) at Mt. Tobe Road. The trail then turns south at Buttermilk Falls and terminates on CT 69 at Mad River Road about five miles northeast of Waterbury. (CT 69 is Exit 23 off I-84 eastbound). Consult the *Connecticut Walk Book* for more detailed information.

Metacomet Trail Length 45 miles in Connecticut (Metacomet-Monadnock Trail in Mass.)

Metacomet Trail begins on CT 15 (Berlin Turnpike) about one mile south of Berlin. The trail heads north keeping (as in Massachusetts) to the crest of the western ridge of the Connecticut River Valley. The trail passes New Britain, I-84, Farmington, Simsbury, and exits the state via Warnertown Road near Rising Corners, Ma. Since camping FEATURES are nonexistent, the trail will not be described in great detail. Metacomet-Monadnock crosses Mass. and enters N.H. and terminates on Mt. Monadnock. See Chapter 9 Section 9.3 and Chapter 10 Section 10.2.3.

NIPMUCK AND NATCHAUG TRAIL SYSTEM

Nipmuck Trail Length 29.3 to CT 171

The Nipmuck Trail has two southern terminals. The eastern in Mansfield Hollow State Park in the picnic grove off Bassets Bridge Road. The western about two miles away on Puddin' Lane. The two trails converge at Spring Hill and run north past Gurleyville and cross US 44 just east of Mansfield. Continuing north, Nipmuck enters Natchaug State Forest. The Natchaug Trail diverges right in the Westford area. There are two backcountry campsites. One near CT 74 and the other near Westford and the Natchaug Trail junction. Nipmuck continues north although on somewhat a sinuous course. It crosses CT 171 just east of Union and enters Nipmuck State Forest (mileage shown above figured only to this point). There is an extensive network of trails in Nipmuck S.F. and neighboring Bigelow Hollow State Park. The trail here is in the vicinity of Camp Pomperaug (68). Nipmuck terminates near Breakneck Road on the Mass/Ct State Line. See map and consult the *Connecticut Walk Book*.

Natchaug Trail Length, 12 miles (southern section), 4 miles (northern section).

Natchaug begins in the conservation area of James L. Goodwin State Forest. The trail travels north through Natchaug State Forest and emerges on US 44 in the vicinity of J.N. Webster S.R. (66). There is a closed section of the trail from here to the Eastford area. The trail resumes on Ashford Road one mile south of Camp Nahaco (66). Continuing north, Natchaug Trail terminates on Nipmuck Trail near the Eastford-Westford Road in the vicinity of Westford. One Backcountry campsite located on the trail. See map and consult the *Connecticut Walk Book*.

NARRAGANSETT TRAIL SYSTEM

This system includes several trails in and around Patchaug State Forest in eastern Conn. The Narragansett Trail itself extends into R.I. and connects with Yawgoog S.R. (546) trails and Arcadia Management Area. (See Chapter 7, Sections 7.1, 7.2, and 7.3). There are also backcountry campsites in the system. See map and consult the *Connecticut Walk Book*.

Pequot and Narragansett Trails Length, Narragansett; 20 miles (16 in Ct. and 4 in R.I.), Pequot; 10 miles

Pequot Trail is shown vaguely on the map since there is no backcountry camping. It begins about one mile east of Norwich and heads south and then east to join the Narragansett Trail in the Lantern Hill area. Narragansett Trail begins at CT 2 and Wintechog Hill Road. It climbs Lantern Hill and meets the Pequot Trail, which diverges R. Block Island is visible from this hill. Narragansett heads east and crosses CT 2 at the junction of CT 201. There is a backcountry campsite on the trail after crossing 201. Heading NE, the trail passes Wyassup Lake, crosses CT 49 and enters Pachaug State Forest. Narragansett Trail angels toward the north and meets the Nehantic and Pachaug Trails in the Green Fall Pond Area. There is another backcountry campsite in this area. Turning east the trail enters Rhode Island. See Chapter 7, Section 7.3. See map and consult the *Connecticut Walk Book*.

Nehantic Trail Length, 14 miles.

Nehantic begins with the Pachaug Trail at Green Fall Pond on the Narragansett Trail in Pachaug S.F. Nehantic heads NW while Pachaug heads N. (There are several crossover trails between the two). Nehantic crosses CT 165 and Ct 49 near Voluntown. It passes the Forest Ranger Headquarters and meets the Pachaug Trail at Mt. Misery. There is a campsite at this location. Both trails head west for a short distance and then divide with the Nehantic turning right and north. The trails heads north to the junction with the Castle Trail (not described or shown on map). Castle Trail links up with the Pachaug Trail to the east. Turning west Nehantic enters Hopeville S.P. and terminates on Park Road just east of Jewett City (I-395 Exit 86). See map and consult the *Connecticut Walk Book*.

Pachaug Trail Length, 30 miles

The Pachaug Trail is entirely within state land. It begins with the Nehantic Trail at Green Fall Pond on the Narragansett Trail. It heads north, however and loops east into Rhode Island connecting with the Tippecansett Trail (not described). Pachaug continues north passing a backcountry campsite. It then loops around to the south. A spur trail leads north to CT 14A between Sterling Hill and Plainfield (I-395 Exit 88). Heading south Pachaug passes the Castle Trail (not described) which leads west to the Nehantic Trail and Hopeville S.P. Pachaug Trail meets the Nehantic Trail in the Mt. Misery area (campsite here). The two trails merge for a short distance. The trails divide with the Pachaug turning left and heading west crossing CT 138 once and passing the northern end of Pachaug Pond. The trail terminates on CT 138 just east of Pachaug, Ct. See map and consult the *Connecticut Walk Book*.

Shenipsit Trail Length, 30 miles (when completed)

Southern section begins at CT 66 and CT 151 in Cobalt. The trail travels north crossing Meshomasic S.F. and crossing CT 2 near Marlborough. Shenipsit continues north passing Gay City S.P. Gay City's trails link up with Shenipsit. The southern section terminates in the Bolton area at Finley Street and Camp Meeting Road (I-384 overpass). Northern section is not described here. For more information consult *Connecticut Walk Book*.

Tunxis Trail Length 31 miles (northern section Pell Rd south to Hotchkiss Rd).

Tunxis Trail begins in the north on Pell Road in Tunxis State Forest. There are three FEATURES for backpackers only on the northern half. There is a two mile gap near Burlington and another 7 mile gap near Bristol. Only the northern half will be described. Trail runs south on the eastern side of Barkhamsted Reservoir (but not on the actual shore). The trail crosses CT 219, US 44 and US 202. The northern half terminates on Hotchkiss Road just north of Burlington and CT 4. See map.

Under Mountain and Paradise Lane Trails

Under Mountain length 1.9 miles, Paradise Lane length 2.1 miles.

Under Mountain Trail begins on CT 41 (parking available) 3.4 miles north of Salisbury, Ct. It provides an access to Bear Mountain, the AT at mile 47.8, and Sages Ravine Campsite. At 1.1 miles from CT 41 the Paradise Lane Trail diverges right, by-passing Bear Mt. and meeting the AT in Mass 0.6 miles south of Sages Ravine. The Under Mountain Trail continues west and meets the AT at Riga Junction. These two trails make a good one day or overnight trip to this area as they provide easy access to Bear Mt. and Sages Ravine (backcountry camping available here).

Directions: I-684 N to US 22. 22 north to US 44. 44 east to Salisbury, Ct. Left onto CT 41. Proceed north for 3.4 miles, trailhead on left.

Mohawk Trail Length 25.5 miles. (Formerly the AT through Mohawk S.F.)

The Mohawk Trail leaves R from the Appalachian Trail at northbound mile 22.1. The trail descends to the junction of CT 4 and US 7 (parking available here). The trail loops around through Mohawk State Forest and rejoins the AT just south of Falls Village at mile 34.4. 7.7 miles from the southern end, the Mattatuck Trail diverges R. There were many lean-tos and campsites on this trail when it was the AT. It is unknown at this time whether these camping areas will be allowed to remain. For a more complete description, consult the *Connecticut Walk Book* or an older edition of the *Appalachian Trail Guide to Massachusetts-Connecticut*, Volume #3 (prior to the Seventh Edition). In the Walk Book the Mohawk Trail is listed as the Appalachian Trail "Eastern" (Traditional) Route.

<*Connecticut Walk Book*, Fifteenth Edition, 1987 Connecticut Forest and Park Association, Inc. Pages 5-7.>

SECTION 6.4 ORGANIZATIONS AND FURTHER READING

ORGANIZATIONS

Connecticut Forest and Parks Association
www.ctwoodlands.org

Connecticut Forest and Parks Association organized in 1895 is dedicated to promoting outdoor recreation and helps to organized volunteers to maintain trails in Connecticut.

Connecticut Forest and Parks Association
16 Meriden Road
Middletown, Ct. 06457

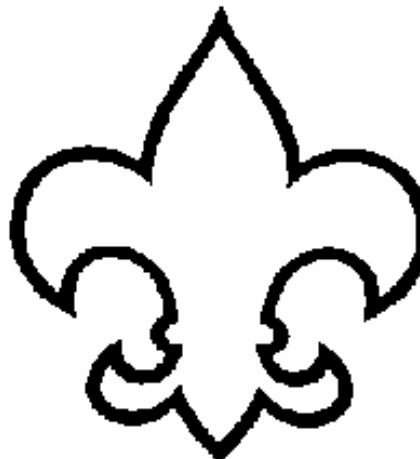
The New England Trail Conference tracks and publishes information regarding trails in New England. 33 Knollwood Drive, East Longmeadow, Ma 01028

PUBLICATIONS

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Eighteenth Edition
1997 Connecticut Forest and Parks Association

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Chapter 7 - RHODE ISLAND

Smallest state in the Union, Rhode Island is rich in history and culture and has varied terrain. Areas of interest include Newport, once the summer resort of the rich. All directions to Rhode Island will begin at Interstate 95.

SECTION 7.1 BOY SCOUT CAMPS IN RHODE ISLAND

BSA Camps in Rhode Island are operated by:

Narragansett Council (546)
175 Broad St
Providence, RI 02903
401-351-8700

Camp Aquapaug - South Kingstown

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, boating. DIRECTIONS: I-95 north to Exit 92 in Connecticut. CT 2 E to RI 78, 78 to US 1, proceed north.

Buck Hill Scout Reservation - Burrillville

Located near George Washington and Buck Hill Management Areas. Both areas have extensive trail systems. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, boating. DIRECTIONS: I-95 N to I-395, North to Exit 97, US 44 E to RI 100, turn N.

Champlin Scout Reservation - Cranston

FEATURES: Tent sites, cabins, Cub Scout summer program. DIRECTIONS: I-95 N into RI to I-295, exit at Cranston.

Sandsland - Block Island

FACILITIES: tent sites. DIRECTIONS: Ferry reservations are needed. Contact ferry company at 203-442-7891 or 9553. Ferries leave from New London, Ct (summer only) and Point Judith, R.I. I-95 N for Point Judith, Exit 92 in Connecticut to RI 78 to US 1 north.

Yawgoog Scout Reservation - Rockville

Located near Arcadia Management Area. Extensive trails in the area. The Pequot Narragansett Trail, which extends into Connecticut intersects with the camp trails. Consult the *AMC Massachusetts and Rhode Island Trail Guide*. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, summer program with high adventure activities, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS: I-95 to RI to Exit 3, RI 138 E.

SECTION 7.2 STATE PARKS AND MANAGEMENT AREAS IN RHODE ISLAND

Most state facilities operate seasonally. For information contact, Division of Parks and Recreation, 83 Park St, Providence, RI 02908
Address for State Parks and Conservation Areas, Rhode Island Tourism Division
One West Exchange Street, Providence, RI 02903, 401-277-2601, 800-556-2484 (out of state).

Burlingame State Park - Charlestown, Washington County - 401-322-7994

Season - April to October. FEATURES: Camping, showers, canoe-base camping. DIRECTIONS: I-95 N to Exit 92 in Connecticut. CT 2 to RI 78, 78 to US 1 N.

Ninigret Conservation Area - Charlestown, Washington County

Contact Division of Parks and Recreation (address above). 401-322-0450
Extensive trail system. FACILITIES: Primitive camping. DIRECTIONS: I-95 N to Exit 92 in Connecticut. CT 2 to RI 78, 78 to US 1 N.

George Washington Management Area - West Glocester, Providence County

Division of Forest Environment
RR 2
Box 466
Chapechet, RI 02814
401-568-2013

Located near Buck Hill Scout Reservation (546), and Buck Hill Management Area. FACILITIES: Camping, hiking, cabins, primitive and back country camping. DIRECTIONS: I-95 N to I-395, north to Exit 97, east on US 44

Bay Island Park Camping Areas - Islands in Narragansett Bay - 401-253-7482

Prudence Island - FACILITIES: Group camping and fishing, NO FIRES. DIRECTIONS: Ferry service via Prudence Island from Bristol. RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE. Ferry phone: 401-253-9808. I-95 N to Providence, I-195 E to RI 114 S to Bristol.

Dutch Island – Portsmouth. FACILITIES: Group camping, NO FIRES. DIRECTIONS: Access by boat only.

SECTION 7.3 TRAILS AND FURTHER READING

Pequot Narragansett Trail (Narragansett Trail in RI)

Enters RI just north of Yawgoog Road. The trail travels with Yawgoog Road for a short distance and leaves to the right in the vicinity of Yawgoog Pond. Following the west shore of the pond, Narragansett Trail intersects with the trails of Yawgoog Scout Reservation (546). The trail then heads south, crosses the Rockville-Hopkington Road and climbs some rocky ledges near Ell and Long Pond. Heading southeast the trail terminates near Canonchet on Canonchet Road. This is near Exit 3 on I-95. Since the trail extends into Connecticut and passes in the vicinity of a scout camp, backpacking trips can be planned using the route. See trails in Connecticut Chapter 6, Section 6.3.

For further trail descriptions in Rhode Island, consult:

AMC Massachusetts and Rhode Island Trail Guide
Seventh Edition
1995, Appalachian Mountain Club

Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), 5 Joy Street, Boston, MA 02108



Chapter 8 - PENNSYLVANIA

SECTION 8.1 BOY SCOUT CAMPS IN PENNSYLVANIA

Rock Hill Scout Reservation - Millford

Northern New Jersey (333)
25 Ramapo Valley Road
Oakland, NJ 07436
201-677-1000 or Verona Center 973-857-007

FEATURES: Tent sites, camp sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, summer program, activity field. DIRECTIONS: I-80 west in NJ to Exit 34B. NJ 15 N to US 206. 206 north to Co Rd 560. Proceed into Pa. Continue on straight on PA 739 for 11 miles.

Camp Lavigne - Benton

Columbia-Montour (504)
212 West Fifth Street
Bloomsburg, Pa 17815
717-784-2700

Located north of Benton, this camp lies near Ricketts Glen S.P., which has FEATURES for backpacking. Using the two areas it is possible to plan backpacking treks. FEATURES (year round), Cabins, tent sites, lean-tos, fishing, hiking, trail system, summer program. DIRECTIONS: I-80 W across N.J. into Pa. West on 80 to Exit 35. North on Pa. 487.

