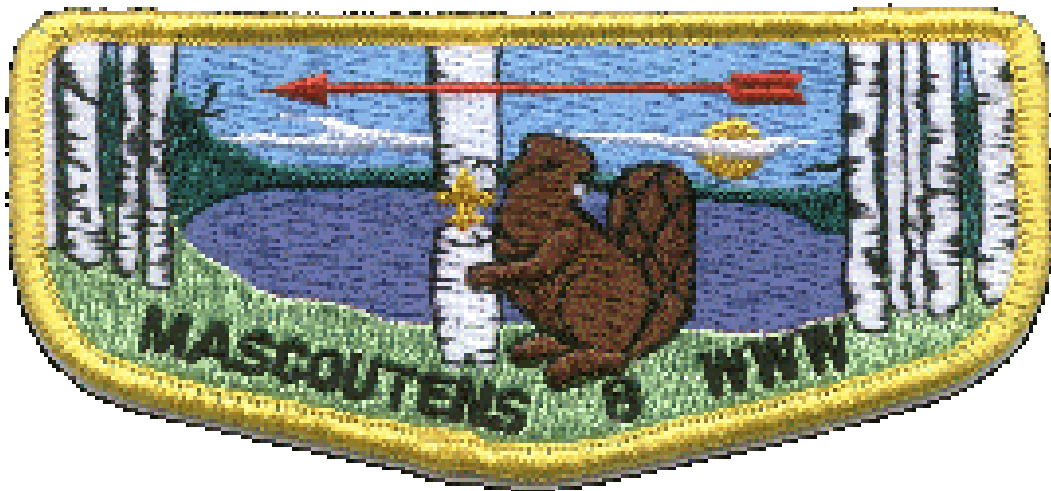




# WHERE TO GO CAMPING



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# Introduction

## **MISSION STATEMENT - Boy Scouts of America**

It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping to instill values in young people and, in other ways, to prepare them to make ethical choices over their lifetime in achieving their full potential. The values we strive to instill are based on those found in the Scout Oath and Law.

## **SCOUT OATH**

On my honor, I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

## **SCOUT LAW**

Trustworthy  
Loyal  
Helpful  
Friendly  
Courteous  
Kind  
Obedient  
Cheerful  
Thrifty  
Brave  
Clean  
Reverent



**BOY SCOUTS  
OF AMERICA**

# The Risk Zone

All activities in life have in them an inherent amount of risk taking. No place is this truer than in the outdoors. Successful leaders don't take unnecessary risks; they recognize and manage risk at every opportunity.

Recognize when you are entering:



Before beginning a camping trek, ask, "Have I ----:

- Secured a Tour Permit for the trip?
- Arranged for two-deep leadership?
- Checked the training records to see that all adult leaders are Youth Protection trained?
- Obtained and reviewed health information for all participants?
- Checked my First Aid Kit for completeness?
- Completed a safety check on vehicles to be used for transportation?
- Informed someone of the group's itinerary and emergency contact information?
- Reviewed any additional health and safety guidelines particular to any activity that will take place on the trip?

**MANAGE - "THE RISK ZONE."**

## THE "ORDER OF THE ARROW" - SCOUTING'S HONOR SOCIETY

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The Order of the Arrow is a recognized official program activity of the Boy Scouts of America, having its origin in the mind of young E. Urner Goodman in 1915. Then age 25, he had been a Scoutmaster for only a few years and had reluctantly agreed to serve that summer as camp director at Philadelphia's scout camp on idyllic Treasure Island in the Delaware River. While newspaper headlines reported a war in Europe and the loss of the Cunard liner "Lusitania" to a German U-boat's torpedoes within sight of the Irish coast, the new scouting movement was enjoying halcyon days in America, as membership grew rapidly across the nation. Although he would eventually attain a doctorate in education and become National Program Director of the BSA, Urner's thoughts in 1915 were focused on development of methods to teach boys that skill proficiency in Scoutcraft was not enough, rather the principles embodied in the Scout Oath and Law should become realities in the lives of Scouts. As a means of accomplishing this without preaching and within a boy's interest and understanding, peer recognition and the appeal of Indian lore would be utilized. Hence, he devised a program where troops would choose, at the conclusion of camp, those boys from among their number best exemplifying these traits, who would be honored as members of an Indian "lodge". Those elected would be acknowledged as having displayed, in the eyes of their fellow scouts, a spirit of unselfish service and brotherhood. Combining ideas from "The Last of the Mohicans" with the Delaware Indians who had inhabited Treasure Island, he developed dramatic induction ceremonies for the "Order of the Arrow", as the fledgling honor society was dubbed. Even today, these rites make a lasting impression on scouts who have been elected to the "Order of the Arrow".

By 1921, the idea had spread to a score of scout councils in the northeast and the first national meeting of the Order of the Arrow was held. Initially viewed with suspicion by many scouters as a secret society if not an affront to the egalitarian ideals of scouting, support was slow in coming from national headquarters. For many years, the "OA" was considered to be an "experimental" program only. Not until 1948 was E. Urner Goodman's innovation fully integrated into the Scouting program.

Having observed its Diamond Anniversary in 1990, it is evident that the Order of the Arrow has made a significant contribution to Scouting, as we know it today in the United States. The OA's motto, "Brotherhood of Cheerful Service," is more than just an empty slogan for many Arrowmen, who constitute a valuable council resource for camp promotion, improvement projects, and summer camp staffing.

The OA, at its best, continues to be a teaching tool for scouting ideals. Many believe that the OA helps in retaining older boys in scouting whom otherwise tend to lose interest upon reaching high school age. Notably, OA guidelines place great importance on preserving Lodge leadership in the hands of its boy members, headed by a Chief, Vice Chief(s), and an Executive Committee, all of whom must be under age 21. These youth plan and implement Lodge activities, service projects, publications, annual budgets, and conduct troop elections upon the Scoutmaster's request. Adults are crucial to the OA program's success as advisors.

To be eligible for election to the Order of the Arrow, a Scout must:

- Be at least First Class rank;
- Have at least 15 nights of camping, including a 6-day long-term camp;
- Participate in the "Ordeal" and induction ceremony.

(Somewhat modified requirements apply to Explorers and adults).

To alleviate lingering concerns in some quarters regarding the ceremonial aspects of the Order of the Arrow, the BSA has officially stated:

"The induction is not a hazing or an initiation ceremony. The Order is not a secret Scout organization, and its ceremonies are open to any parent, Scout leader, or religious leader. There is an element of mystery in the ceremonies for the sake of its effect on the candidates. For this reason, ceremonies are not put on in public. The ceremonies are not objectionable to any religious group."

Following 10 months as an "Ordeal" member, the Arrowman may participate in the "Brotherhood" ceremony, which signifies the sealing of his membership and an additional emphasis on OA ideals and purposes.