Camp Tuckahoe - Dillsburg

York-Adams Council (544)
2139 White Street
York, Pa 17404-4940
717-843-0901

Tuckahoe is nestled in the mountain ridges, which form the northern terminus of the Blue Ridge. The camp offers much in year round accommodations. Located near Gifford Pinchot and King's Gap State Parks, Camp Tuckahoe's trails connect with the Appalachian Trail (AT) (W). Also located near the junction of the Mason-Dixon Trail and the AT. FEATURES: Cabins, tent sites, trading post with weekend hours, summer program with high adventure activities, (Cabins have electricity and refrigerators). DIRECTIONS: I-80 W to I-287 S to I-78 W into Pa. Continue to I-81 and head south. Proceed S on 81 to I-83 past Harrisburg and continue straight to US 15. Head S on 15 to Dillsburg. Leave 15 at Mountain Road. Follow signs.

Camp Connewago – New Oxford

This is one of the oldest scout camp in the nation. Many buildings survive from the opening of the camp in 1919. FEATURES: Cabins, tent sites. DIRECTIONS: Same as Camp Tuckahoe. US 15 S to PA 94. Proceed S to Dicks Dam Rd. Turn R. Proceed to camp on L.

Wizard Ranch – Wrightsville

This 300 acre Scout ranch is located near the Susquannah River and the Mason-Dixon Trail. FEATURES: Primitive Camping. DIRECTIONS: I-80 W to I-287 S to I-78 W into Pa. Continue to I-81 and head south. Proceed S on 81 to I-83 past Harrisburg to US 30. East to camp.

Seven Mountain Scout Camp - Spring Mills

Juniata Valley (497)
240 Bratton Ave
Lewistown, Pa 16875
717-364-3936

Seven Mountain Scout camp is situated in the Allegheny Mountain Range amidst many state parks. These include, but are not limited to, Poe Valley, Poe Paddy, and Penn Roosevelt. Additionally, there are a variety of trails both in camp and on state FEATURES. Midstate Trail runs nearby. FEATURES: 7 cabins with running water, stoves, and heat. Capacity: 4-36 people, 8 tent sites; activity field; canoeing; swimming, summer program, Cub Scout program (closed in hunting season). DIRECTIONS: I-80 W from GW Bridge into PA. West to Exit 23. US 220 S to PA 144 south. US 322 E to Poe Valley Exit. Proceed 0.5 mile to Poe Valley.

Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation - Summit Station near Schukill Haven

Hawk Mt. Council (528)
4901 Pottsville Pike
Reading, PA 19605-1284
610-926-3406

Hawk Mt. is situated near the Appalachian Ridge. Located close to the Appalachian Trail (AT) (W) at mile 94.6. The camp is excellently positioned for use as a high adventure base. FEATURES: 6 cabins, tent sites, lean-tos, summer program with high adventure activities and COPE. DIRECTIONS: I-80 from GW Bridge. I-287 south to I-78 west. 78 into PA. West to Exit 7. PA 183 north. Turn west at Blue Ridge Hotel.

Camp Acahela - Blakeslee

Goose Pond Scout Reservation - Lake Ariel

Northeastern (501)
1 Bob Mellow Drive
Moosic, Pa 18507
570-207-1227

Acahela is located in the heart of the Poconos, this camp provides easy access to many winter recreation areas such as skiing. FEATURES/Acahela: cabins, tent sites, rifle and archery range, summer program, Cub Scout program. Goose Pond: Tent sites, boating, lean-tos, cabins, activity fields, summer program with high adventure activities. DIRECTIONS: I-80 W from GW Bridge. For Acahela continue into PA. W to Exit 43. PA 115 N to fork in road. (Red arrow painted on rock). Turn left. For Goose Pond while still in NJ, use Exit 34B. NJ 15 north to US 206. 206 to Milford, PA. US 6 to I-84, west on 84 to Exit 5. PA 191 north.

Camp Minsi - Pocono Summit

Trexler Scout Reservation - Jonas

Minsi Trails Council (502)
P.O. Box 20624
Lehigh Valley PA 18002-0624
610-264-8551

Minsi and Trexler are located close to the major ski areas of the Poconos and also close to many canoe and rafting bases. Minsi's Weygadt Conference Center houses 24 people with kitchen and bath. FEATURES: Cabins, conference center

with overnight FEATURES, lean-tos, tent sites, summer program. Trexler also has a Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS: I-80 W from GW Bridge into Pa. For Minsi, exit at I-380. North to Exit 8. West on PA 940 to camp which is on right. For Trexler, Exit 46S - US 209 S. Follow 209 to PA 534, turn right, proceed to Jonas. Camp on right.

Resica Falls Scout Reservation - Marshalls Creek

Cradle of Liberty (525)
Parkway 22nd and Winter Streets
Philadelphia, Pa. 19103
215-488-9811

Located in the eastern Poconos near the Delaware Water Gap, Resica Falls is just south of state forest land which is encircled by the thirty mile long Thunder Swamp Trail (B). The camp also offers high adventure activities in its own Fawn Run Wilderness Area. Located near many major ski areas. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, summer program, high adventure program. DIRECTIONS: From GW Br, I-80 W across NJ into PA to Exit 52. US 209 N to PA 402. 402 N for 6 miles, camp on right.

Musser Scout Reservation - Green Lane

Cradle of Liberty (525)
Parkway 22nd and Winter Streets
Philadelphia, Pa. 19103
215-488-9811

Delmont, Garrison, and Hart are part of this Scout Reservation. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, activity field, boating, summer program, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS: NJ Tpk to Exit 6. PA Tpk west to NE Extension, N to Exit 31. N on PA 63 to Upper Ridge Road. One mile to Delmont. Hart is located near PA 63.

Hidden Valley Scout Reservation - Loysville

Keystone Area Council (515)
One Baden Powell Lane
PO Box 389
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
717-766-1591

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, activity fields, boating, summer program, Cub Scout program, nearby hiking trails. DIRECTIONS: I-78 W to I-81 S. 81 to Exit 20, PA 944 W to "Y" in road (about 3.9 miles west of Wertzville). Proceed to top of mountain and turn R onto PA 34 N to PA 850. 850 west to PA 233. Continue on 233 (ignoring 850) about two miles past Landisburg after crossing Shermans's Creek turn right at "Y." Follow signs for camp.

Bashore Scout Reservation - Licksdale

Pennsylvania Dutch (524)
630 Janet St, Suite B-114
Lancaster, PA 17601-4582
717-394-4063

Bashore is located in northern Lebanon County not far from Swatara State Park and the Appalachian Trail (AT) (W) where it traverses Swatara Gap. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, activity field, boating, summer program, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS: I-78 W to I-81 N to Exit 30. Right into Licksdale, then left going North. Bear left PA 443, opposite Swatara State Park.

Camp J. Edward Mack - Newmanstown near Brickerville

Pennsylvania Dutch (524)
630 Janet St, Suite B-114
Lancaster, PA 17601-4582
717-394-4063

Camp is located on the Horse Shoe Trail (Y) at a point where no camping is available. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, activity, boating, summer program, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS: Pennsylvania Turnpike west to Exit 20. North on PA 72 to US 322. Turn east.

Camp Karoondinha - Milmont

Susquehanna Council (533)
815 Northway Road
Williamsport Pa 17701-3891
570-326-5121

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, activity program, boating, Cub Scout summer program. DIRECTIONS: I-80 W into PA to Exit 30. US 15 S. PA 45 W to PA 235. Turn left and follow sign for Camp "K."

Ockanickon Scout Reservation - Pipersville

Bucks County Council (777)
1 Scout Way
Doylestown, PA 18901
215-348-9436

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, activity field, summer program with high adventure activities, COPE. DIRECTIONS: I-287 to Sommerville, NJ. US 22 west to US 202 S. 202 S into PA to PA 413. N on 413 to Stump Rd. Turn right.

Camp Brule' - Forksville

Five Rivers (375)
P.O. Box 5190
Horseheads, NY 14844-5190
607-796-0699

Camp Brule' is located near World's End State Park. It also lies near the but not on the Loyalsock Trail.

Treasure Island Scout Reservation - Pipersville

Cradle of Liberty (525)
Parkway 22nd and Winter Streets
Philadelphia, Pa. 19103
215-488-9811

This unique camp is situated on an island in the Delaware River. The camp is actually located in New Jersey, and is only accessible by boat. It has the further distinction of being the founding place of the Order of the Arrow (founded here in the Summer of 1915 by Dr. E. Urner Goodman). FEATURES: tent sites, cabins, lean-tos, activity fields, boating, summer program with high adventure activities. Note: No evening arrivals! (includes Fridays). DIRECTIONS: Verrazano Br. I-278 W to NY 440 S. 440 into NJ onto I-287. 287 N to US 22 W to US 202 S. Continue to Delaware River Bridge, exit onto PA 32. Proceed N, parking on left, ferry slip on right.

Camp Sinoquipe - Fort Littleton

Mason-Dixon Council (221)

18600 Crestwood Dr
Hagerstown, MD 21742
301-739-1211

FEATURES: Campsites, cabins, lean-tos, summer program, Cub Scout program (closed in hunting season).
DIRECTIONS: NJ Turnpike to Exit 6, PA Tpk Exit 13.

Elk Lick Scout Reservation - Smethport

Allegheny Highlands (382)
50 Hough Hill Road
Box 0261
Falconer, NY 14733-0261
716-665-2697

Elk Lick consists of 1500 acres of heavily wooded land in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains, the reservation is near Allegheny National Forest. FEATURES: Tent sites, cabins, activity field, boating, summer program with high adventure activities, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS: I-80 W into PA, proceed to Exit 18. PA 153 north to US 219, 219 N to US 6, 6 E to Smethport.

Camp Seph Mack - Penn Run

Penn's Woods Council (508)
501 15th Street
Windber, PA 15963
814-467-5557

Situated in the western Allegheny Mountains of western Pa. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, summer program, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS: NJ tpke S to Exit 6. PA Tpk W to Exit 11. US 220 N to US 22 W to US 422 W to Indiana, PA.

Camps Anderson and Joseph – Tyrone and Bedford

See Penn's Woods above.

Joseph is located near historic trails of the area. FEATURES: Tent sites, primitive camping. DIRECTIONS: Anderson; I-80 W to US 220 S. 220 S to 0.5 miles past Bald Eagle. Turn R. Joseph; NJ Tpk to Pa Tpk. W to Interchange 10. US 30 W.

Camp Anawanna - Amity

Greater Pittsburgh (527)
Flagg Plaza
1275 Bedford Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-3699
412-471-2927

FEATURES: Cabins, tent sites, lean-tos. DIRECTIONS: Pa Tpk west to Exit 8. I-70 W to I-79. S to Exit 5. Right to US 19, then right again, first left, camp on right.

Camp Baker - Beaver Falls

See Greater Pittsburgh (527) above.
412-471-2927

FEATURES: Tent sites and lean-tos. DIRECTIONS: PA Tpk W to Exit 2 (nearly the entire length). South on PA 18.

Camp Guyasuta - Sharpsburg

Greater Pittsburgh (527)
Flagg Plaza

1275 Bedford Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-3699
412-471-2927

FEATURES: cabins, tent sites, lean-tos, summer program with high adventure activities. DIRECTIONS: PA Tpk to Exit 5. West on PA 28. Exit Island Park Br., Freeport Road. West to 23rd St.

Heritage Scout Reservation - Farmington

Greater Pittsburgh (527)
Flagg Plaza
1275 Bedford Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-3699
412-471-2927

FEATURES: Summer program in 3 camps, 2,000 acre camp 270 acre lake, cabins, tent sites, lean-tos, summer program with high adventure activities, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS: PA Tpk to Exit 8, south on US 119 to US 40. E on 40 for 14 miles past Uniontown. Right at tavern, proceed 2.5 miles.

Camp Olmsted - Scandia

Chief Corn Planter (538)
316 Fourth Street
Warren, Pa 16365

This camps lodge adviser boasts that they can easily train a Philmont crew at their camp. The camp is located next to the Allegheny National Forest with limitless camping and hiking opportunities. They are also situated on the Allegheny-Kinzua Reservoir with 100 miles of shore. FEATURES: Tent sites, cabins, boating, summer program with high adventure activities and buckskin camping, activity field. DIRECTIONS: I-87 N to Exit 16. NY 17 W to Exit 17. Proceed south to Scandia.

Custaloga Town Scout Reservation - Carlton

French Creek (532)
1815 Robison Road West
Erie, Pa. 16509
814-868-5571

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, boating, summer program with high adventure activities. DIRECTIONS: I-80 W into PA to Exit 11. US 322 West to Carlton.

Camp Agawan - Princeton

Moraine Trails (500)
830 Morton Ave
Butler, PA, 16001
724-287-6791

FEATURES: Tent sites, cabins. DIRECTIONS: I-80 W into PA, W to I-79. South on 79 to Exit 29. West on US 422.

Camp Bucoco - Slippery Rock

Moraine Trails (500)
830 Morton Ave
Butler, PA, 16001
724-287-6791

FEATURES: Tent sites, cabins, boating, summer program, activity field. DIRECTIONS: I-80 W into PA, W to I-79. South on 79 to Exit 30. East on PA 108.

Camp Mountain Run - Pennfield

Bucktail (509)
209 1st Street.
DuBois, PA 15801
814-371-5650

Mountain Run is located on the western edge of extensive state forest land near Parker Dam State Park. This park is the terminus of the Quehanna Trail. FEATURES: Tent sites, cabins, activity program, summer program, high adventure activities, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS: I-80 West into PA to Exit 18, PA 153 N to Pennfield.

Eberly Scout Reservation- Bakersville

Westmoreland-Fayette (512)
2 Garden Center Drive
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-837-1630

FEATURES: Summer program only. DIRECTIONS: NJ Tpk to Exit 6. PA Tpk W to Exit 10. West on PA 31.

Camp Tenacharison - Smithton

See Westmoreland-Fayette above

FEATURES: Tent sites, cabins, activity field. DIRECTIONS: NJ Tpk to Exit 6. PA Tpk W to Exit 8. West on I-70 to Exit 23.

Twin Echo Scout Reservation – New Florence

Greater Pittsburgh (527)
Flagg Plaza
1275 Bedford Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-3699
412-471-2927

FEATURES: Tent sites, cabins, activity fields, boating, summer program, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS: NJ Tpk to Exit 6. PA Tpk W to Exit 9. North on PA 711.

SECTION 8.2 STATE PARKS IN PENNSYLVANIA

Most parks in Pennsylvania are open only from April to October. Check carefully in advance. Group campers should reserve in advance. Maps of each state park as well as additional information is available from:

Bureau of State Parks
P.O. Box 1467
Harrisburg, Pa 17120

STATE PARKS IN EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Caledonia State Park - Adams and Franklin Counties

41 Rock Mountain Road
Fayetteville, PA 17222
717-352-2161

Located on the Appalachian Trail (AT) (W). FEATURES: Swimming pool, hiking, X-Cntry, bicycling, camping, showers, group camp sites, cabins.

DIRECTIONS: From GW Bridge, I-80 west to I-287 south. I-78 west into PA to I-81, 81 south to Exit 6, east on US 30.

Pine Grove Furnace State Park - Cumberland County

RD 2 Box 399B
Gardners PA 17324
717-486-7174

On the Appalachian Trail (AT) (W) near Ironmasters Mansion of American Youth Hostel (AYH). See Appendix A. FEATURES: Swimming, hiking, camping, X-Cntry, group camping. DIRECTIONS: From GW Bridge, I-80 W to I-287 S. I-78 W into PA to I-81, 81 S to Exit 11, south on PA 223.