After an additional 2 years have elapsed, exceptional OA leaders may be recognized by conferring of the "Vigil Honor". Generally speaking, only 2% of the Lodge's membership may be selected each year for this highest of Lodge honors. A special ceremony, devised by Dr. Goodman in 1915 and closely based on ancient Indian traditions, culminates this experience.

All Order of the Arrow members are reminded that their primary duty always remains to their own troop, which elected them in the first place as a result of their cheerful service to their fellow unit members. OA Lodge activities are intended to supplement, and not replace, troop activities. Probably the single most often-heard complaint directed towards the OA program is that of Arrowmen who have forgotten this cardinal principle.

OA Lodges meet with other lodges in their sections each year and attend national conventions held at a major university every two years. Dr. E. Urner Goodman attended his last National Order of the Arrow Conference at Colorado State Univ. in 1979 where he was hailed by the 4,000 Arrowmen present with a thunderous standing ovation. As he spoke movingly of his vision in developing the Order of the Arrow as a "Thing of the Spirit" that day 64 distant years ago on the misty shores of the Delaware, those of us gathered in the shadows of the snow-capped Rockies realized that though a frail, elderly man stood before us, yet the spirit borne within was truly one of eternal youth, for as long as men value brotherhood and strive to love one another.

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# The Codes of Camping

## THE OUTDOOR CODE

I agree to join with the Boy Scouts of America in protecting my country's natural beauty and conserving her natural resources.

### The Outdoor Code

**As an American, I will do my best to:**

**Be clean in my outdoor manners.**

I will treat the outdoors as a heritage.

I will try to improve it for myself and others.

I will keep my trash and garbage out of America's waters, fields, woods, and roadways.

**Be careful with fire.**

I will prevent wildfire.

I will build my fire in a safe place and be sure it is out before I leave.

**Be considerate in the outdoors.**

I will treat public and private property with respect.

I will remember that use of the outdoors is a right that I can lose by abuse.

**and**

**Be conservation minded.**

I will learn how to practice good conservation of soil, waters, forests, minerals, grasslands, wildlife, and energy.

I will urge others to do the same.

## HIGH ADVENTURE ETHIC

The tremendous rewards of high-adventure treks are drawing more and more people to the backcountry. At the same time, the vast territory suitable for treks is shrinking in size. More people and less land mean we all must be careful not to endanger the wild outdoors we have come to enjoy.

### High Adventure Ethic

A good way to protect the backcountry is to remember that while you are there, you are a visitor. When you visit a friend you are always careful to leave that person's home just as you found it. You would never think of dropping litter on the carpet, chopping down trees in the yard, putting soap in the drinking water, or marking your name on the living room wall. When you visit the backcountry, the same courtesies apply. Leave everything just as you found it.

Hiking and camping without a trace are signs of an expert outdoorsman, and of a Scout or Scouter who cares for the environment. Travel lightly on the land.

## **“LEAVE NO TRACE”**

### **The Six Principles of “Leave No Trace”**

“Leave No Trace” is a nationally recognized outdoor skills and ethics education program. The Boy Scouts of America is committed to this program. The six principles of Leave No Trace are not rules; they are guidelines to follow at all times.

The Leave No Trace principles might not seem important at first glance, but their value is apparent when considering the combined effects of millions of outdoor visitors. One poorly located campsite or campfire is of little significance, but thousands of such instances seriously degrade the outdoor experience for all. Leaving no trace is everyone’s responsibility.

#### **1. Plan Ahead and Prepare**

Proper trip planning and preparation helps hikers and campers accomplish trip goals safely and enjoyably while minimizing damage to natural and cultural resources. Poorly prepared campers, confronted with unexpected situations, often resort to high-impact solutions that degrade the outdoors or put themselves at risk.

##### ***Poor planning often results in:***

- High-risk travel, because campers failed to obtain information concerning geography and weather;
- Improperly located campsites, because groups failed to plan enough time to reach their intended destination;
- Improper campfires or excessive trash, because of failure to plan meals or bring proper equipment;
- Discomfort and not much fun.

#### **2. Camp and Travel on Durable Surfaces**

Damage to land occurs when surface vegetation or communities of organisms are trampled beyond recovery. The resulting barren areas lead to the development of undesirable trails, campsites, and soil erosion.

##### ***Should you concentrate activity, or spread out?***

In high-use areas, campers should generally concentrate activity. Use existing trails whenever possible and select heavily used campsites so that further damage is unlikely with careful use.

In areas of little or no use, campers should generally spread out. When hiking, take different paths to avoid creating new trails that cause erosion. When camping, disperse tents and cooking activities—and move camp daily—to avoid creating permanent-looking campsites.

These guidelines apply to most alpine settings and may be different for other areas, such as deserts. Learn the Leave No Trace techniques for your crew's specific activity or the area in which you're trekking. Check with land managers if you are unsure of the proper technique.

### **3. Pack It In, Pack It Out**

This common saying is a simple yet effective way to get backcountry visitors to take their trash home with them. There is no reason why people cannot carry out of the backcountry the extra materials they carried in with them in the first place. Though most trash and litter in the backcountry is not significant in terms of the long-term ecological health of an area, it does rank high as a problem in the minds of many backcountry visitors. Trash and litter detract from an area's naturalness. Accept the challenge of packing out everything you can.

### **4. Properly Dispose of What You Can't Pack Out**

Backcountry users create wastewater and body waste, which requires proper disposal.

#### ***Wastewater***

Prevent contamination of natural water sources: disperse dishwater at least 200 feet (about seventy strides for an adult) from springs, streams, and lakes. Use soap (biodegradable) 200 feet or more from any water source. Minimize the need to pack out food scraps by carefully planning meals.

#### ***Human waste***

Proper human-waste disposal prevents the spread of disease and exposure to others. Catholes six to eight inches deep and 200 feet from water, trails, and campsites are often the easiest and most practical way to dispose of feces. In some cases, it may be necessary or required to pack out human waste. Securely package feces in a plastic bag and carry in a metal container until you reach a disposal site.

### **5. Leave What You find**

Allow others a sense of discovery: Leave rocks, plants, animals, archaeological artifacts, and other objects as you find them. It may be illegal to remove artifacts.

#### ***Minimize site alterations.***

Do not dig tent trenches or build lean-tos, tables, or chairs. Avoid hammering nails into trees, hacking at them with hatchets or saws, or damaging bark and roots by tying horses to trees for extended periods. If you clear an area of surface rocks or twigs, replace these items before leaving. On high-impact sites, it is appropriate to clean the site and dismantle inappropriate user-built facilities, such as multiple fire rings and log seats or tables. Consider the idea that good campsites are found and not made.

### **6. Minimize the Use and Impact of fire**

Some people would not think of camping without a campfire. Yet the naturalness of many areas has been degraded by overuse of fires and increasing demand for firewood. Lightweight camp stoves are essential for low-impact camping and have encouraged a shift away from fires. Stoves are fast, eliminate the need to consider the availability of firewood when selecting a campsite, and enable trekkers to perform better personal hygiene.

In building a fire, the most important consideration is the potential for resource damage. The best place to build a fire is within an existing campfire ring in a well-placed campsite. Choose not to have a fire in areas with little wood-at higher elevations, in heavily used areas with a limited wood supply, or in desert settings. True Leave No Trace fires show virtually no evidence of having ever been constructed. If a site has two or more fire rings, you may dismantle all but one and scatter the materials in the surrounding area. Be certain all wood and campfire debris is dead out.

## **WILDERNESS USE POLICY OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

For the purposes of this policy, all privately or publicly owned backcountry and designated wildernesses are to be considered “wilderness.” The Outdoor Code of the Boy Scouts of America applies to outdoor behavior generally, but for treks into wilderness, Leave No Trace camping methods must be used. Within the outdoor program of the Boy Scouts of America, there are many different camping-skill levels. Camping practices that are appropriate for day outings, long-term Scout camp, or short-term unit camping do not apply to wilderness areas. Wherever they go, Scouts and Explorers must adopt attitudes and patterns of behavior that respect the rights of others, including future generations, to enjoy the outdoors.

In wildernesses, it is crucial to minimize our impact on particularly fragile ecosystems such as mountains, lakes, streams, deserts, and seashores. Since our recreational use varies from one season of the year to the next, we must adjust to these changing conditions as well, to avoid damaging the environment.

The Boy Scouts of America emphasizes these practices for all troops, posts, and ships planning to use the wilderness:

- Contact the landowner or land-managing agency (Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state agency, private landowner, etc.) well in advance of the outing to learn the regulations for that area and to obtain required permits and current maps.
- Always obtain a tour permit, available through local council service centers. Meet all conditions specified and carry the permit on the trip.
- Participate in Leave No Trace training for adult leaders, or be proficient and experienced in the leadership and skills required for treks into the wilderness.
- Match the ruggedness of high-adventure experiences to the skills, physical ability, and maturity of those taking part. Save more rugged treks for older youth members who are more proficient and experienced in outdoor skills.
- For your group, conduct pre-trip training that stresses proper wilderness behavior, rules, and skills for all of the conditions that may be encountered.
- Use backpacking stoves, particularly where the fuel supply is limited or open fires are restricted. An adult knowledgeable in the use of the stove(s) must supervise. If a fire is necessary, keep it as small as possible and use established fire lays where available in safe areas. After use, erase all signs.

- Emphasize the need for minimizing impact on the land through proper camping practices, and for preserving the solitude and quiet of remote areas. Camp at low-use areas; avoid popular sites that show signs of heavy use.
- Leave dogs, radios, and cassette or CD players at home.
- Use plastic (not metal or glass) food containers that are lightweight and reusable. Carry out unburnable trash of your own and any left by others.
- Dig catholes for latrines and locate them at least 200 feet from any source of natural water.
- Wash clothes, dishes, and bodies at least 200 feet from any source of natural water.
- Where a choice is available, select equipment in earth-tone colors that blend with natural surroundings.
- Look at and photograph; never pick or collect.
- Follow trail switchbacks and stay on established trails.
- Treat wildlife with respect and take precautions to avoid dangerous encounters with wildlife. Leave snakes, bears, ground squirrels, and other wildlife alone.
- On a canoeing trip, carry canoes into the foliage on shore so they will not be visible to other outdoor users.
- Respect the quest of others to enjoy the solitude and silence of the backcountry.
- Demonstrate respect by taking care of the outdoors. Land stewardship is everyone's responsibility. Do your part to leave wild America for future generations.

# SEWI Camps

## ROBERT S. LYLE SCOUT RESERVATION

### DESCRIPTION:

Robert S. Lyle Scout Reservation is the long-term summer camp of the Southeast Wisconsin Council and is located near Elcho, Wisconsin, on the Wolf River. It has 640 acres and includes two lakes.

This fun-filled summer camp program consists of activities at the waterfront, scout-craft area, shooting sports, and nature area along with opportunities to brave the rapids of the Wolf River during an exciting canoe or tube trip.

This wilderness camp provides an excellent chance for scouts to learn or polish the basic skills of outdoor camping.

Robert S. Lyle also hosts the Webelos Long-Term program, a four day, three night, camping experience that furthers their excitement in the scouting program.

Located in the beauty of the North Woods, Robert S. Lyle Scout Reservation provides a week-long learning experience for scouts of all ages!

### MORE INFORMATION:

For more information about this Southeast Wisconsin Council Camp, call the Council Service Center at (262) 632-1655.



## CAMP OH-DA-KO-TA

### DESCRIPTION:

Located on Dyer Lake, five miles south of Burlington, Wisconsin, Camp OH-DA-KO-TA offers a wide variety of scouting activities year around.

Summertime activities include the following: Junior Leader Training, Cub Scout Day Camp, Mom & Me, and a Webelos Weekend. Fall activities include the following: Order of the Arrow Fall Conclave, various training weekends, tent camping as well as the start of cabin camping. Winter activities include the following: tent camping, cabin camping, Klondike Derbies, ice fishing, and cross-country skiing. Spring activities include the following: all types of camping, training weekends, camporees, and the Order of the Arrow Spring Fellowship.

Indoor facilities available for rent include 4 cabins with capacities that range from 20 to 32 individuals. In addition, the camp has a dining hall, with full kitchen, that can seat up to 200 persons.

### MORE INFORMATION:

For more information about this Southeast Wisconsin Council Camp, call the Council Service Center at (262) 632-1655.



# BSA National Camping Opportunities

## HIGH ADVENTURE PROGRAMS

Here is a quick summary of general information regarding national BSA camping/high adventure opportunities. To obtain additional information, contact the Council Service Center.

## PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH

Philmont is the oldest and most famous of Scouting's high adventure bases. Philmont is 137,000 acres of rugged trails, soaring peaks, and spectacular scenery in the heart of New Mexico's rugged Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Its more than 280 miles of trails, and its challenging, inspiring wilderness programs have earned it the nickname of "University of the Outdoors," its "curriculum" is rugged, physically demanding, and packed with excitement, its adventure programs fall into six major categories, including:

Expeditions; These 12-day treks through the mountains give crews the opportunity to learn technical rock climbing, archaeological excavation techniques, and wilderness survival. You'll saddle up your horse, pack your gear aboard a sure-footed burro, and rediscover the days of the Old West, the timeless skills of the "mountain men" of old, and the thrill of panning for gold in an icy stream.

Crew size: 4-12 persons per crew, including leaders.  
Leadership: One adult (21 or older) required per crew.

Cavalcades; The emphasis here is on learning the riding and packing skills that are traditional in the American West, while traveling some of Philmont's most scenic trails on horseback.