Worlds End State Park - Sullivan County

PO Box 62
Forks ville, PA 18616
717-924-3287

Worlds End is located west of Wilkes-Barre in the northeastern Pennsylvania Park Region. The 58 mile Loyalsock Trail runs through the park. Consult *Pennsylvania Hiking Trails*. FEATURES: playing field, swimming, X-Cntry, bicycling, camping, youth group camping, backcountry campsites, showers. DIRECTIONS: From George Washington Br I-80 W into PA. West on 80 to Exit 34. PA 42 N to US 220. North to PA 154 then west.

Ricketts Glen State Park - Luzerne County

RD 1, PO Box 251
Benton, PA 17814
717-477-5675

Ricketts Glen has over 13,000 acres of land and is noted for its cascading waterfalls. The park is located near Camp Lavigne operated by Columbia-Montour Council (504). Extensive trail system. Consult *Pennsylvania Hiking Trails*. FEATURES: swimming, fishing, camping, hiking, cabins, youth group camping, back country sites, showers. DIRECTIONS: From GW Bridge, I-80 W into PA. West to Exit 35. North on PA 487.

French Creek State Park - Berks County

RD 1, Box 448
Elverson, PA 19520
215-582-1514

French Creek is situated on the southeast Park Region near Reading. There are over 43 miles of trails in the park. In addition, the Horse Shoe Trail (Y) traverses the park on its route from the Appalachian Trail to Valley Forge. The park is also near the historic Hopewell Village and Furnace. Trail map is available from the Brandywine outing club, box 7033, Wilmington DE 19803. Also consult *Pennsylvania Hiking Trails*. FEATURES: Playing field, swimming, hiking, camping, group camping, cabins, showers. DIRECTIONS: NJ Turnpike South to Exit 6. Pennsylvania Tpk to Exit 23. North on PA 100 to PA 23. West on 23 to PA 345. Then north.

Lackawana State Park - Lackawana County

RD 1 box 251
Dalton, PA 18414
717-945-3239

Open April to October. One of Pennsylvania's newest parks, Lackawana is situated on a man-made lake north of Scranton.

Four miles of hiking trails are available. Map available from park administration. FEATURES: playing field, swimming, X-Cntry, fishing, group sites, hiking, showers. DIRECTIONS: From GW Bridge, I-80 west into PA. I-380 north to Scranton. I-81 north to Exits 60-61. Then west.

Hickory Run State Park - Carbon County

RD 1, Box 81
White Haven, PA 18661
717-443-9991

Hickory Run is in the Pocono Mountains not far from the ski areas. There are 36 miles of hiking trails in the park, unfortunately backcountry camping is not permitted. There are large boulder fields, a remnant of the Ice Age. Hawks Falls are also an interesting feature in the park. Trail map available from the park administration. FEATURES: playing field, swimming, hiking, showers, X-Cntry, camping, group campsites. DIRECTIONS: From GW Bridge, I-80 west into PA. West to Exit 41. East on PA 534 for 5 miles.

Promised Land State Park - Pike County (also Delaware State Forest and Bruce Lake Natural Area)

RD 1 Box 96
Greentown PA 18246
717-676-3428

Three-thousand acres of parkland are surrounded by eight-thousand acres of forest and natural area. No back country camping. Consult *Pennsylvania Hiking Trails*. FEATURES: playing field, fishing, camping, cabins, 1 group camping area. DIRECTIONS: I-80 West into NJ to Exit 34B. NJ 15 N to US 206. North to Milford PA. West on US 6 to I-84. West on 84 to Exit 7. Then south.

Locust Lake State Park - Schuylkill County

c/o Tuscarora State Park Contact Station
RD., Box 24A
Barnesville, PA 18214
717-467-2772
717-467-2404

There are 11,000 acres of land in this park, which is north of Pottstown. April to October. FEATURES: boating, swimming, bicycling, hiking, camping (modern and primitive). DIRECTIONS: From GW Bridge, I-80 W into PA. South on I-81 to Exits 36-37.

Nockamixon State Park - Bucks County

RD 3 box 125 A
Quakertown, PA 18951
215-538-2151

On Lake Nockamixon. FEATURES: Playing field, swimming, boating, hiking, cabins. DIRECTIONS: From GW Bridge, I-80 W to I-287 S. I-78 West into PA. Take first exit in PA. South on PA 611 to Harrow.

Ridley Creek State Park - Delaware County

Sycamore Mills Road
Media, PA 19063
215-566-4800

Twenty-six thousand acre park. West of Philadelphia on PA 3. FEATURES: Playing field, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, X-Cntry, one group camp site. DIRECTIONS: From GW Bridge, I-95 to NJ Tpke, south to Exit 2. US 320 to West into PA. Proceed past Chester to PA 452. North on 452 to 352. Continue north to Gradysville. Right to State Park.

Fort Washington State Park - Montgomery County

500 Bethlehem Park
Fort Washington, Pa 19034
2155-646-2942

Located north of Philadelphia on PA 39, the State Park offers group camping close to Philadelphia and Valley Forge. FEATURES: Playing field, fishing, 5 miles of hiking trails, 1 group camp site, scenic R.R. DIRECTIONS: NJ Tpke south to Exit 6. PA Tpke west to Exit 26.

Gifford Pinchot State Park - York County

2200 Rosstown Road
Lewisberry, PA 17339
717-432-5011

This State park is located on the Mason-Dixon Trail. There are also many BSA camps in the area operated by York-Adams Council (544).

FEATURES: Playing field, swimming, boating, X-Cntry, camping, showers, cabins. DIRECTIONS: I-78 W into PA to I-81 S. 81 to I-83. South on 83 to Exit 15. PA 177 south.

Codorus State Park - York County

RD 3, Box 118
Hanover, Pa 17331
717-637-2816

FEATURES: Activity field, swimming, fishing, boating, hiking, X-Cntry, group camping, showers. DIRECTIONS: NJ Turnpike to Exit 6. Pa Turnpike to Exit 21. US 222 S to US 30. West past York. Left onto PA 116. Left again onto PA 216.

Susquehannock State Park - Lancaster County

c/o Gifford Pinchot
2200 Rosstown Road
Lewisberry, PA 17339
717-432-5011
717-548-3361

Located on the Susquehanna River south of Lancaster. Mason-Dixon Trail on the other side of the river connected by the PA 372 Bridge. FEATURES: Playing field, hiking, 1 group camping area. DIRECTIONS: NJ Tpk south for its entire length past Exit 1. Cross Delaware Memorial Bridge. I-295 S to I-95. Continue on 95 into Maryland to Exit 100. Turn right and follow MD 272 N into PA. Continue to PA 372. Turn west.

Tobyhanna and Gouldsboro State Parks - Monroe County

PO box 387
Tobyhanna, PA 18466
717-894-8336

These two state parks have a combined acreage of almost 3,500 acres. Both parks have an extensive trail system totaling 22 miles. While there is no camping in Gouldsboro, backpacking trips can be planned utilizing the two parks. A trail ends at the corner of PA 507 and 435 at Exit 6 in I-380. Gouldsboro: FEATURES: Swimming, boating, X-Cntry, hiking. Tobyhanna: FEATURES: Camping, playing field, swimming, hiking, bicycling, X-Cntry.

DIRECTIONS: From GW Bridge, I-80 W into PA. I-380 north. For Tobyhanna, take Exit 7 and PA 423 N. For Gouldsboro, take Exit 6 and PA 507.

Lackawana State Forest - Lackawana County

District Forester
401 Scranton Office Building
100 Lackawanna Ave
Scranton, Pa. 18503
717-963-4564

Pinchot Trail System is located in the forest. There is a twenty-five mile blue blazed loop with spur trails blazed in red. Consult *Pennsylvania Hiking Trails*. FEATURES: Wilderness camping. DIRECTIONS: I-80 west into Pa. Continue to Exit 43. Proceed north on PA 115. Turn right onto road to Thornhurst. Turn left in Thornhurst towards Bear Lake. No formal FEATURES beyond picnic ground. Check with above address before using the forest.

OTHER STATE PARKS IN PENNSYLVANIA OFFERING GROUP CAMPING

Black Moshannon State Park - Centre County
Chapman State Park - Warren County
Colton Point State Park - Tioga County
Cook Forest State Park - Clarion County
Cowans Gap State Park - Fulton County
Kinzua Bridge State Park - McKean County
Kooser State Park - Somerset County
Laurel Hill State Park - Somerset County
Laurel Ridge State Park - Fayette County
Little Pine State Park - Lycoming County
McCall Dam State Park - Centre County
Moraine State Park - Butler County
Ole Bull State Park - Potter County
Parker Dam State Park - Clearfield County
Poe Paddy State Park - Centre County
Prince Gallitzin State Park - Cambria County
Pymatuning State Park - Crawford County
Raccoon Creek State Park - Beaver County
Ryerson Station State Park - Greene County
Shawnee State Park - Bedford County
Sizerville State Park - Cameron and Potter Counties
Yellow Creek State Park - Indiana County

<Most state park descriptions paraphrased from *Pennsylvania Hiking Trails*, 1987 Keystone Trails Association.>

SECTION 8.3 NATIONAL AREAS

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area - Monroe and Pike Counties
(also in New Jersey)

National Park Service Office
Eastern National Park and Management Assn.
Delaware Water Gap NRA
Bushkill, PA 18324

Originally indented to be part of the Tocks Island Dam Project (it is unlikely that the dam will ever be built), this area occupies the 35 mile stretch of the Delaware River in PA and NJ from Port Jervis, NY to Stroudsburg, PA. Hiking opportunities are numerous. The area is also ideal for canoeing as it straddles the Delaware River. Camping is only permitted in designated areas near the river. Detailed Maps are available from the National Park Service Office.

CAMPGROUNDS IN DELAWARE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Dingman's Campground - operates April - October

Reservations to:
Dingman's Campground
RD 1, Box 312
Dingman's Ferry, Pa 18328
717-828-7802

Group Camping (Reserve group campsites through area office in Bushkill).

- **Hidden Lake** - Group camping in Bushkill, Pa. FEATURES: Water from June to Labor Day.

- **River's Bend** - Group camping in Millbrook, NJ and Flatbrookville, NJ. NOTE: Bring your own water. FEATURES: camping, (RV camping at Dingman's Ferry), group camping at Hidden Lake and River's Bend. Backcountry camping on Appalachian Trail (AT) (W), see Appalachian Trail in New Jersey (Chapter 5, Section 5.4). Canoe camping on Delaware River. DIRECTIONS: I-80 W into New Jersey. For Dingman's Ferry - Exit 34B and take NJ 15 and US 206 north. Turn left at Co Rd 560. This will lead to Dingman's Ferry. For Hidden Lake Campsite, proceed W on I-80 into Pa. Take Exit 52. Proceed north on US 209 to Bushkill. Turn onto Hidden Lake Drive and proceed 2 miles. For River's Bend - I-80 west in NJ to Exit 1. Proceed along the river for 14 miles.



Allegheny National Forest

Allegheny National Forest HQ
Box 837
Warren, PA 16365

Located in northwestern PA, the forest consists of 500,000 acres of land. There are many hiking trails throughout the forest. These include The North Country Trail, which will, when completed, stretch from Vermont to North Dakota. Open camping is permitted in most areas of the forest (there are exceptions).

Note: Allegheny is NOT a national park, rather it is a national forest. As such, it is utilized for many different purposes, as distinct from a park, which is primarily used for recreation. Formal FEATURES may be limited. Plan and check accordingly before spending any time in the forest.

DIRECTIONS: I-80 W from GW Bridge across NJ. I-80 W in PA to Exits 16 and 13, then north. Exact instructions are not possible due to the size of the Forest.

SECTION 8.4 TRAILS IN PENNSYLVANIA

Appalachian Trail (AT) (W) Blazes: White (W), length 229.7 miles in Pa.

Appalachian Trail enters PA at the Delaware Water Gap via the I-80 Bridge (no parking or stopping on the bridge). Use Dunfield Parking Area in NJ on I-80. See Chapter 5, Section 5.4 Trails in New Jersey. In PA take the first exit off I-80 marked Delaware Water Gap. Proceed south on PA 611 to Delaware Avenue at the intersection of Main Street and Mountain Road. After leaving the Gap, the AT climbs Mt Minsi and proceeds in a generally southwesterly direction keeping to the ridges and only losing height to traverse the many gaps of northwestern Pa. The AT crosses the Susquehanna River at Clarks Ferry (US 22 - Exit 23 on I-81 southbound). The Trail then passes through Duncannon, famous for being the midpoint of the AT. Veering off more to the south the AT crosses Blue Mt and then enters the Cumberland Valley. The AT leaves PA at Penn Mar, PA (Exit 3 off I-81, PA 16 E to Rouzerville, R to Pen Mar). State Parks on the trail are Pine Grove Furnace in Cumberland County and Caledonia State Park straddling Adams and Franklin Counties. Boy Scout Camps located near the AT are Bashore Scout Res. (524) at Licksdale and Camp Tuckahoe (544) near Dillsburg.

Note: water may be difficult to obtain on the northern sections of the trail after mid summer. For more information on the AT in Pa consult, *Appalachian Trail Guide to Pennsylvania*, Vol. #5, , 1985, Keystone Trails Association, Lib. of Cong. Cat. No: 85-050572 – newer editions available.

Loyalsock Trail (LT) (R) Blazes: Red (R), Length: 60 miles.

The Loyalsock Trail runs northeast from a point on PA 87 ten miles north of Montoursville. It parallels the Loyalsock Creek for most of its length. LT is a ridge trail and traverses state forest lands. Formal FEATURES may be obtained at World's End State Park near the eastern terminus. Camp Brule', B.S.A. (375) is located in the Forksville area near World's End S.P. The trail terminates on US 220 at Ringdale. Maps and guides available from Williamsport Alpine Club, P.O. Box 501, Williamsport, Pa. 17701.

Mason-Dixon Trail (B & W) Blazes: Blue and White (B & W), Length: 204 miles.

The Mason-Dixon Trail forms a large loop in eastern Pa, northern Delaware, and Maryland. It begins on the Horse Shoe Trail (B) just north of Ludwigs Corner, Pa. Travelling south via the Brandywine trail, the blazes here are white. Passing Marsh Creek State Park, the trail passes near the AYH Hostel of the same name. At Chadds Ford the blue blazes begin. Mason-Dixon crosses into Delaware and turning west enters Maryland passing Elk Neck State Park and Rodney Scout Reservation (81). Crossing the Susquehanna River the trail arrives at Harve de Grace where it turns north and follows the west bank of the river. This is one of the few hilly sections of the trail. Continuing north, Mason-Dixon passes Susquehanna S.P. and passes through Broad Creek Scout Reservation (220). Re-entering Pennsylvania the trail keeps to the river as far as Wrightsville. Here it veers off to the northwest. Travelling northwest, Mason-Dixon passes through Gifford Pinchot State Park and terminates on the Appalachian Trail (AT) (W) near the village of Dillsburg. Camp Tuckahoe (544) is nearby. Note: Trail is mostly level except when near the AT and Susquehanna River. Great deal of road walking.

Horse Shoe Trail (Y) Blazes: Yellow, Length 130 miles.

Begins on the Appalachian Trail (AT) (W) just N of PA 325. It travels southeast to Valley Forge. French Creek S.P. is located on the trail east of Geigertown. American Youth Hostels (AYH) has a facility on the trail at Bowmansville (there are other AYH FEATURES but these are not set up for groups). The trail is also used by horses. Maps and guides available from: Horse Shoe Trail Club, Margeret Chalfant, 509 Cheltena Ave, Jenkintown, Pa 19046. DIRECTIONS: NJ Turnpike to Exit 6. PA Turnpike W. Exits 24 through 19.

SECTION 8.5 ORGANIZATIONS AND FURTHER READING

ORGANIZATIONS

Keystone Trails Association (KTA)
PO Box 251
Cogan Station, PA 17728

The KTA maintains the Appalachian Trail in Pennsylvania. It also maintains most of the other trails and publishes *Pennsylvania Hiking Trails*. This guide describes these trails and the lists associations who maintain them when it is not the KTA.

PUBLICATIONS

For more information consult:

Pennsylvania Hiking Trails, 10th ed., 1987
Keystone Trails Association
NEWER EDITIONS AVAILABLE

Appalachian Trail Guide to Pennsylvania, Vol. #5, , 1985
Keystone Trails Association
Lib. of Cong. Cat. No: 85-050572
NEWER EDITIONS AVAILABLE

Both books obtainable from:
Keystone Trails Association
PO Box 251
Cogan Station, PA 17728

Chapter 9 - MASSACHUSETTS

SECTION 9.1 BOY SCOUT CAMPS IN MASSACHUSETTS

Chesterfield Scout Reservation - Chesterfield

Great Trails (243)
88 Old Windsor Road
Dalton, Ma 01226
413-684-3542

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, summer program, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS: I-91 N to Exit 19. MA 9 west to Williamsburg. Turn left onto MA 143. Proceed to Sugar Hill Road. Turn right.

Horace A. Moses Scout Reservation - Woronoco

Pioneer Valley (234)
249 Exchange Street
Chicopee, Ma. 01013-1874
413-594-9196

FEATURES: Tent sites, cabins, boating, summer program with high adventure activities, Cub Scout program, COPE. DIRECTIONS: I-95 N to Exit 27A in Connecticut. CT 8 N into Massachusetts. MA 8 north to MA 23. Turn right. Proceed on east on 23 for 15 miles to Woronoco.

Treasure Valley Scout Reservation - Rutland

Mohegan (254)
19 Harvard Street
Worcester, Ma 01609-2870
508-752-3768

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, summer program with high adventure activities, COPE, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS: I-84 east to US 20. 20 east to MA 49. Turn left. 49 N to MA 9. Turn right. MA 9 east to MA 31. Proceed north to Barclay St turn left and proceed to camp on left.

Camp Split Rock - Ashburnham

Nashua Valley (230)
1980 Lunenburg Road
Lancaster, Ma 01523
978-534-3532

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS: I-91 N to Exit 27. MA 2 E to MA 101. 101 N to Ashburnham.

Camp David Collier - Gardner

Nashua Valley (230)
1980 Lunenburg Road
Lancaster, Ma 01523
978-534-3532

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, summer program, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS: I-91 N to Exit 27. MA 2 E to Gardner. Turn north.

E. Paul Robsham Jr. Scout Reservation - Bolton

Knox Trail (244)
490 Union Ave

Framingham, Ma. 01701
508-872-6551

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, summer program, COPE. DIRECTIONS: I-84 E to Mass Pike (I-90). Proceed east to Exit 11A. I-495 N to Exit 27. MA 117 west to Bolton.

Camp Acton - Acton

Boston-Minuteman (240)
199 State Street / 3rd floor
Boston, Ma 02109
617-723-0007

FEATURES: Tent sites. DIRECTIONS: I-84 E to Mass Pike (I-90). Proceed east to Exit 11A. I-495 N to Exit 29. MA 2 east to Acton.

Nobscot Scout Reservation - Sudbury

Knox Trail (244)
490 Union Ave
Framingham, Ma. 01701
508-872-6551

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS: I-84 E to Mass Pike (I-90). Proceed east to Exit 12. MA 9 east to Framingham. Turn left (north).

Sayre Scout (Training) Reservation - Milton

Boston-Minuteman (227)
199 State Street / 3rd floor
Boston, Ma 02109
617-723-0007

Sayre is located within the famous Route 128 Loop. The 'T' (Boston Rapid Transit) is located near the camp making trips to historic downtown Boston possible. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, Cub Scout program, COPE. DIRECTIONS: I-95 N to I-93 (MA 128). 93 to Houghtons Pond exit (Exit 3). Proceed north one mile and turn right onto Hillside Street. After Police Station, turn left onto Unquity Road. Proceed one mile. Camp on left.

Camp Massasoit - Plymouth

Boston-Minuteman (227)
199 State Street / 3rd floor
Boston, Ma 02109
617-723-0007

Camp is near historic Plimouth Plantation and Plymouth, Ma. FEATURES: Tent sites, cabins, fishing, boating, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS: I-95 N to Providence, RI. I-195 E to US 44. 44 east to Plymouth.

Camp Norse - Plymouth

Annawon (225)
219 Winthrop Street
Taunton, Ma. 02780

508-824-4164

Camp is near historic Plymouth Plantation and Plymouth, Ma.
FEATURES: Tent sites, cabins, summer program.
DIRECTIONS: I-95 N to Providence, RI. I-195 E to US 44. 44 east to Plymouth.

Camp Squanto - South Carver

Old Colony (249)
2438 Washington Street
Canton, Ma. 02021
781-828-8360

Adjoins Myles Standish State Forest. This makes many high adventure backpacking trips possible. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, summer program with high activities, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS: I-95 N to Providence, RI. I-195 E to I-495. 495 north to Exit 2. MA 58 north.

Camp Cachalot - Plymouth

Narragansett (546) merged with Moby Dick (245)
175 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02903
401-351-8700

Adjoins Myles Standish State Forest. This makes many high adventure backpacking trips possible. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, summer program with high activities. DIRECTIONS: I-95 N to Providence, RI. I-195 E to US 44. 44 east to Plymouth.

Camp Greenough and Camp Richard
- Yarmouth Port/Nantucket

Cape Cod and Islands (224)
247 Willow Street
Yarmouth Port, Ma 02675
508-362-4322

Only scout camp on Cape Cod. Cape Cod Council will also arrange for camping on Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, summer program with program. Camp Richard is located on Nantucket. DIRECTIONS: I-95 N to Providence, RI. I-195 E to MA 25. 25 E to US 6. 6 onto Cape Cod. Continue east to Exit 7. Turn north.

Buxton Scout Reservation - Rehoboth

Narragansett (546)
175 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02903
401-351-8700

FEATURES: Tent sites, cabins, activity field. DIRECTIONS: I-95 north to Providence, RI. I-195 east to US 44. 44 east to Rehoboth.

SECTION 9.2 STATE PARKS AND FORESTS IN MASSACHUSETTS

For information contact:
Department of Environmental Management (DEM)
Division of Forest and Parks
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, Ma. 02202

Berkshire Region - South Mountain, 413-442-8928

Berkshire Region HQ
740 South Street
Box 144
Pittsfield, Ma 01202

Beartown State Forest - Monterey, Berkshire County
Blue Hill Road, Monterey, 413-528-0904

Beartown is an undeveloped State Forest the second largest in Massachusetts. There is an extensive trail system, in addition to being located on the Appalachian Trail (AT) (W). One of the features of the park is Laura Tower, which provides views of the surrounding countryside. Additional trail literature, available from the Laura Hill Association can be found in the Stockbridge Library. Information also available from the AMC Massachusetts and Rhode Island Trail Guide. FEATURES: Group camping, hiking, X-Cntry, swimming, fishing, boating. DIRECTIONS: NY 22 N to Hillsdale (60 miles from the end of I-684). Turn right onto NY 23. Proceed east into Mass. Continue on MA 23 past Great Barrington. Turn left onto Brett Road about one mile past MA 57 Jct.

Clarksburg State Forest - Berkshire County - 413-663-6312

Appalachian Trail in Clarksburg S.F. The AT is not near the formal campsites. FEATURES: Camping, hiking, X-Cntry, swimming, fishing, boating, bicycling. DIRECTIONS: NY 22 N to Stephentown (about 90 miles north of the end of I-684). Turn right onto NY 43 and proceed east into Mass. Continue on MA 43 to MA 2. Proceed to North Adams. Turn left onto MA 8 and proceed north (after southbound 8 diverges left). Proceed 2.5 miles and turn left.

October Mtn State Forest - Lee, Berkshire County - 413-243-1778

October Mountain is the largest state forest in Mass. There are many miles of hiking trails. The Appalachian Trail crosses the park but does not visit the formal camping FEATURES. For more information on trails, consult the *AMC Massachusetts and Rhode Island Trail Guide*. Map available from the Mass DEM. FEATURES: Camping, hiking, X-Cntry, swimming, fishing, boating, showers. DIRECTIONS: I-95 N into Connecticut to Exit 27A. Proceed N on CT 8 into Massachusetts. Continue on MA 8 to US 20. Turn left and proceed west on 20 to Lee. Turn right onto Center Street and follow signs for Forest (about 2 miles).

Mt. Greylock State Reservation - Lanesborough, Berkshire County - 413-499-4262

Mt. Greylock is the highest point in Massachusetts. The summit is accessible by three roads and many trails. The Appalachian Trail passes over the summit. The reservation, which surrounds the mountain also, offers much in the way of hiking. Maps available from the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) and the Mass DEM. For more information on trails consult the *AMC Massachusetts and Rhode Island Trail Guide*. Special restrictions govern the Reservation. Check

carefully and plan accordingly. FEATURES: Camping, hiking, X-Cntry, fishing. DIRECTIONS: Reservation accessible from US 7, MA 2, and MA 8. NY 22 N to Stephentown (90 miles N of end of I-684). Turn right onto NY 43. Proceed into Mass. Turn right at Jiminy Peak. Proceed to US 7. For MA 2 and 8, stay on MA 43 to MA 2. Turn right. MA 8 meets 2 in North Adams. Turn south.

Mt. Washington State Forest - Berkshire County - 413-528-0330

Known as the most remote state facility in Massachusetts, Mt. Washington occupies the extreme southwestern corner of the state. The South Taconic Trail passes through the Forest. See Taconic State Park in New York. Many other miles of trails exist. For more information on trails consult the *AMC Massachusetts and Rhode Island Trail Guide* and the *New York Walk Book*. FEATURES: Backcountry camping, hiking, X-Cntry, boating, fishing. DIRECTIONS: NY 22 N to NY 343. Turn right. Proceed into Mass. Forest office located on East Street.

Pittsfield State Forest - Berkshire County - 413-442-8992

This Forest has within its boundaries Berry Pond that is the highest pond in Mass. There are many trails in the Forest. Consult *AMC Massachusetts and Rhode Island Trail Guide*. Maps available from the AMC and Mass DEM. Taconic Skyline Trail (W) (length, 21 miles) passes for about half of it's length through the Forest. Taconic Skyline is a ridge trail blazed in the 1930's by the C.C.C. It begins on MA 41 just opposite the Richmond cemetery and ends on US 7 1/2 mile N of Brodie Mtn. Road. FEATURES: Group camping, camping, fishing, X-Cntry, hiking, boating, swimming. DIRECTIONS: NY 22 N to New Lebanon (about 83 miles N of end of I-684). Turn right onto US 20. Proceed into Massachusetts to Pittsfield. Turn left onto US 7 and then left again onto West Street. Turn right on Churchill Street and left again onto Cascade Street 1.6 miles later. Follow signs.

Sandisfield State Forest - Berkshire County - 413-258-4774

FEATURES: Backcountry camping, fishing, cabins, hiking, boating, swimming. DIRECTIONS: I-95 N in Ct. to Exit 27A. CT 8 N into Mass. Turn left onto MA 57.

Savoy Mountain State Forest - Savoy, Berkshire County - 413-663-8649

Adjoins Mohawk Trail State Forest. There are three trails in Savoy Mountain S.F. Map available from Mass DEM. Consult *AMC Massachusetts and Rhode Island Trail Guide*. FEATURES: Camping, cabins, fishing, hiking, boating, showers, X-Cntry, swimming. DIRECTIONS: NY 22 N for 90 miles (past end of I-684) to Stephentown. Turn right onto NY 43 and proceed into Mass. Continue on MA 43 to MA 2. Proceed east past North Adams. Turn right.

Windsor State Forest - Winchendon, Berkshire County - 413-663-8469

FEATURES: Group camping, camping, fishing, hiking, swimming. DIRECTIONS: NY 22 N to New Lebanon (83 miles N of I-684). Turn east onto US 20. Proceed to Pittsfield. Turn left onto US 7 and then right onto MA 9. Proceed to Windsor. Turn left onto MA 8A.

Connecticut River Valley Region, 413-549-1461
Box 484
Amherst, Ma 01004

Brimfield State Forest - Hampden County - 413-245-9966

FEATURES: Group camping, boating, hiking, fishing, X-Cntry, swimming. DIRECTIONS: I-84 east to US 20 in Massachusetts. Proceed west.

Chester-Blandford State Forest - Hampden and Hampshire Counties - 413-354-6347

FEATURES: Camping, hiking, fishing. DIRECTIONS: I-95 N in Ct. to Exit 27A. CT 8 N to US 20. Turn right.

D.A.R. State Forest - Goshen, Franklin Hampshire Counties - 413-268-7098

Forest has a fire tower, which offers a panoramic view of the surrounding countryside. There are many ski, hiking, and horse trails in the park. Map available from Mass DEM and Forest HQ. Consult *AMC Massachusetts and Rhode Island Trail Guide*. FEATURES: Group camping, camping, boating, fishing, hiking, X-Cntry, showers, swimming. DIRECTIONS: I-91 N in Mass to Exit 19. Proceed west on MA 9.

Erving State Forest - Franklin County - 508-544-3939

The Metacomet-Monadnock Trail passes through this Forest. Erving also has an extensive trail system. Map available from the Mass DEM. Consult *AMC Massachusetts and Rhode Island Trail Guide*. FEATURES: Camping, boating, fishing, hiking, X-Cntry, showers, swimming. DIRECTIONS: I-91 N to Exit 27. E on MA 2 to MA 2A. Follow MA 2A to Dice Road.

Granville State Forest - Hampden County - 413-357-6611

Granville S.F. has been compared to a wild garden. Once a pioneer settlement and later an agricultural community, the remains of many buildings are found around the park. Old chimneys are used in many areas as picnic fireplaces. The Forest has an extensive trail system and adjoins Tunxis State Forest in Connecticut. Maps available from the Mass DEM. Consult *AMC Massachusetts and Rhode Island Trail Guide*. FEATURES: Camping, fishing, hiking, X-Cntry, swimming. DIRECTIONS: I-95 N in Ct. to Exit 27A. CT 8 N into Mass. Turn right onto MA 57. Proceed 2.5 miles past Tolland. Turn right.