Crew size: 10-15 per crew, including leaders.  
Leadership: One adult (21 or older) required per crew.

Mountain Men and Women; Under the leadership of one of Philmont's experienced rangers, these programs feature six-day backpacking trips in beautiful wilderness areas, and are open to individual scouts who are not with a contingent.

Crew size: Organized at Philmont.  
Leadership: Provided by Philmont.

Rayado Men and Women; Limited to persons who were at least 15 years old as of January 1 of the year of the trek and who have mastered basic outdoor skills, these are demanding programs of advanced outdoor leadership featuring hiking, campcraft, and wilderness problem solving in an unparalleled setting.

Crew size: Organized at Philmont.  
Leadership: Provided by Philmont.

Trail Crew; This phenomenal and free 26-day program is designed for a select number of male scouts over the age of 16, who perform vital conservation work and trail maintenance as part of

it. Each trail crew spends 14 days in a backcountry work project, and then enjoys a 12-day high adventure expedition under the leadership of the trail crew foreman.

Crew size: 10 campers per crew.  
Leadership: Provided by Philmont.

## **FLORIDA NATIONAL HIGH ADVENTURE SEA BASE**

Located on an island in the heart of the Florida Keys, 75 miles south of Miami, this is one of the world's finest facilities for aquatic adventure. The base is fully equipped for boardsailing, motor boating, canoeing, deep-sea fishing, lobstering, snorkeling, scuba diving and certification. In addition, it offers sailing craft ranging in length from 14 to 65 feet. It has six major program areas to choose from including:

Coral Reef Sailing; Test your nautical skills as one of six crew members of a 44-foot sailboat on a seven-day voyage to excitement. This flexible program allows your crew to chart its own course with the aid of a licensed captain. You can plan a visit to Key West, the Marquesas Islands, or even beyond. Or you can snorkel through seemingly endless reef beds or troll the Gulf Stream for fighting sport fish.

Crew size: Maximum of six per boat, including adult/leader.

Mariner Sailing Adventure; This program enables almost any "landlubber" to become an experienced sailor after a week of intensive training and actual operating experience. Two days of instruction at the base are followed by a cruise through the reefs and islands of the Keys aboard a sleek 25-foot sailing vessel. Each boat sleeps five, has its own galley and head, and is equipped with an auxiliary motor and radio for safety.

Crew size: 7-9 per crew, including leaders.

Sea Exploring; You'll follow the winds to the sparkling beaches of the Bahamas. Enroute, you'll visit remote islands seldom seen by tourists and explore waters so clear that you can see to a depth of 100 feet or more. For added adventure, prevailing winds and weather conditions will dictate the exact itinerary of your 65-foot yacht.

Crew size; 18-22 per crew, including leaders.

Scuba Expedition; Each trip is custom-designed for your post and 5TT-certified divers have the opportunity for unlimited supervised diving among the Keys, in the Bahamas, or at the fabulous John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park.

Crew size: Maximum of 12, including leaders.

Scuba Certification; You can come home from this program an accomplished diver, even if you've never had a mask on before. During seven days of instructions, both in a class room setting and in the base's specifically designed diving tanks, you'll be taught everything you need to know by a seasoned instructor, then move on to open water for your first exploratory dive. After checkout dives, you'll become a certified diver. All equipment is furnished.

Crew size: 6-8 persons, including leaders.

Out Island/Robinson Crusoe; Experience the life of a beachcomber in your own-island paradise, with the benefit of such modern amenities as sail and power boats, camping and snorkeling

gear, and fishing tackle. You'll also have a chance to see and study the ways of nature first-hand on the small, pristine islands of the Keys.

Crew size: 6-8 persons, including leaders.

## **NORTHERN TIER NATIONAL HIGH ADVENTURE PROGRAMS**

Headquartered at the Charles L. Sommers Wilderness Canoe Base in northern Minnesota, with satellite bases in Canada and Wisconsin, these programs offer the best in Northwood's wilderness canoeing. You'll paddle the legendary streams and lakes of the Chippewa, the Sioux, and the French Canadian fur traders of the 1800's and come home with enough memories to last a lifetime.

Five different experiences are available, including:

Sommers Canoe Base Trips; Take your choice of two different trip itineraries. You can explore Minnesota's great wilderness canoe area, which provides fun and challenge for beginner through intermediate canoeists, or you can travel through Ontario's Quetico Provincial Park, where intermediate to advanced canoeists will find primitive beauty, solitude, and great fishing.

Crew size: 6-9 persons, including adult Explorer leaders over 21.

Northern Expeditions; If you're looking for the most rugged advanced wilderness canoeing, you'll find it in the Canadian bush country of Manitoba. You'll also find some of the most diverse canoeing anywhere, in spectacular rivers and picturesque lakes. Most crews travel to the area by optional charter floatplane, beginning and ending their expedition at Scout Lake, accessible only by air.

Crew size: 6-9 persons, including adult Explorer leaders over 21.

Atikokan Canoeing; Operating out of the newest of the Northern Tier bases at Atikokan, Ontario, these trips for intermediate and advanced canoeists take you deep into the caribou country of northern Ontario.

Crew size: 6-9 persons, including leaders.

Northern Wisconsin Canoeing; Featuring the ultimate in Northwood's scenery, beautiful campsites, and easy traveling, this program is perfect for the canoeist with limited experience.

Crew size: 6-9 persons, including leaders.

Nor'wester Program; This combination backpacking canoeing excursion is an advanced training program demanding a variety of wilderness and outdoor skills. It takes you from Duluth, Minnesota to northern Wisconsin, to the Porcupine Mountains and/or Isle Royale National Park, to Grand Portage, to the Sommers Canoe Base in Ely, Minnesota, and finally back to Duluth. Minimum age is 16.

Crew size: Individual sign-up.

# Other BSA Council Camps

## **Milwaukee County Council - LeFeber Northwood's Camp**

### DESCRIPTION:

LeFeber Northwoods Camp is nearly 1200 acres of pristine northern Wisconsin wilderness just bursting with fun and adventure. Nestled in the midst of the Nicolet National Forest, your Scouts will have access to hundreds of miles of hiking, biking, and canoeing trails. From archery to woodcarving, all your favorite programs and Merit Badges are here. And so are a lot more: black powder shooting, climbing, windsurfing, bike treks, blacksmithing, horse riding, shot gun shooting, whitewater rafting, and 'hawk throwing are some of the many additional opportunities beckoning your Scouts.

### LOCATION:

LeFeber is located about 85 miles northwest of Green Bay, WI. From most areas in Milwaukee, it takes approximately 3 ½ to 4 hours of travel time.

### MORE INFORMATION:

Milwaukee County Council – Boy Scouts of America  
330 S. 84<sup>th</sup> Street  
Milwaukee, WI. 53214-1468  
Phone: 414-774-1776

## **Potawatomi Area Council – Camp Long Lake**

### DESCRIPTION:

Located on the shore of Long Lake in the Northern Kettle Moraine State Forest, Camp Long Lake offers a full schedule of activities for those boys looking for a traditional long-term summer camping opportunity.