Kenneth M. Dubuque Memorial State Forest - Franklin County - 413-339-6631

Extensive trail system with four lean-tos scattered about the Forest. These lean-tos are the only formal camping FEATURES, which exist in K. M. Dubuque. Terrain in the Forest is very rugged. Forest adjoins Savoy Mountain and Mohawk Trail State Forests. Maps available from the Mass DEM. Consult *AMC Massachusetts and Rhode Island Trail Guide*. Plan well in advance before using this Forest. FEATURES: Backcountry camping, boating, fishing, and hiking, X-Entry. DIRECTIONS: I-91 N to Exit 19. MA 9 W to MA 112. Turn right. Proceed north to MA 116. Turn west. Turn right onto MA 8A.

Mohawk Trail State Forest - Charlemont, Franklin County - 413-339-5504

Mohawk Trail S.F. lies in some very mountainous country. The 4 1/2 mile long Hoosac Tunnel is nearby. Extensive trail system. Forest adjoins Savoy Mountain and Dubuque State Forests. Warning: The Hoosac Tunnel is an active railroad tunnel. STAY AWAY FROM IT. FEATURES: Group camping,

camping, fishing, hiking, X-Cntry, swimming, showers.
DIRECTIONS: I-91 N to Exit 26. MA 2 west for 22 miles.

Tolland State Forest - Otis, Hampden County - 413-269-7268

FEATURES: Group camping, camping, showers, boating, fishing, hiking, X-Cntry, swimming. DIRECTIONS: I-95 N in Ct. to Exit 27A. North on CT 8 into Mass. Continue on MA 8 past New Boston.

Worcester County Region, 508-368-0126
Box 155
Clinton, Ma 01510

Federated Women's Club State Forest - Petersham, Worcester County - 508-939-8962

FEATURES: Group camping, fishing, hiking, X-Cntry.
DIRECTIONS: I-91 N into Mass. Take I-391 to Chicopee and proceed to South Hadley Falls. US 202 N to MA 122. Turn right. Forest on the right about 3 miles distant.

Otter River State Forest - Baldwinville, Worcester County - 508-939-8962

Adjoins Lake Dennison Recreation Area. FEATURES: Group camping, camping, fishing, hiking, X-Cntry, swimming.
DIRECTIONS: I-91 N to Exit 27. MA 2 east to US 202. Proceed north.

Tully Lake Recreation Area - Baldwinville, Worcester County - 508-939-8962

FEATURES: Backcountry camping, fishing, hiking, boating, X-Cntry, swimming. DIRECTIONS: I-91 N to Exit 27. MA 2 east to MA 2A. 2A to Athol. MA 32 north. Area on right.

Northeastern Region, 508-369-3350
817 Lowell Road
Carlisle, Ma 01741

Harold Parker State Forest - Reading, Essex County - 508-686-3391

Extensive trail system in the park. Map available from Mass DEM. Consult *AMC Massachusetts and Rhode Island Trail Guide*. FEATURES: Group camping, camping, showers, boating, fishing, hiking, X-Cntry, swimming. DIRECTIONS: Mass Pike (I-90) east to Exit 11A. I-495 N to Exit 42. South on MA 114.

Southeastern Region, 508-866-2580
Box 66
South Carver, Ma 02366

Boston Harbor Islands State Park - Suffolk County

349 Lincoln Street
Building #45
Hingham, Ma
617-740-1605

There are several islands in Boston Harbor, which are not developed. The City of Boston and Commonwealth of Massachusetts own Deer and Long Islands. Access is by ferry or private boat. FEATURES: Backcountry camping, fishing, boating.

Roland C. Nickerson State Park - Brewster, Barnstable County - 508-896-3491

One of the few camping FEATURES on Cape Cod besides BSA Camp Greenough (224) in Yarmouth and Shawme-Crowall S.F. The twenty-mile long Cape Cod Bicycle Trail (not described) passes through the park. FEATURES: Group camping, camping, fishing, boating, hiking, X-Cntry, swimming, bicycling. DIRECTIONS: I-95 N to Providence, RI. I-195 east to MA 25. 25 to US 6. 6 east Exit 10. MA 124 N to MA 6A. Turn right.

Myles Standish State Forest - South Carver, Plymouth County - 508-866-2526

Myles Standish is in the vicinity of Plimouth Plantation. There are two scout camps on the Forest boundaries. They are Camp Squanto (249) in South Carver to the west and Camp Cahcalot (546) in Plymouth to the northeast. FEATURES: Group camping, camping, fishing, boating, hiking, X-Cntry, swimming, bicycling. DIRECTIONS: I-95 N to Providence, RI. I-195 east to I-495. I-495 north to Exit 2. MA 58 north. Turn right.

Scusset Beach State Reservation - Sandwich, Barnstable County - 508-888-0589

Scusset Beach is located where the Cape Cod Canal meets Cape Cod Bay. FEATURES: Group camping, camping, fishing, boating, hiking, X-Cntry, swimming, bicycling. DIRECTIONS: I-95 N to Providence, RI. I-195 east to MA 25. MA 25 east to US 6. 6 east to junction with MA 3 at traffic circle. Take second exit from circle. Proceed east.

Shawme-Crowall State Forest - Sandwich, Barnstable County - 508-888-0351

Located on Cape Cod. This is one of three camping FEATURES on Cape Cod. The other two are R.C. Nickerson S.P. and BSA Camp Greenough (224) in Yarmouth. FEATURES: Group camping, camping, fishing, boating, hiking, X-Cntry, swimming, bicycling. DIRECTIONS: I-95 N to Providence, RI. I-195 east to MA 25. MA 25 east to US 6. 6 east past traffic circle junction with MA 3 over Cape Cod Canal Bridge. Take Exit 1 on the cape side. Proceed east on MA 6A. Turn right onto MA 130.

SECTION 9.3 TRAILS IN MASSACHUSETTS

Appalachian Trail (AT) (W) Blazes: white (W), length, 87.4 miles in Mass.

The Appalachian Trail enters Massachusetts near the junction of the Paradise Lane Trail. The route then descends into Sages Ravine. Camping is available here. Groups can come up the Undermountain Trail over Bear Mtn or by-pass the summit on the Paradise Lane Trail. The continues north over the western ridge of the Berkshires crossing Mt. Greylock (highest point in Mass.) and exits the state north of North Adams. For more information on the AT in Massachusetts:

Appalachian Trail Guide to
Massachusetts-Connecticut, Volume #3
Seventh Edition
1988 Appalachian Trail Conference
P.O. Box 807
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425-0807
ISBN # 0-917953-14-2
NEW EDITIONS AVAILABLE

Metacomet-Monadnock Trail (W) and Robert Frost Trail (O)

Metacomet-Monadnock blazes: white (W), length 102 miles in Mass.

Robert Frost blazes: orange (O), length 33 miles.

This trail is the continuation of the Metacomet Trail in Connecticut (See Trails in Connecticut). It enters Mass near the town line of Southwick and Agawam. Travelling north along the western ridge of the Connecticut River Valley, the trail crosses Provin and East Mountains and Mt. Tom while en route. At mile 27.6 it arrives at the Connecticut River. There is a heavily used boat ramp here but no public ferry service. After crossing the river the trail heads east across J. A. Skinner S. P. (not described). Leaving Skinner, Metacomet-Monadnock meets the Robert Frost Trail (O), which diverges, left. Metacomet-Monadnock continues east and turns north near the Quabbin Reservoir. Continuing north between the Amherst Area and the Quabbin the trail again meets the Robert Frost Trail (O) which enters from left. The Robert Frost Trail (O) coincides with the Metacomet-Monadnock for a short distance. Robert Frost (O) then leaves L and travels northwest and terminates at Mt. Toby Demonstration Forest (not described). Metacomet-Monadnock continues north and enters Erving State Forest just above MA 2. The trail then turns northeast and enters New Hampshire just east of MA/NH 32 at Falls Brook. The trail continues north in NH and terminates at the summit of Mt. Monadnock. For more information consult *AMC Massachusetts and Rhode Island Trail Guide*. Map and description available from the Berkshire Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club (BCAMC) RFD 3 Pratt Corner Road Amherst, Ma 01002.

SECTION 9.4 ORGANIZATIONS AND FURTHER READING
- ORGANIZATIONS

Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) is an organization dedicated to the preservation of the scenic beauty and economic value of mountains. The AMC has many activities including trail clearing. Contact at, 5 Joy Street, Boston, Ma. 02108, 617-523-0636

New England Trail Conference tracks and publishes information regarding trails in New England. Contact at, 33 Knollwood Drive, East Longmeadow, Ma 01028

PUBLICATIONS

AMC Massachusetts and Rhode Island Trail Guide
Seventh Edition
1995, Appalachian Mountain Club
Boston, Ma 02108

Appalachian Trail Guide to Massachusetts-Connecticut, Volume #3
Seventh Edition
1988 Appalachian Trail Conference
P.O. Box 807
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425-0807
ISBN # 0-917953-14-2
NEW EDITIONS AVAILABLE

New York Walk Book
Sixth Edition
1998 New York-New Jersey Trail Conference
- see Chapter 4 - New York for more information.



Chapter 10 - **NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND** (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont)

Northern New England (Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont) is the area in the most northeasterly part of the continental United States. Its outdoor FEATURES and potential experiences are both extensive and excellent. The area is home to two National Forests both with extensive trail systems, a National Park, and numerous state park and forest FEATURES. Trails are described in some very excellent publications dealing with the area. See Section 10.1.6, Section 10.2.4, and Section 10.3.3.

Major roads to Northern New England. NY 22 and US 7 serve western Vermont. I-95 N to Exit 21 in New York. I-287 W to I-684. 684 N to 22. US 7 parallels 22 for most of its length. 7 is Exit 15 on I-95 in Connecticut. Western Vermont may also be accessed by Interstate 87 (I-87 begins at the Bronx side of the Triboro Bridge).

Interstate 91 runs north along the Connecticut River from New Haven, CT to Derby Line, VT at the Canadian border. I-95 N into CT. I-91 is Exit 48.

Interstate 93 serves central New Hampshire. I-91 N to Hartford. I-84 east to the Mass Pike. East to Exit 11A. I-495 north to US 3 or I-93.

Interstate 95 serves Maine. It runs north from Kittery in the south to Houlton in the north near the New Brunswick/Maine (Canadian) border.

SECTION 10.1 VERMONT **SECTION 10.1.1 BOY SCOUT CAMPS IN VERMONT**

All Scout camps in Vermont are serviced by:

Green Mountain (592)
RD 3, P.O. Box 557
Waterbury, Vt. 05676-00557
802-244-5189

Mt. Norris Scout Reservation - Eden Mills

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, activity field, boating, summer program, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS: I-91 N to Exit 10. I-89 N to Exit 10. VT 100 N for 32 miles.

Camp Sunrise - Orwell

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, activity field, boating, summer program, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS: NY 22 N to NY 22A. Proceed into Vt. Continue N on VT 22A to Orwell

SECTION 10.1.2 STATE PARKS AND FORESTS IN VERMONT

STATE PARKS AND FORESTS WITH YOUTH GROUP CAMPING

There are seven state parks in Vermont, which have FEATURES for youth group camping. The camping areas consist of between four and five lean-tos, pit toilets, picnic tables and hand pump spring or well water. FEATURES are available all year except during hunting season in November. Reservations can be made after January 2 and should be

made at least ten days prior to arrival. Write or phone the park you wish to use.

Ascutney - Windsor, Windsor County

May to September: Ascutney State Park
RD #2

Other times: Park Regional Manager

Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation
Windsor, Vt. 05089
802-674-2060
No. Springfield, Vt. 05150

FEATURES: Youth group camping, tent sites, lean-tos, showers, swimming, fishing, hiking. DIRECTIONS: I-91 N to Exit 8. US 5 N.

Button Bay - Vergennes, Addison County

May to Columbus Day: Button Bay State Park
RD #3, Box 570
Vergennes, Vt. 05491
802-475-2377

Other times: Park Regional Manager
RR #2, Box 2161
Pittsford, Vt. 05763

Park is on the shores of Lake Champlain. FEATURES: Youth group camping, tent sites, lean-tos, showers, swimming, boating, fishing, hiking. DIRECTIONS: NY 22 N to NY 22A. Continue on 22A into Vt. VT 22A N to Vergennes. Turn left just before reaching Vergennes.

Camp Plymouth - Ludlow, Windsor County

May to Labor Day: Camp Plymouth State Park
RD #1, Box 489
Ludlow, Vt. 05149
802-228-2025

Other times: Park Regional Manager
Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation
RD Box 33
No. Springfield, Vt. 05150

Park also has tent sites available for group camping. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, swimming, boating, fishing, group camping. DIRECTIONS: I-91 N to Exit 6. VT 103 N to Ludlow. VT 100 north.

Kettle Pond Campground in Groton State Forest - Caledonia and Washington Cos.

Park Ranger
Kettle Pond
Groton State Forest
Marshfield, Vt. 05658
802-584-3820

Surrounded by Groton State Forest. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, (hiking, backpacking, and much more available in Groton S.F.) DIRECTIONS: I-91 N to Exit 17. US 302 W to VT 232. Turn right.

North Hero - North Hero, Grand Isle County

May to August: September to April:
North Hero State Park Park Regional Manager
North Hero, Vt. 05474 Department of Forests, Parks
802-372-8727 111 West Street
Essex Junction, Vt. 05452

Located on North Hero Island in Lake Champlain.
FEATURES: Youth group camping, tent sites, lean-tos, showers, swimming, boating, fishing, hiking. DIRECTIONS: I-87 N in NY (for nearly it's entire length) to Exit 42. US 11 N to US 2. US 2 into Vt. Turn left after crossing bridge just after leaving South Alburg.

Shaftsbury - Shaftsbury, Bennington County

May to Labor Day: Other times:
Park Ranger Park Regional Manager
Shaftsbury State Park RR #2, Box 2161
Shaftsbury, Vt. 05262 Pittsford, Vt. 05763
802-375-9978

FEATURES: Youth group camping, tent sites, swimming, boating, fishing, hiking. DIRECTIONS: NY 22 N to NY 43. 43 into Mass. to US 7. US 7 N into Vt. Continue past Bennington to Exit 3. VT 313 to VT 7A. 7A south for three miles.

Underhill - Underhill, Chittenden County

May to Labor Day: Other times:
Park Ranger Park Regional Manager
Underhill Recreation Area Department of Forests, Parks
and Recreation 111 West Street
Underhill Center, Vt. 05490 Essex Junction, Vt. 05452
802-899-3022

Located on the western slope of Mt. Mansfield (highest point in Vt.). This park can be used as a base for the many hikes and treks which are available in the area. FEATURES: Youth group camping, tent sites, lean-tos, fishing, hiking. DIRECTIONS: NY 22 N to NY 22A. 22A into Vt. Continue on VT 22A to US 7. 7 N to I-189. Proceed east on 189 to I-89 and turn north. Continue on 89 to Exit 15. Proceed east on VT 15 for 14 miles. Turn right (just before Underhill Flats). Proceed east past Underhill Center. Turn right.

Wilgus - Windsor County

May to October: Other times:
Wilgus State Park Park Regional Manager
Box 196 Dept. of Forests, Parks
Ascutney, Vt. 05030 RD Box 33
802-674-5422 No. Springfield, Vt. 05150

Since Wilgus is located on the Connecticut River, it provides excellent canoe access to the river. FEATURES: Youth group camping, tent sites, lean-tos, showers, boating, fishing, hiking. DIRECTIONS: I-91 N to Exit 8. US 5 south.

STATE PARKS IN VERMONT WITH CAMPING FEATURES

There are twenty-four additional state parks and forests in Vermont, which have camping FEATURES. For a complete list of FEATURES and information contact, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, Waterbury, Vt. 05676, 802-244-8711

Many areas permit primitive and backcountry camping. For information write for "Vermont Guide to Primitive Camping on State Lands."

Vermont Agency of Environmental Conservation
Department of Forest, Parks & Recreation
Montpelier, Vt. 05602
802-828-3375

Large groups should mail application to the district office responsible for the site you wish to use (addresses listed below). You should forward your application at least 10 days in advance of the date you wish to use the facility. You will receive confirmation and a map of the area. There are no FEATURES of any kind formal or otherwise. Locations:

Ascutney State Park Calvin Coolidge State Forest
Dorand State Forest Grafton State Forest
Okemo State Forest Proctor-Piper State Forest
Townshend State Forest
Atkin State Forest, Calvin Coolidge State Forest, West
Rutland State Forest
Camel's Hump State Park and Forest
Elmore State Park L.R. Jones State Forest
Mt. Mansfield State Forest Putnam State Forest
Roxbury State Forest Washington State Forest
Darling State Forest Groton State Forest
Mathewson State Forest Victory State Forest

SECTION 10.1.3 GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST (GMNF)

Forest Supervisor
Rutland, Vt. 05701

The Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) is made up of 250,000 acres of land in central Vermont stretching south to north for over 100 miles. There are two main sections, the southern, stretching from VT 9 to the Wallingford area, and the northern stretching from Sherburne to Bristol. Sadly, unlike the White Mountain National Forest in New Hampshire, the Forest has actually acquired only about 40% of the acreage within the purchase boundary.

Camping in the GMNF is permitted wherever not prohibited, but certain areas are restricted due to overuse. Check carefully and plan accordingly. For trail description consult *Guide to the Long Path, Day Hiker's Guide to Vermont*, and the *Appalachian Trail Guide to New Hampshire and Vermont*, Volume #2. See Section 10.1.6

Campgrounds in the GMNF

Chittendon Brook - Rutland county east of Brandon
Rochester District
Rochester, Vt. 05767
802-767-4777

Greendale - Windsor County SW of Ludlow
Happgood Pond - Bennington County NE of Manchester
Red Mill Brook - Bennington County E of Bennington on VT 9
Manchester Center District
Manchester, Vt. 05255
802-362-1251

Moosalamoo - Addison County SE of Middlebury
Silver Lake - Addison County N of Brandon
Middlebury District
Middlebury, Vt. 05753
802-388-4362

SECTION 10.1.4 TRAILS IN VERMONT

Appalachian Trail (AT) and Long Trail (LT) Blazes, white (W). LT length, 265 miles AT length in VT, 137 miles.

The LT is the oldest long distance hiking trail in the nation. James P. Taylor first conceived the idea for a trail in 1909. The Green Mountain Club (GMC) was formed the next year to facilitate construction. Work was accomplished in sections over the next twenty years. The trail was completed in 1930 when the last remaining section was extended to the Canadian border. The LT was the inspiration for the more famous AT and the still uncompleted Long Path (LP) of New York.

<Guide to the Long Trail, 1987 Green Mountain Club, pages 39, 47.>

<Appalachian Trail Guide to New Hampshire-Vermont, 1988 Appalachian Trail Conference, Harpers Ferry, WV, Pages 307-8.>

NEWER EDITIONS AVAILABLE

The AT and the LT continue north through the Green Mountain National Forest along Vermont's central ridge. The trail passes many well-known mountains such as Stratton and Killington to name only two. At Sherburne Pass on US 4 (10 miles east of Rutland) the trails divide (this point is 97 miles from the Ma/Vt line). LT continues north staying within the remainder of the Green Mountain National Forest. It crosses Mt. Mansfield and the Camel's Hump (among many others) and terminates at the Canadian Border. The AT turns east towards New Hampshire which it enters at Hanover (I-91 Exit 13) 40 miles from separation with LT. For detailed trail descriptions, consult the *Guide Book of the Long Trail and the Appalachian Trail Guide to New Hampshire and Vermont*, Vol. 2. See SECTION 10.1.6 for more information.

SECTION 10.1.5 ORGANIZATIONS AND FURTHER READING FOR VERMONT

ORGANIZATIONS

Green Mountain Club (GMC)

GMC is a trail and wilderness maintenance and preservation agency. See address under guide books below. Contact, 89 State Street, P.O. Box 889, Montpelier, Vt. 05602, 802-223-3463

PUBLICATIONS

Guide Book of The Long Trail

Twenty-third Edition, 1987

Green Mountain Club, Inc.

P.O. Box 889

Montpelier, Vt. 05602

NEWER EDITIONS AVAILABLE

Day Hiker's Guide to Vermont

Third Edition, 1987

Green Mountain Club, Inc.

P.O. Box 889

Montpelier, Vt. 05602

NEWER EDITIONS AVAILABLE

Appalachian Trail Guide to New Hampshire and Vermont, Vol. 2
Fifth edition, 1988

Appalachian Trail Conference

P.O. Box 807

Harpers Ferry, WV 25425

NEWER EDITIONS AVAILABLE

SECTION 10.2 - NEW HAMPSHIRE

SECTION 10.2.1 BOY SCOUT CAMPS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

MASSACHUSETTS COUNCILS OPERATING CAMPS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

Camp Onway - Raymond

Yankee Clipper (236)

36 Amesbury Road

Haverhill, Ma 01523

978-534-3532

FEATURES: Tent sites, cabins, activity field, hiking.

DIRECTIONS: I-93 N to Exit 7. NH 101 east to Exit 4.

Proceed for 0.4 miles on Old Manchester Road. Turn left onto Scribner Road and proceed .4 miles. Turn right onto Onway Lake Road. Proceed one mile. Camp is on the left.

Hemenway Wilderness Base - Tamworth

Knox Trail (244)

490 Union Ave

Framingham, Ma. 01701-0298

508-872-6551

Hemenway is located only a few miles from southern

trailheads of the White National Forest. It is another mini

Philmont located in the east. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos,

cabins, high adventure program. DIRECTIONS: I-93 N to Exit

23. NH 104 E to US 3. Turn left and proceed one mile into

Meredith. Turn right onto NH 25 and proceed E for 20 miles.

Turn left onto NH 113. Proceed 2 miles to Tamworth.

Storer Scout Reservation - Barnstead

Boston Minuteman (227)

199 State Street / 3rd floor

Boston, Ma 02109

617-723-0007

FEATURES: Tent sites, cabins, boating, summer program with

high adventure activities, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS:

I-93 N to Exit 15. US 4 east to NH 28. Turn left. Proceed

north about ten miles to Barnstead.

Camp Quinapoxet - Rindge

Cambridge (229)

2326 Massachusetts Ave

Cambridge, Ma 02140

617-547-2760

Camp is located near the Metacomet-Monadnock Trail.

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, summer and

high adventure program, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS:

I-91 N to Exit 27 in Massachusetts. MA 2 east to US 202. US 202 north to Rindge.

Camp Wanocksett - Jaffrey

Nashua Valley (230)
1980 Lunenburg Road
Lancaster, Ma. 01523
978-534-3532

This camp is located near the northern terminus of the Metacomet-Monadnock Trail. Blazes are white in NH. FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, summer and high adventure program. DIRECTIONS: I-91 N to Exit 27 in Massachusetts. MA 2 east to US 202. US 202 north to Jaffrey.

Camp Wah-tut-ca - Northwood

Yankee Clipper (236)
36 Amesbury Road
Haverhill, Ma 01523
978-534-3532

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, summer program, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS: I-93 N to Exit 15. US 4 east to Northwood.

Parker Mountain Scout Reservation - Barnstead

Boston Minuteman (227)
199 State Street / 3rd floor
Boston, Ma 02109
617-723-0007

FEATURES: Tent sites, summer program. DIRECTIONS: I-93 N to Exit 15. US 4 east to NH 28. Turn left. Proceed north about ten miles to Barnstead.

Lone Tree Scout Reservation - Kingston

Yankee Clipper (236)
36 Amesbury Road
Haverhill, Ma. 01830-2802
978-372-0591

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, summer program. DIRECTIONS: In Massachusetts take I-84 to the Mass Pike. Proceed east to Exit 11A. Proceed north on I-495 to Exit 51. MA 125 north in New Hampshire. Continue north on NH 125 to Kingston.

NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL CAMPS

One council services New Hampshire:

Daniel Webster (330)
571 Holt Ave
Manchester, NH 03109-5214
603-625-6431

Mead Wilderness Base - Center Sandwich

Mead is a mini Philmont in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Because of its proximity to the White Mountain National Forest, there are many high adventure programs offered. FEATURES: Lean-tos, showers, trading post.

ACTIVITIES: Backpacking, rock climbing, canoeing, mountain biking, Bike Touring. DIRECTIONS: I-93 N to Exit 24. US 3 S 4 miles to NH 113. Turn left. NH 113 east to Center Sandwich. Turn left and proceed 2.5 miles.

Griswold-Hidden Valley Scout Reservation - Gilmanton Iron Works

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, summer and high adventure program. DIRECTIONS: I-93 north to Exit 20. US 3 north. NH 140 east.

Camp Carpenter - Manchester

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, summer program. DIRECTIONS: US 3 north from Exit 35 on I-495 in Massachusetts.

SECTION 10.2.2 STATE PARKS AND CAMPGROUNDS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

There are twelve state parks in New Hampshire with camping FEATURES. Ground fires are permitted only in campgrounds with the exception of White Mountain National Forest (see national areas). For more information on camping in N.H. State Parks contact, New Hampshire State Parks, Box 856 (105 Loudon Road), Concord, NH 03301, 603-271-3556

SECTION 10.2.3 WHITE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST, APPALACHIAN AND OTHER TRAILS

WHITE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST (WMNF)

Forest Supervisor
PO Box 638
Laconia, NH 03247
603-524-6450

The National Forest was established by the Weeks Act and comprises over 750,000 acres (47,000 in Maine). It lies in the north-central area of New Hampshire and stretches from Maine almost to the Connecticut River in the west. Outdoor opportunities in the WMNF are extensive. The forest has an extensive trail system maintained by the Forest Service and the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC). The AMC also maintains and operates eight huts on the Appalachian Trail all within a days walk of each other. (Huts are small food service and lodging FEATURES in remote areas of the Forest). Reservations are essential in summer months. Contact the AMC at, Pinkham Notch Camp, Box 298, Gorham, NH 03581, 603-466-2727

Camping in the forest is permitted wherever not prohibited. In recent years however, there has been a need to establish Restricted Use Areas (RUA's) since some sites have been overused. Maps of the RUA's are available from the Forest supervisor in Laconia.

The Presidential Range and the famous Mt. Washington (elevation 6288 feet) lie within the Forest. Mt. Washington is the highest point in the Northeast. This is an area where the mountains tower over the valleys and whose summits are well above the tree (timber) line. The slopes are steep with deep ravines cut into their sides.

It is important to remember that White Mountain National Forest is like Allegheny in Pennsylvania and Green Mountain in Vermont a National Forest and not a National Park. As such it has a variety of uses and this includes, but is not

limited to, timber production. Recreational value and preservation of scenic beauty is however, a high priority with forest management.

<Above information on WMNF paraphrased from *AMC White Mountain Guide*, 1987 Appalachian Mountain Club, Boston, Mass, Pages xxvi, xxvii.>

APPALACHIAN TRAIL (AT) (W) IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

The AT traverses the WMNF in a southwest to northeasterly direction. It enters New Hampshire at Hanover and turning north enters the Forest near Glenclyff. AT then crosses Mt. Moosilauke before arriving at Franconia Notch. From here to the northern terminus on Mt. Katahdin in Me. (more than 350 miles distant) is considered to be the most difficult and most remote section of the entire AT. The trail then traverses the northern Pemigewasset Wilderness and crossing US 302 just south of Crawford Notch it begins to ascend the Presidential Range. The AT crosses this area visiting the summit of Mt. Washington (no lodging or camping). AT then traverses the remainder of the Presidential Range and continuing northeast exits New Hampshire just before Mahoosic Notch (MOST difficult section on the entire length of the AT). For more information consult *The Appalachian Trail Guide to New Hampshire-Vermont*, Vol. 2. Additional trails in WMNF are far too numerous to list here. For a complete guide to the trails and WMNF obtain:

AMC White Mountain Guide
24th edition, 1987
Appalachian Mountain Club
Boston, Mass. 02108
NEWER EDITIONS AVAILABLE

WARNING: The area of the Presidential Range in particular around and on Mt. Washington is subject to some of the most violent weather in North America. It is not at all uncommon to encounter snow and other types of wintry storms in the summer months. The writer has personally witnessed an ice storm in progress in August. The highest wind velocity ever recorded by a ground station (231 M.P.H.) was timed on April 12, 1934. **DO NOT** under any circumstances venture into the area under deteriorating or bad weather conditions. Several lives have been lost because of failure to heed warnings. If weather should suddenly turn bad while en route (which it can without warning) turn back or seek shelter immediately. In the absence of any clear trail the only safe course is down. Even this may be difficult or impossible. This warning applies to all high peaks in Northern New England which include Mt. Mansfield in Vt., Mt. Katahdin in Me., and several other peaks in NH. <The above was paraphrased from the *AMC White Mountain Guide*, page 8-11, 24 edition, 1987 Appalachian Mountain Club, Boston, Mass.>

Youth Group camping FEATURES in WMNF

Androscoggin Ranger Station (District #2)
80 Glen Road
Gorham, NH 03574
603-466-2713

District #2 office is on NH 16 0.5 miles south of US 2 Jct.

Dolly Copp - 6 miles south of Gorham on NH 16 May - Oct
Barnes Field Group Area - near Dolly Copp All year
Campton Group Area - (see District #4) All year

There are additional campgrounds in WMNF. Contact, Forest Supervisor, P.O. Box 638, Laconia, NH 03247. The Forest

Supervisor is located at 719 Main Street, Laconia. Interstate 93 - Exit 20. US 3 N. Take road into Laconia.

SECTION 10.2.4 ORGANIZATIONS AND FURTHER READING FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE - ORGANIZATIONS

Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC)

Formed in 1876, it is the oldest hiking and outdoor club in the nation. Its goals (among others) are to preserve the scenic beauty and economic value of wilderness and mountains. The AMC maintains huts, trails and campgrounds in the White Mountains and elsewhere. Pinkham Notch Camp is the main base of the AMC in the WMNF. The club also publishes guidebooks of many areas in New England. Address below.

Appalachian Mountain Club
Notch Camp
5 Joy Street
Box 298
Boston, Ma. 02108
Gorham, NH 03581
617-523-0636
603-466-2727

Pinkham Notch Camp is located in Pinkham Notch on NH 16 between North Conway and Gorham.