### LOCATION:

Camp Long Lake is located just off Hwy. 67, just North of Kewaskum, WI. From most areas in Milwaukee, it takes approximately 1 to 1 1/2 hours of travel time.

### MORE INFORMATION:

Potawatomi Area Council – Boy Scouts of America  
N12 W24498 Bluemound Road  
Waukesha, WI. 53187-0528  
Phone: 262-544-4881                      Website: [www.bsapac.org](http://www.bsapac.org)

## **Sinnissippi Council – Camp Indian Trails**

### **DESCRIPTION:**

173 acres of rugged timberland on the Rock River. Camp Indian Trails has a dining hall with kitchen, and four winterized cabins, a swimming pool, chapel, large picnic shelter, and numerous campsites.

### **LOCATION:**

Camp Indian Trails is located 7 miles North of Janesville, WI. Go West of Highway 51 on Highway 14 (2) miles; then, just before crossing the river, turn right and go North on North River Road for about 3 miles. The camp entrance will be on the left.

### **MORE INFORMATION:**

Sinnissippi Council – Boy Scouts of America  
2300 E. Racine Street  
Janesville, WI 53545  
Phone: 608-756-4669

# Wisconsin State Parks

## GENERAL INFORMATION

General Information may be obtained from a variety of places. See Internet Site Listing for websites or call (608)-266-2181. Camping Reservations can be made by phone (888)-947-2757 or by the Internet at [www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com).

## BONG

### DESCRIPTION:

Approximately 4,515-acres await visitors to this multi-use recreation area in Kenosha County. The Park has 6 outdoor group camping sites.

### DIRECTIONS:

Bong Recreation Area is located in western Kenosha County approximately 35 miles southwest of Milwaukee.

From Milwaukee or Chicago, take the Hwy 142 exit from I-94. Go west 9 miles to the park entrance.

From Madison, follow I-90 to Janesville; exit onto Hwy 14 East. Follow Hwy 14 east to Hwy 11 East. Follow Hwy 11 east into Burlington to Hwy 142. Follow Hwy 142 east from Burlington to the park entrance.

### MORE INFORMATION:

Bong State Recreation Area  
26313 Burlington Rd  
Kansasville WI 53139

## COPPER FALLS

### DESCRIPTION:

Ancient lava flows, deep gorges and spectacular waterfalls make this one of the state's most scenic parks. Log buildings from the 1930's CCC era add a special charm

### DIRECTIONS:

From Hwy 13 in Mellen, travel 2 miles northeast on Hwy 169 to the park entrance.

### MORE INFORMATION:

Copper Falls State Park  
Rt. 1, Box 17AA

## **DEVIL'S LAKE**

### DESCRIPTION:

Situated along the Ice Age Trail, 500-foot bluffs tower above a 360-acre lake. Spectacular scenery, a full range of recreational activities, and a full-time naturalist make this a very popular park. Devil's Lake State Park has 22 miles of hiking trails and 6 miles of mountain biking trails. Nature programs and walks are offered at the Nature Center. In the summer non-denominational religious services are offered in the campground.

The Park has 6 outdoor group camping sites.

### DIRECTIONS:

From the north on I-90/94: Take Exit 92 onto Hwy 12 East. Travel south about 10 miles to Hwy 159 East. Turn left on Hwy 159 East and proceed for approximately 2 miles to Hwy 123 South. Turn right on Hwy 123 South and follow to the park entrance.

### MORE INFORMATION:

Devil's Lake State Park  
S5975 Park Rd  
Baraboo WI 53913-9799

## **GOVERNOR DODGE**

### DESCRIPTION:

More than 5,000 scenic acres of steep hills, bluffs, and deep valleys plus two lakes and a waterfall make this park a family favorite.

The Park has 8 outdoor group camping sites.

### DIRECTIONS:

Governor Dodge State Park is located 3 miles north of Dodgeville on Hwy 23 North. The park is approximately 45 miles west of Madison.

### MORE INFORMATION:

Governor Dodge State Park  
4175 State RD 23N  
Dodgeville WI 53533

## **HARTMAN CREEK**

### DESCRIPTION:

Located on the beautiful Chain O'Lakes, Hartman Creek State Park is a quiet and friendly, natural gem.

The Park has 5 outdoor group camping sites

### DIRECTIONS:

Hartman Creek State Park is located approximately 6 miles west of Waupaca off Hwy 54. Exit south on Hartman Creek Road and travel 1.5 miles to the park entrance.

**MORE INFORMATION:**

Hartman Creek State Park  
N2480 Hartman Creek Rd  
Waupaca WI 54981-9727

## **HIGH CLIFF**

**DESCRIPTION:**

High Cliff State Park is situated on limestone cliffs, once sacred to Native Americans that overlook the largest inland lake in Wisconsin. History and geology buffs will enjoy the park's effigy mounds, limekiln and quarry.

The Park has 8 outdoor group camping sites.

**DIRECTIONS:**

High Cliff State Park is located 9 miles east of Appleton on Hwy 114. Drive south on Pigeon Road, and turn left on State Park Road and follow to the park entrance.

**MORE INFORMATION:**

High Cliff State Park  
N7630 State Park Rd  
Sherwood WI 54169

## **INTERSTATE**

**DESCRIPTION:**

A deep gorge called the "Dales of the St. Croix" is the scenic focus of Wisconsin's oldest state park. The park's Ice Age Interpretive Center features photographs, murals, and other information about the great glaciers.

The Park has 2 outdoor group camping sites.

**DIRECTIONS:**

Interstate Park is located in St. Croix Falls on Hwy 35 South, 1/2 mile south of U.S Hwy 8. Signs on Hwy 8 and 35 will direct you to the park.

**MORE INFORMATION:**

Interstate State Park  
P. O. Box 703  
St. Croix Falls WI 54024

## **J.M. KOHLER/TERRY ANDRAE**

DESCRIPTION:

This scenic gem on the shore of Lake Michigan offers a peaceful getaway with wooded campsites and two miles of sandy beach. A 200-acre wildlife refuge is adjacent to this 924-acre park.

The Park has 2 outdoor group camping sites.

DIRECTIONS:

Kohler-Andrae State Park is located 3 miles east of I-43, on the shores of Lake Michigan, just south of the city of Sheboygan. The park is approximately 1 hour from Milwaukee, and 3 hours from Chicago. Use I-43 Exit 120. Travel east on County Trunk V into the park.