PUBLICATIONS

For further reading on trails in WMNF and New Hampshire:

AMC White Mountain Guide
Twenty-fourth edition, 1987
Appalachian Mountain Club
Boston, Ma.
NEWER EDITIONS AVAILABLE

For information on the Appalachian Trail in New Hampshire:

Appalachian Trail Guide to New Hampshire and Vermont, Vol. 2
Fifth edition, 1988
Appalachian Trail Conference
P.O. Box 807
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425
NEWER EDITIONS AVAILABLE

SECTION 10.3 - MAINE SECTION 10.3.1 BOY SCOUT CAMPS IN MAINE

Katahdin Scout Reservation - East Eddington

Katahdin Area (216)
PO Box 1869
Bangor, Me 04402
800-353-5888
katahdinareabsa.org/

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, summer program with high adventure activities, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS: I-95 N into Maine. Proceed to Exit 45. Take I-395 east to ME 15 (South Main Street). Proceed north to ME 9. Continue on 9 to East Eddington.

Camp William Hinds - Raymond

Pine Tree (218)
125 Auburn Street
Portland, Me. 04103
207-797-5252

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, boating, summer program, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS: I-95 to Exit 8. Turn right onto Riverside St. Proceed to US 302 and turn left. Proceed 20 miles.

Camp William S. Nutter - Acton

Pine Tree (218) see address above.

FEATURES: Tent sites, cabins. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-95 at NH 16 near Portsmouth, NH. Proceed N on 16 to NH 109. Turn right. Proceed to Acton, Me.

Camp Gustin - Sabuttus

Pine Tree (218) see address above.

FEATURES: Tent sites. DIRECTIONS: Maine Tpk (I-95) north to Exit 12. Ignore 95. US 202 north to Lewiston then east on ME 126.

Camp Bomazeen - Oakland

Pine Tree (218) see address above.

FEATURES: Tent sites, cabins, boating, program with high adventure activities, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS: I-95 N to ME 11. Proceed west.

SECTION 10.3.2 STATE AND NATIONAL AREAS IN MAINE

There are fourteen state parks with camping FEATURES in Maine. For more information contact, Bureau of State Parks and Recreation, State House Station #22, Augusta, Me. 04333-0022, 1-800-322-1510. For information, 207-289-3821. For reservations, 207-289-3824

Baxter State Park (BSP) - Piscataquis County
(Percival P. Baxter State Park)

64 Balsam Drive
Millinocket, Me. 04462
207-723-5140 (reservations needed)

This park, a huge rectangle in northern Maine was a gift from former Governor Percival P. Baxter to the state of Maine under the proviso that it be "forever kept" in its natural state. Some of the features of BSP include Mt. Katahdin (elevation 5267 ft), highest point in Maine, the northern terminus of the Appalachian Trail, and a jumping off point at Telos Lake for the Allagash Wilderness Waterway. There are many miles of trails and backcountry campsites (reservations needed). BSP is a very remote and primitive park. FEATURES are limited. Plan your trip well in advance no later than January of the year in which you wish to use BSP. For trail descriptions consult *AMC Maine Mountain Guide*. See Section 10.3.3 below.

WARNING: This area like the Presidential Range in New Hampshire is subject to some of the most violent weather in North America. Since however, access routes are considerably longer in Baxter than in the White Mountains the danger is increased considerably. That storms can "come up" rapidly and without warning in this area is matter of personal experience to the writer. **NEVER** under any circumstance venture onto the high peaks under deteriorating weather conditions, even if this means schedule/reservation disruption and missed connections. Plan accordingly.

FEATURES: Tent sites, lean-tos, hiking. DIRECTIONS: I-95 N into Maine. Continue to Exit 56. West on ME 157 to Millinocket. Continue straight following signs for the park. Park office is on the left as you enter Millinocket.

Acadia National Park - Hancock County

Headquarters, Box 177
Bar Harbor, Me 04609
207-288-5456

Acadia is the first National Park to be established east of the Mississippi River. The park occupies a heart shaped island known as Mt. Desert Island. Although the mountains here are not high they command sweeping vistas as they rise out of the sea. The island is very mountainous and Sommes Sound, a body of water between the east and west sections is said to be the only true fiord on the East Coast. Since the elevations of the mountains in Acadia are not of any great height, bad weather in the high country will merely mean an uncomfortable situation rather than a life threatening one.

Black Woods, Seawall, and Isle au Haut Campgrounds:

There are two campgrounds operated by Acadia N.P., Black Woods and Seawall. Black Woods operates all year; reservations must be made through Destinet Co. from June 15 to September 20. First come first served for the rest of the year. Seawall operates seasonally and is available on a first come first served basis. Seawall has excellent group camping FEATURES. Isle au Haut reservations must be made with park HQ after April 1 (not before).

Destinet Co. 1-800-365-2267

DIRECTIONS: I-95 N into Maine. Maine Turnpike to Exit 15 - Augusta exit. Proceed east on US 202 to South China. Turn onto ME 3. Follow 3 to Mt. Desert Island and Acadia National Park.

SECTION 10.3.3 TRAILS AND FURTHER READING FOR MAINE

For trail descriptions in both Baxter State Park and Acadia National Park consult:

AMC Maine Mountain Guide
7th Edition, 1993
Appalachian Mountain Club
Boston, Ma.

Appalachian Trail (AT) (W) Blazes: white (W), length 277 miles in Maine.

The Appalachian Trail runs in a northeasterly direction from Mahoosuc Notch to Baxter State Park. The AT climbs Mt. Katahdin and terminates at the summit of Baxter Peak. Hikers are required to check in at Daicey Pond Campground before entering the park. Total AT mileage in Maine is 277 miles. Mahoosuc Notch is considered to be the roughest section on the entire length of the AT. It should be noted that this is the most remote section of the entire AT. There is one major river ford (Kennebec River). If trouble should be encountered, help may not be readily available. Plan accordingly.

For more information on the AT in Maine, consult:

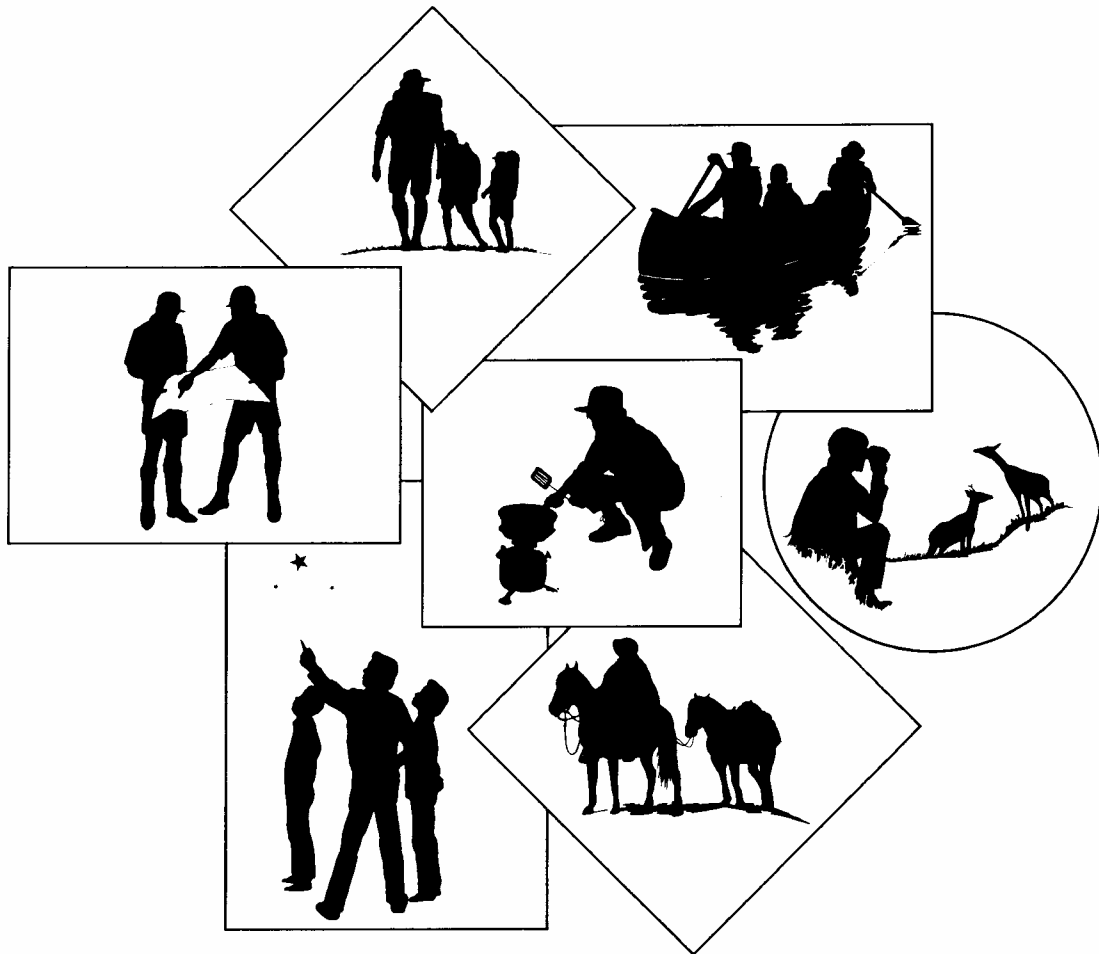
Appalachian Trail Guide
Maine, Vol. 1
Eleventh edition, 1988

Published by:
Main Appalachian Trail Conference (MATC)
Box 283
Augusta, Me 04330

SECTION 10.3.4 ALLAGASH WILDERNESS WATERWAY

From Telos Lake in northern Baxter State Park, this waterway travels via the Allagash River and several lakes for ninety-eight miles northward to Allagash Village on the Canadian border. This is the ultimate in wilderness camping and canoeing and there are many fine wilderness campsites on the route. As the name implies, a trip on the Allagash is truly a wilderness experience. Guides and advance reservations are necessary.

Note: The Allagash River is **NOT** for the novice outdoorsman or canoeist. A group should be well experienced before attempting the Allagash.



Chapter 11 - **DEL-MAR-VA AND OTHER AREAS** (Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Europe)

SECTION 11.1 D E L – M A R – V A

All instructions for this area will begin at Delaware Memorial Bridge (DMB). Proceed south on NJ TPK for its entire length past Exit 1 onto DMB (I-295).

DELAWARE - For information on state parks in Delaware contact:

State of Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
Division of Parks and Recreation
89 Kings Hwy
PO Box 1401
Dover, DE 19903
302-736-4271
800-441-8846

MARYLAND - BOY SCOUT CAMPS IN MARYLAND

Broad Creek Memorial Scout Camp - Whiteford

Baltimore Area Council (220)
701 Wyman Park Drive
Baltimore, MD 21211
301-338-1700

Located on the Mason-Dixon Trail near where it enters Maryland. FACILITIES: Boating, tent sites, lean-tos, activity field, cabins, summer program with high adventure activities, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS: From DMB proceed on I-295 to I-95. Continue south into Maryland. Take Exit 85 and turn west on MD 22. Proceed to Churchville. Turn right and proceed north on MD 136. Proceed past US 1 and the Village of Dublin. Turn right onto Peach Orchard Road.

Rodney Scout Reservation - North East

Del-Mar-Va Council (81)
801 Washington Street
Wilmington, DE 19801
800-766-7268

Rodney is located about 5 miles south of North East. The Camp is easily accessible from the Mason Dixon Trail. It is also located near Elk Neck State Park and is on Chesapeake Bay. FACILITIES: Tent sites, cabins, hiking, boating, summer program with high adventure activities, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS: From Delaware Memorial Bridge, I-295 south to I-95. South into Maryland. Exit 100. South on MD 277.

Henson Scout Reservation - Sharpton

Del-Mar-Va Council (81) see address above.

FACILITIES: Tent sites, cabins, hiking, boating, summer program with high adventure activities, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS: From Delaware Memorial Bridge I-295 to US 13. South on US 13 past Dover, Bridgeville, and Seaford. At Laurel right onto DE 24. West into Maryland. Right on MD 313. North 1 mile to camp.

Camp Horse Shoe/John Ware

- Rising Sun, MD/Peach Bottom, Pa.

Chester County Council (539)
504 South Concord Road
West Chester, PA 19382
610-696-2900

This unique camp which is two camps in one is located right on the Pennsylvania-Maryland (Mason-Dixon Line) State Line. FACILITIES: Tent sites, cabins, lean-tos, activity field, summer program. DIRECTIONS: From Delaware Memorial Bridge, I-295 south to I-95. I-95 into Maryland to exit 100. North on MD 272. For Horseshoe: Turn Left into MD 274. Proceed to Rising Sun. Continue to US 1. For John Ware: Stay on 272 into Pennsylvania. Cross US 1.

Potomac – Old Town

Potomac (757)

PO Box 212
Re 220 South
Cumberland, MD, 21502
301-729-1300

FACILITIES: Tent sites, lean-tos, cabins, summer program, Cub Scout program.

STATE AND NATIONAL CAMPING FACILITIES IN MARYLAND

For camping information:

Department of National Resources
Maryland Forest, Park, and Wildlife Service
Tawes State Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401
301-974-3771

Assateague Island National Seashore - Worcester County (on Assateague Island)

Route 2
PO Box 294
Berlin, MD 21811
301-641-1441

Assateague National Seashore occupies a thirty-seven mile long island similar to Fire Island in New York. The island consists of sandy beaches and dunes. Behind the dunes are lagoons and forests, which are enticing to the explorer. Backcountry campsites may be reached either on foot or by canoe. The island in Maryland is managed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and is referred to as Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. The opportunities for observing nature on the island are limitless. Adventure abounds, as many backcountry areas are only accessible on foot or afloat.

FACILITIES: (National Seashore ONLY) 2 public camp grounds, 7 backcountry campgrounds, swimming, boating, hiking.

SELECTED TRAILS IN MARYLAND

Mason-Dixon Trail

Trail enters the state on the west bank of the Susquehanna River. South to Harve de Grace then east into Delaware. For more information, see Pennsylvania Trails.

Appalachian Trail (AT) (W) Length in Maryland c. 40 miles.

South from Pen Mar the AT goes past Smithsburg, crosses South Mountain and continues to Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. There is an AYH Hostel in this area. See Appendix A. For more trails information in Washington DC, Baltimore, and Northern Virginia, contact, Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, 1718 N Street NW Washington D.C., 20036

VIRGINIA - BOY SCOUT CAMPS

Goshen Mountain Scout Camps - Goshen, Virginia

National Capitol Area Council (82)
9190 Wisconsin Ave
Bethesda, MD 20814-3897
301-530-9360

FACILITIES: Tent sites, summer program with high adventure activities, Cub Scout program. DIRECTIONS: I-78 west to I-81 south into Virginia. Proceed to exit 57A (US 250 west). Take 250 West. Just before Staunton, turn onto VA 254. Proceed west to VA 42. Go south on VA 42 to Goshen. Left onto VA 39. Proceed to route 601, turn left.



SECTION 11.2 SCOUT CAMPS IN OTHER AREAS

These camps are listed only because they are in the Northeast Scouting Region.

Howard M. Wall Scout Reservation - St. Croix

Virgin Islands (410)
PO Box 7175
St Thomas, VI 00801
340-774-2752

Note: VI time is 1 hour ahead of New York. FACILITIES: Tent sites, boating, summer program.

Guajataka – Puerto Rico (661)

Baden-Powell – Sussex, England
Freedom - Dauphte, Germany

Transatlantic (802)

See Appendix for Puerto Rico and Transatlantic Council addresses.