MORE INFORMATION:

Kohler-Andrae State Park  
1020 Beach Park Ln.  
Sheboygan WI 53081

## LAKE KEGONSA

DESCRIPTION:

One of the best-kept secrets of southern Wisconsin, Lake Kegonsa State Park offers a variety of recreational activities set along its 3,200-acre lake. Features include oak woodlands, prairies, and wetlands. There is a swimming beach and a boat launch within 1 mile of the campground. Fishing opportunities are excellent on Lake Kegonsa, and fishing from a boat is preferred. There are hiking trails and picnic areas and local marinas have boats available to rent. All sites are fully or partially wooded.

The Park has 3 outdoor group camping sites.

DIRECTIONS:

Exit I-90 at Exit 147, Hwy N. Go south on Hwy N, then turn west on Koshkonong Road, and turn south on Door Creek Road. It is approximately 4 miles from the freeway exit to the park. There are signs to direct you at every intersection.

MORE INFORMATION:

Lake Kegonsa State Park  
2405 Door Creek Rd  
Stoughton WI 53589

## LAKE WISSOTA

DESCRIPTION:

This park has 1,062 acres of primarily young, rich forests and open prairie on a 6,300 acre man-made lake. It attracts hikers, campers, recreational boaters and anglers after walleyes, muskies, and bass.

This Park has 2 outdoor group camping sites.

DIRECTIONS:

Lake Wissota State Park is located approximately 7 miles northeast of Chippewa Falls. When traveling on Hwy 53 North, take Exit 99. Travel east on Cty. Hwy S. Drive 5.5 miles, cross the

Chippewa River, turn right on Cty. Hwy O. Drive east 2 miles to the park entrance, which is on the right. When traveling on Hwy 29, exit on Cty. Hwy X. Follow Cty. Hwy X north and west. Drive north on Cty. Hwy K, then west on Cty. Hwy O to the park entrance on the left.

**MORE INFORMATION:**

Lake Wissota State Park  
18127 County Highway O  
Chippewa Falls WI 54729

## **MERRICK**

**DESCRIPTION:**

Merrick State Park is located on the backwaters of the Mississippi River. Its marshy bayous are home to egrets and herons and the park is a year round haven for anglers. Some sites in the South Campground have river access for mooring watercraft or fishing directly from the sites. There are 2.5 miles of trails, which are easily traveled with very few hills. Two boat landings provide easy launching for all sizes of boats.

This Park has 1 outdoor group camping site.

**DIRECTIONS:**

From Madison, Milwaukee, and Chicago areas: follow I-90 west to Exit 4 (Hwy 35). Follow Hwy 35 north through Fountain City. The park is 2 miles north of Fountain City on the left side of the road.

**MORE INFORMATION:**

Merrick State Park  
Box 127  
Fountain City WI 54629-0127

## **MIRROR LAKE**

**DISCRIPTION:**

Just three miles from Wisconsin Dells, you'll find a picturesque lake surrounded by sandstone bluffs. Mirror Lake offers wooded campsites, boat, bike and canoe rentals and a cabin for people with disabilities.

The Park has 7 outdoor group camping sites.

**DIRECTIONS:**

Mirror Lake State Park is located 1.5 miles off Hwy 12 on Fern Dell Road. From I-90 take Exit 92. Drive south on Hwy 12 for 1/4 mile. Turn right onto Fern Dell Road. The campground is 1.5 miles west of Hwy 12.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Mirror Lake State Park  
E10320 Fern Dell Rd.  
Baraboo WI 53913

## **NELSON DEWEY**

### DESCRIPTION:

Take in a panoramic view of the Mississippi from a campsite atop the river bluffs, tour the home of Nelson Dewey, Wisconsin's first governor, or relive history at Stonefield Village.

This Park has 3 outdoor group camping sites.

### DIRECTIONS:

From downtown Cassville take Hwy 133 North. Turn left onto Cty. Hwy VV and travel 1 mile to the park's entrance.

### MORE INFORMATION:

Nelson Dewey State Park  
Box 658  
Cassville WI 53806

## **NEW GLARUS WOODS**

### DESCRIPTION:

Located close to the Sugar River State Trail, you'll find wooded campsites and quiet solitude. There is a connector trail to the Sugar River State Trail from New Glarus Woods.

This Park has 6 outdoor group camping sites.

### DIRECTIONS:

New Glarus Woods State Park is located 1.5 miles south of New Glarus on Hwy 69. Turn onto Cty. Hwy NN, and the ranger station is the first building on the right.

### MORE INFORMATION:

New Glarus Woods SP  
P.O.Box 805  
New Glarus WI 53574

## **PENINSULA**

### DESCRIPTION:

High bluffs and cobblestone shoreline, an 1860's lighthouse, a challenging 18-hole golf course, a professional summer theater, a sandy swimming beach, bike trails and a year-round Naturalist program make this 3,776-acre park extremely popular. All sites are within a five-minute walk to the shoreline.

This Park has 3 outdoor group camping sites.

### DIRECTIONS:

From Green Bay take Hwy 42/57 North. Once north of Sturgeon Bay remain on Hwy 42 North to Fish Creek. The park is located approximately 1 mile from the village limits. Turn left at the large entrance sign.

**MORE INFORMATION:**

Peninsula State Park  
9462 Shore Rd  
Fish Creek WI 54212-0218

## **PERROT**

**DESCRIPTION:**

Perrot State Park's 1,243 acres are nestled among 500-foot bluffs where the Trempealeau and Mississippi Rivers meet. Enjoy Brady's Bluff Natural Area and breathtaking river views. From Memorial Day through Labor Day, the park's Nature Center and weekend programs highlight the natural, archaeological and historical resources at Perrot. Hike 13 miles of trails that offer a variety of experiences and levels of difficulty. There is direct access for bicyclists from the campground to the 24-mile Great River State Trail as well as excellent road biking in the area. There is a marked canoe trail and canoes can be rented at the park. Perrot State Park is adjacent to the Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge.

This Park has one outdoor group camping site.

**DIRECTIONS:**

From the south on I-90, take Exit 4 and turn north on Hwy 53. Travel about 8 miles to the Hwy 35 Trempealeau Exit (watch for the Perrot State Park exit sign). Travel west on Hwy 35 for 8 miles to the stop sign in Trempealeau. Turn left and travel two blocks through downtown to the river. Turn right when you reach the river and follow for 3 miles to the park entrance.

From the north on Hwy 93, at the Centerville stop sign drive straight onto Hwy 35 South and travel four miles to Trempealeau. At the Post Office again drive straight ahead onto Main Street for two blocks to the river. Turn right when you reach the river's edge then travel 3 miles along the river to the park.

From the north on Hwy 35, drive to Centerville. Follow Hwy 35 to the right, four miles to Trempealeau. At the Post office drive straight ahead onto Main Street for two blocks to the river. Turn right at the river's edge and follow for 3 miles along river to the park entrance.