APPENDIX

Section 1 AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS (AYH) AND OTHER PROGRAMS

Section 1.1 AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS (AYH)

American Youth Hostels (AYH) have facilities in many cities and in other areas of the country such as state or national parks. They are excellent facilities for lodging a Scout troop when camping is not feasible. When using an AYH facility you must make an advance reservation. You will also need a group pass.

This and an AYH Handbook may be obtained by writing:

American Youth Hostels	(202) 783-6161
Organization Membership	http://www.hiayh.org/home.shtml
733 15th Street, NW, Suite 840	
Washington, D.C. 20013-7613	

Hostels provide good accommodations run by trained managers overseen by the AYH (which was founded by a Scouter in 1934). Most facilities have accommodations for groups. Hostels usually have kitchen and recreation facilities. A full list of all hostels in the country is found in the AYH Handbook available from the above address.

Section 1.2 OTHER PROGRAMS

Battleship Cove - Fall River, Mass www.battleshipcove.org

Features the battleship U.S.S. Massachusetts and naval museum. In addition to "Big Mamie" in mothballs, the Battleship Cove museum includes destroyer U.S.S. Joseph P. Kennedy, submarine U.S.S. Lionfish, and two PT Boat along with a PT Boat Museum. Several exhibits feature military history of World War II including aviation. Scouts sleep in navy style bunks on the Massachusetts. All ships open for inspection daily. Accommodations available for female leaders. (Girl Scouts welcome). Meals served cafeteria style in the wardroom. Snack bar and gift shop. Nearby maritime museum features the actual model of the Titanic used in filming the motion picture A Night to Remember. Take I-95 north through Connecticut into Rhode Island. Continue north on 95 to Providence. Turn east onto I-195. Proceed east to Fall River. Take first exit after Braga Bridge. Follow battleship signs. Phone 508-678-1100.

Section 2 - COUNCIL LISTINGS

This is not a complete listing of BSA Councils in the Northeast Region. Only councils, which operate Boy Scout camps, are shown. NOTE: Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia are found under Del-Mar-Va. Connecticut and Rhode Island make up one heading. Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont are found under Northern New England.

Connecticut and Rhode Island

(66) Connecticut Rivers	860-414-2433
60 Darlin Street, PO Box 280098	www.ctrivers.org/
E. Hartford, CT 06123-0098	

(67) Greenwich	203-869-8424
63 Mason Street	www.greenwichbsa.com/
Greenwich, Ct 06830	

(69) Housatonic	203-734-3329
326 Derby Ave	www.invalley.org/hcbsa/
Derby, Ct 06418	

(72) Connecticut Yankee	203-876-6868
70 Wellington Road PO Box 32	www.ctyankee.org
Milford, Ct 06460-0032	

(546) Narragansett	401-351-8700
175 Broad Street	www.narragansettbsa.org
Providence, RI 02903-4081	

Del-Mar-Va - (Delaware, Maryland, Virginia)

(81) Del-Mar-Va	800-766-7268
801 N Washington Street	www.delmarvacouncil.com/
Wilmington, DE 19801	

(82) National Capitol Area	301-530-9360
9190 Rockville Pike	www.boyscouts-ncac.org
Bethesda, Md 20814	

(220) Baltimore Area	301-338-1700
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7091 Wyman Park Drive	
Baltimore, Md 21211-2899	

(221) Mason-Dixon	301-739-1211
18600 Crestwood Dr	www.mason-dixon-bsa.org
Hagerstown, MD 21742	

(757) Potomac	301-729-1300
PO Box 212, Rt. 220 South	www.potomaccouncilbsa.org
Cumberland, Md 21502	

Europe

(802) Transatlantic	011-49-621-487-7087
Unit 29242	
APO, AE 09102	

Maine - see Northern New England

Maryland - see Del-Mar-Va

Massachusetts

(224) Cape Cod and Islands	508-362-4322
247 Willow Street	www.scoutscapecod.org
Yarmouth Port, Ma 02675	

(225) Annawon	508-824-4164
219 Winthrop Street	
Taunton, Ma 02780	

(227) Boston – Minuteman	617-723-0007
199 State Street / 3 rd floor	sne.tripod.com/bmc.htm

Boston, Ma 02109

(229) Cambridge 617-547-2760
2326 Massachusetts Ave cambridge229.tripod.com/
Cambridge, Ma 02140

(230) Nashua Valley 978-534-3532
1980 Lunenburg Road www.nashuavalleybsa.org/
Lancaster, Ma 01523

(234) Pioneer Valley 413-594-9196
249 Exchange Street pvcbsa.org
Chicopee, Ma 01013-1874

(236) Yankee Clipper 978-372-0591
36 Amsbury Road www.yccbsa.org/index.htm
Haverhill, Ma. 01830-2802

(243) Great Trails 413-684-3542
88 Old Windsor Road www.greattrailsbsa.org/
Dalton, Ma 01226-1398

(244) Knox Trail 508-872-6551
490 Union Ave sne.tripod.com/ktc.htm#bscamp
Framingham, Ma. 01702

(245) Moby Dick
- Merged with Narragansett Council (546)

(249) Old Colony 781-828-8360
2438 Washington Street www.oldcolonycouncil.com
Canton, Ma. 02021

(254) Mohegan 508-752-3768
19 Harvard Street
Worcester, Ma 01609-2870

New Hampshire - see Northern New England

New Jersey

(333) Northern New Jersey 201-677-1000
25 Ramapo Valley Road www.nnjbsa.org
Oakland, NJ 07436

(334) Southern New Jersey 856-327-1700
4468 South Main Road www.snjbsa.org
Millville, NJ 08332-1464

(341) Jersey Shore 732-349-1037
1518 Ridgeway Road www.jerseyshore-bsa.org
Toms River, NJ 08755-4072

(343) Patriots' Path 201-361-1800
12 Mt. Pleasant Turnpike www.ppbsa.org
Denville, NJ 07834

(347) Monmouth 732-531-3636
P.O. Box 188 www.monmouthbsa.org
Oakhurst, NJ 07755-0188

(352) Central New Jersey 609-419-1600
4315 US Highway 1 www.cnjc-bsa.org
Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852-1903

(690) Burlington County 609-261-5850
P.O. Box 246 www.bccbsa.org
Rancocas, NJ 08073

New York

(364) Twin Rivers 518-869-6436

253 Washington Ave Extension
Albany, NY 12205

(366) Cayuga County 315-252-9579
Marine Midland Bank Building
59-65 Genesee Street
Auburn, NY 13021

(368) Baden-Powell 607-729-9161
Box 66, Southview Station
www.ithaca.ny.us/Orgs/Scouts/baden.html
Binghamton, NY 13903-0066

(373) Hiawatha Seaway 315-463-0201
112 Twin Oaks Drive www.cnyscouts.org
Syracuse, NY 13206

(374) Hudson Valley 845-497-7337
P.O box 374 www.hvcbsa.org
Salisbury Mills, NY 12577-0374

(375) Five Rivers 607-796-0699
P.O. Box 5190 www.fiverivers.org
Horseheads, NY 14844-5190

(380) Greater Niagara Frontier 716-891-4073
401-407 Maryvale Drive
Buffalo, NY 14225

(382) Allegheny Highlands 716-665-2697
50 Hough Hill Road www.madbbbs.com/users/ahcbsa/
Box 0261
Falconer, NY 14733-0261

(385) Iroquois Trail 716-434-2851
7121 Rochester Road bfn.org/~iroquois/
Lockport, NY 14094-3518

(386) Theodore Roosevelt 516-797-7600
544 Broadway www.trcbsa.org
Massapequa, NY 11758

(388) Westchester-Putnam 914-773-1135
41 Saw Mill River Road http://www.wpcbsa.org
Hawthorne, NY 10532

(391) Finger Lakes 315-789-1166
3685 Pre Emption Road www2.nysid.com/bsafingerlakes/
Geneva, NY 14456

(393) Otschodela 607-432-6491
Route 23 www.otschodela.org/
RD 2, P.O. Box 1356
Oneonta, NY 13820-1356

(394) Adirondack 518-561-0360
1 Sesame Street
Plattsburgh, NY 129012

(395) Revolutionary Trails 315-735-4437
1401 Genesee Street www.rtcbsa.org
Utica, NY 13501

(397) Otetiana 585-244-4210
474 East Avenue www.otetiana.org
Rochester, NY 14607

(400) General Herkimer 315-474-8574
427 North Main Street newport.ntcnet.com/~bsa400/
P.O. Box 128

Herkimer, NY 13350

(404) Suffolk County 516-924-7000
7 Scouting Industrial Blvd www.sccbsa.org
Medford, NY 11763-2292

(405) Rip Van Winkle 845-338-3878
CPO Box 1471 www.rvwbsa.org
Kingston, NY 12402-0471

(640) Greater New York Councils 212-242-1100
350 Fifth Ave www.bsa-gnyc.org
New York, NY 10118

Northern New England (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont)

(216) Katahdin Area 800-353-5888
PO Box 1869 katahdinareabsa.org/
Bangor, Me 04402

(218) Pine Tree 207-797-5252
125 Auburn Street www.pinetreebsa.org/
Portland, Me 04103

(330) Daniel Webster 603-625-6431
571 Holt Ave www.dwcbsa.org
Manchester, NH 03109-5214

(592) Green Mountain 802-244-5189
RD 2, P.O. Box 557 hometown.aol.com/gmcbsa/
Waterbury, VT 05676-0557

Pennsylvania

(497) Juniata Valley 717-667-9236
240 Bratton Ave hscouncil.centreconnect.org/ccchs137.htm
Lewistown, Pa 16875
717-364-3936

(500) Moraine Trails 724-287-6791
830 Morton Ave Extension www.morainetrails.org
Butler, Pa 16001-3398

(501) Northeastern 570-207-1227
1 Bob Mellow Drive http://www.nepabsa.org/home.asp
Moosic, Pa 18507

(502) Minsi Trails 610-264-8551
PO Box 20624 www.minsitrails.com
Lehigh Valley, Pa 18002-0624

(504) Columbia-Montour 717-784-2700
212 West Fifth Street www.columbiamontourbsa.org
Bloomsburg, Pa 17815

(508) Penn's Woods 814-467-5557
501 Fifteenth Street www.pwcbsa.org
Windber, Pa 15963

(509) Bucktail 814-371-5650
209 First Street www.bucktail.org
Du Bois, Pa 15801

(512) Westmoreland-Fayette 724-837-1630
2 Garden Center Drive
Greensburg, Pa 15601

(515) Keystone Area 717-766-1591
P.O. Box 389
One Baden Powell Lane
Mechanicsburg, Pa 17055

(524) Pennsylvania Dutch 717-394-4063
630 Janet Street, Suite B-114
Lancaster, Pa 17601-4582

(525) Cradle of Liberty 215-988-9811
Parkway – 22nd & Winter Streets www.colbsa.org
Philadelphia, Pa 19103-1085

(527) Greater Pittsburgh 412-471-2927
Flag Plaza www.gpc-bsa.org
1275 Bedford Ave
Pittsburgh, Pa 15219-3699

(528) Hawk Mountain 610-926-3406
4901 Pottsville Pike home.epix.net/~hawkmtn/home.html
Reading, Pa 19605

(532) French Creek 814-868-5571
1815 Roboisin Road West www.frenchcreek-bsa.org
Erie, Pa 16509

(533) Susquehanna 570-326-5121
815 Northway Road
Williamsport, Pa 17701-3891

(538) Chief Corn Planter 814-723-6700
316 Fourth Street users.penn.com/~cccbsa
Warren, Pa 16365

(539) Chester County 610-696-2900
504 South Concord Road www.cccbsa.org
West Chester, Pa 19382

(544) York-Adams Area 717-843-0901
2139 White Street www.yaac-bsa.org
York, Pa 17404-4940

(777) Bucks County 215-348-9436
One Scout Way www.buckscountybsa.org
Doylestown, Pa 18901

Puerto Rico

(661) Puerto Rico 787-790-0323
GPO box 70181
San Juan, PR. 00936

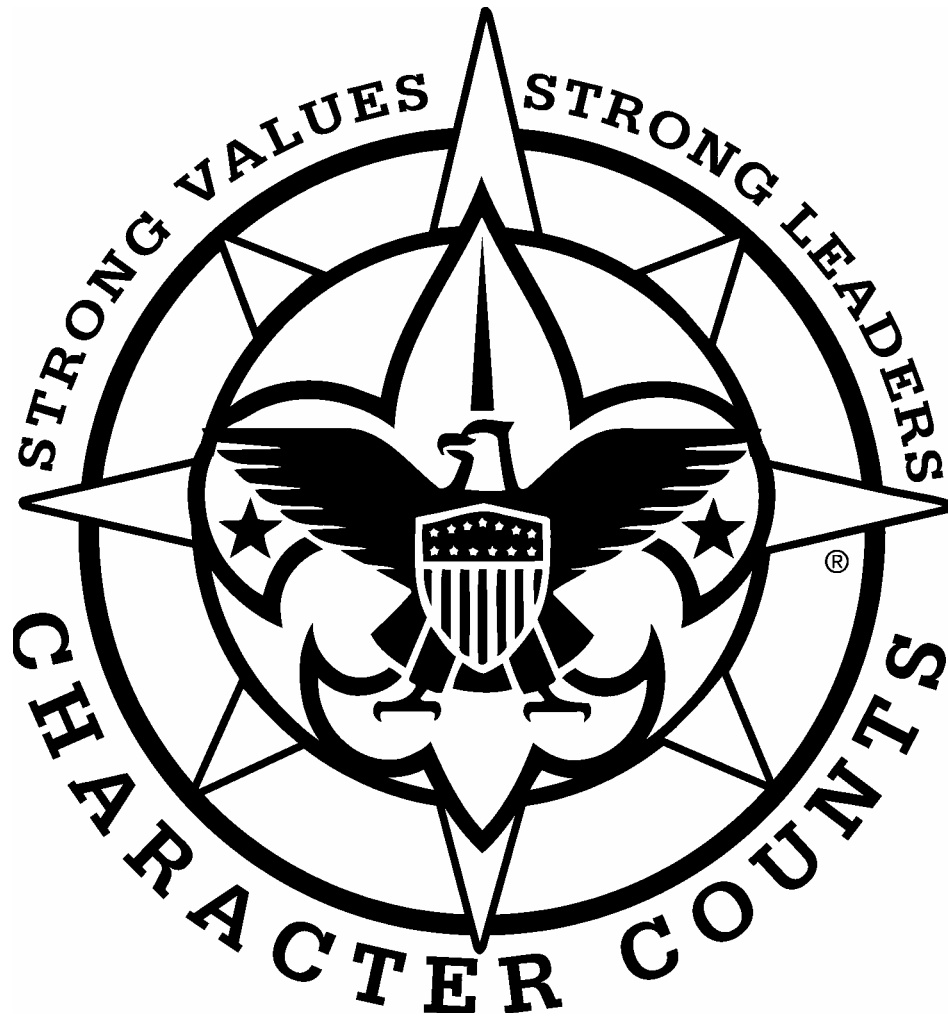
Rhode Island - see Connecticut and Rhode Island

Vermont - see Northern New England

Virgin Islands

(410) Virgin Islands 340-774-2752
P.O. Box 7175
St. Thomas, VI 00801

Virginia - see Del-Mar-Va



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