**MORE INFORMATION:**

Perrot State Park  
Box 407, W26247 Sullivan Rd  
Trempealeau WI 54661

## **ROCK ISLAND**

**DESCRIPTION:**

Take the ferry (Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day) to this primitive Lake Michigan island. Stone buildings, built by a wealthy inventor who owned the island between 1910 and 1945, house exhibits.

This Park has 2 outdoor group camping sites.

**DIRECTIONS:**

Located north of Sturgeon Bay, take either Hwy 57 (less congested), or Hwy 42, to Northport (2 miles beyond Gill's Rock). Take 1/2-hour ride on the Washington Island Ferry to Washington Island. Using the map printed inside of your ferry schedule, drive 9 miles across Washington Island (20 minutes) to the Rock Island parking lot, located at Jackson Harbor on Washington Island. Take the Rock Island Ferry to Rock Island. This ferry transports foot passengers only, *no vehicles and beware of timing!*

For additional information about the ferries contact the Washington Island Ferry Line at (920) 847-2546 and the Rock Island Ferry Line at (920) 847-2252

**MORE INFORMATION:**

Rock Island State Park  
Rt. 1, Box 118A  
Washington Island WI 54246-9728

## **WILDCAT MOUNTAIN**

**DESCRIPTION:**

Located on a ridge rising steeply above the Kickapoo River, the park offers campsites for riders and their horses, and an observation point overlooking the Kickapoo Valley. Canoes can be rented in the village of Ontario.

The Park has 3 outdoor group camping sites.

**DIRECTIONS:**

The park is located two miles east of Ontario off of State Highway 33.

**MORE INFORMATION:**

Wildcat Mountain State Park  
Box 99  
Ontario WI 54651

## **WYALUSING**

**DESCRIPTION:**

Camp 500 feet above the confluence of the Wisconsin and Mississippi Rivers. One of Wisconsin's oldest parks, Wyalusing State Park has American Indian burial mounds, a canoe trail and plentiful bird watching.

This Park has 5 outdoor group camping sites.

**DIRECTIONS:**

Wyalusing State Park is located just south of the city of Prairie Du Chien at the confluence of the Wisconsin and Mississippi rivers. Take Cty. C west off Hwy 18/35 for two miles and turn south (right) on Cty. Hwy X for 3/4 mile and the park entrance will be on your right.

MORE INFORMATION:

Wyalusing State Park  
13081 State Park lane  
Bagley WI 53801

## **YELLOWSTONE LAKE**

DESCRIPTION:

One of few lakes in southwestern Wisconsin, 450-acre Yellowstone Lake is a popular recreation area year-round that offers fishing, swimming, and boating.

This Park has 6 outdoor group camping sites.

DIRECTIONS:

Yellowstone Lake State Park is located approximately 50 miles southwest of Madison off Cty. Hwy F, between Blanchardville and Darlington.

MORE INFORMATION:

Yellowstone Lake State Park  
8495 Lake Road  
Blanchardville WI 53516

# Other Camping Opportunities

## **EAGLE CAVE NATURAL PARK**

### DESCRIPTION:

Eagle Cave Natural Park is Wisconsin's largest onyx cave. Cave exploring, swimming, fishing, hiking, hayrides, horseback riding and canoeing are just some of the activities available for Scouts to participate in. Troops/Packs can pitch their tents at well-groomed campgrounds (with or without electricity, running water, & flush toilets), or sleep inside Eagle Cave (where the average temperature year around is 52-degrees).

### SEASON:

In-cave camping is available from mid-September to mid-May.

### DIRECTIONS:

From Middleton (on the West side of Madison), take Hwy. 14 west through Spring Green to Gotham, Left on Hwy. 60 (west) to Eagle Cave Road. Right to Cavern Lane.

### MORE INFORMATION:

Eagle Cave Natural Park  
16320 Cavern Lane  
Blue River, WI 53518

Phone - (608)-537-2988 Website - [www.neic.org/newpage26.htm](http://www.neic.org/newpage26.htm)

## **CAMP SINAWA**

### DESCRIPTION:

The Camp is held in perpetuity in a trust and is dedicated to providing an outdoor experience to youths from all types of organizations. Both outdoor and indoor camping facilities are available, where you can bring your own food or be part of a meal plan. The Camp has 220 acres and over ½ mile of lake frontage on Pigeon Lake. All season, the camp has something for everyone.

### DIRECTIONS:

Located South of Valders, Wisconsin in Manitowoc County.

### MORE INFORMATION:

Camp Sinawa  
9111 Sinawa Road  
Valders, WI 54245  
Phone – (920)-758-2615

## **CAMP HELEN BRACHMAN WHITE PINE LODGE & ADVENTURE CENTER**

DESCRIPTION:

The Camp dedicated to providing an outdoor experience to youths from all types of organizations. Both outdoor and indoor camping facilities are available, where you can bring your own food or be part of a meal plan. The Camp is 200 acres in size and is adjacent to 300 acres of DNR owned land. The Camp has lake frontage on Pickerel Lake. In addition, a naturalist is available to customize nature or other programs while attending camp. All season, the camp has something for everyone.

DIRECTIONS:

DIRECTIONS FROM THE SOUTH (MILWAUKEE / OSHKOSH AREA):

Take Hwy 41 N past Oshkosh. After crossing *Lake But des Morts*, take Hwy 110 North. Follow Hwy 110 to Freemont. Just before Fremont take a left onto Hwy 10 West toward Waupaca. Stay on Hwy 10. DO NOT GET OFF AT COUNTY ROAD A NEAR FLEET FARM. Take the third Waupaca exit onto Hwy 54 West. You will see blue Hwy signs for McDonalds and Burger King just before this exit. Stay on 54 West for 13 miles into Portage County. Just after County TT is County A. Turn left on County Road A. Come to an end, GG goes right, A goes left. Stay on A. A curves to the right. Camp sign on the right, well lighted. Blaine store is too far. Follow signs to office.

MORE INFORMATION:

White Pine Lodge & Adventure Center  
Camp Helen Brachman  
9341 Asbury Drive  
Almond, WI 54909  
Phone – (715)-366-2234

## **MANITOWOC MARITIME MUESUM SUBMARINE**

DESCRIPTION:

Participate in an overnight program that includes enactment of full duties needed to run the submarine.

DIRECTIONS AND MORE INFORMATION:

See information in the “One Day Destinations” section of this book.

## **CAMP MINIKANI**

DESCRIPTION:

Youth Camp Run by the Milwaukee YMCA at Amy Belle Lake in Washington County. Camp requires the use of their food service.

DIRECTIONS:

Just off Hwy 45 near Hubertus, WI.

MORE INFORMATION:

YMCA Camp Minikani (Milwaukee YMCA)  
860 Amy Belle Lake Road

Hubertus, WI 53033  
Phone - (262)-251-9080

website - [www.minikani.org](http://www.minikani.org)

## **CAMP MATAWA**

### DESCRIPTION:

Youth Camp Run by the Milwaukee YMCA near Mauthe Lake in the Northern Kettle Moraine. Camp requires the use of their food service.

### DIRECTIONS:

Just off Hwy 45 near Kewaskum, WI.

### MORE INFORMATION:

YMCA Camp Matawa (Milwaukee YMCA)  
N885 Youth Camp Road  
Campellsport, WI 53010  
Phone - (262)-626-2149

# Hiking Trails and Biking Trails

## **NATIONAL ICE AGE TRAIL**

One of only eight national scenic trails in the United States, the Ice Age Trail will be a thousand-mile walking/hiking trail located in and unique to Wisconsin. About 600 miles of the Trail are now available for use. For more information visit - [www.iceagetrail.org](http://www.iceagetrail.org)

## **WISCONSIN BIKE TRAILS**

### **"400" State Trail**

A 22-mile rail bed trail between Elroy and Reedsburg. Connects to the Elroy-Sparta, Hillsboro, and Omaha Trails. Features rock outcroppings along the Baraboo River. Hike, touring bike, snowmobile. C/o P.O. Box 99, Ontario 54651. (608) 337-4775 or (608) 524-2850.

### **Ahnapee State Trail**

From the village of Casco in Kewaunee County, the county-operated trail winds east and north 30 miles along the beautiful Ahnapee River to downtown Sturgeon Bay. Hike, touring bike, ski, and snowmobile. C/o Door County Parks, 3418 Park Drive, Sturgeon Bay 54235, (920) 743-3636, or c/o Courthouse, 613 Dodge St., Kewaunee 54216, (920) 388-4410.

### **Bearskin-Hiawatha State Trail**

Two trails on a former rail bed between Minocqua and Tomahawk. The Bearskin runs 18.3 miles south from Minocqua; the Hiawatha runs north from Tomahawk 6 miles. Hike, touring bike, snowmobile. C/o 4125 County Trunk M, Boulder Jct. 54512. (715) 385-2727.

### **Buffalo River State Trail**

A 36.4-mile multi-use trail between Mondovi and Fairchild in west central Wisconsin. Passes farms, woods, hills, marsh and the Buffalo River. Hike, mountain bike, ride horseback, snowmobile. C/o DNR, 1300 W. Clairemont Ave. P.O. Box 4001, Eau Claire 54702. (715) 839-1607.

### **Chippewa River State Trail**

A 20-mile trail linking Eau Claire with the Red Cedar Trail. The five miles adjacent to Eau Claire are paved for in-line skaters. River and rural scenery. Hike, touring bike, ski, and snowmobile. C/o DNR, 1300 W. Clairemont Ave. P.O. Box 4001, Eau Claire 54702. (715) 839-1607.

### **Elroy-Sparta State Trail**

A delightful, 32.5-mile ride that includes three century-old railway tunnels and a

succession of friendly, small towns. Hike, touring bike, snowmobile. C/o P.O. Box 99, Ontario 54651. (608) 337-4775 or (608) 463-7109.

### **Gandy Dancer State Trail**

This county-operated 98-mile multi-use trail crosses the Wisconsin/Minnesota border twice on its way from St. Croix Falls to Superior. A highlight is the 520-foot bridge over the scenic St. Croix River near Danbury. Hike, touring bike, mountain bike, ski, snowmobile (Polk County Parks & Recreation 100 Polk Plaza #10, Balsam Lake 54810. (715) 485-9272 Douglas County Forestry Dept. P.O. Box 211, Solon Springs 54873. (715) 378-2219 or c/o Burnett County Parks 7410 County Road K #106, Siren 54872. (715) 349-2157.

### **Glacial Drumlin State Trail**

A 51-mile ride through glacial landscapes between Waukesha and Cottage Grove. There is a 4-mile on-road stretch at the mid-point near Jefferson. The 7 miles nearest Waukesha are paved for in-line skaters. Hike, touring bike, ski, snowmobile. 68, east, c/o W329 N846 County Hwy. C, Delafield 53018, (414) 646-3025; 69, west, 1213 S. Main St., Lake Mills 53551, (920) 648-8774.

### **Great River State Trail**

Following the Mississippi River, this 24-mile rail bed trail goes north from Onalaska through Trempealeau, Perrot State Park, and the Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge. Hike, touring bike, ski, snowmobile. C/o W26247 Sullivan Rd. P.O. Box 407, Trempealeau 54661. (608) 534-6409.

### **Green Circle Trail**

The Stevens Point area's locally operated 24-mile nature trail circles through river shores, trees, plants, wild birds, and animals. Recall the history of the huge pinery, Indian camps, pioneer settlements, and lore of the Wisconsin and Plover rivers. Hike, touring bike, ski. 1462 Strongs Ave., Stevens Point 54481. (715) 346-1433.

### **Hank Aaron State Trail**

The trail will include multi-purpose trails and riverwalks along the lower Menomonee river in Milwaukee. Bikeways are open between Hoyt and Doyne parks and north from Mitchell Park. C/o DNR, 2300 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Milwaukee 53212. (414) 263-8559.

### **Hillsboro State Trail**

A 4.3-mile county-operated hike/bike/snowmobile trail between Hillsboro and the 400 Trail at Union Center. Hike, touring bike, ski, snowmobile. 220 Airport Rd., Viroqua 54665, (608) 489-2350, or Juneau Co. Forestry & Parks 250 Oak St., Mauston 53948-1365, (608) 489-2350.

### **La Crosse River State Trail**

A delightful 24.5-mile ride along the La Crosse River between Sparta and La Crosse. The trail is a middle link between the Elroy-Sparta Trail and the Great River Trail. Hike, touring bike, snowmobile. C/o P.O. Box 99, Ontario 54651. (608) 337-4775 or (608) 269-4123.

**Military Ridge State Trail**

The trail follows an old military road built in 1855 between Verona and Dodgeville. Rich in history and panoramic views. Hike, touring bike, snowmobile. C/o Blue Mound State Park 4350 Mounds Pk. Rd, POB 98, Blue Mounds 53517-0098. (608) 473-7393).

**Mascoutin Valley State Trail**

This 9-mile trail goes past farms and wetlands and the communities of Ripon and Berlin. Hike, horse, mountain bike, snowmobile. C/o Fond du Lac County Planning & Parks, 160 S. Macy St., Fond du Lac 54935, (920) 929-3135; Green Lake County, 492 Hill St., Green Lake 54941, (920) 294-4032; or Winnebago County Parks, 500 E. County Rd. Y, Oshkosh 54901, (920) 424-0042.

**Mountain-Bay State Trail**

A county-operated 80.5-mile rail bed trail that passes through a wide variety of landscapes between the Wausau and Green Bay areas. Many bridges. Trail users must use streets and roads through Shawano. Hike, touring bike, snowmobile. C/o Wausau/Marathon County Parks, Courthouse, 500 Forest St., Wausau 54403, (715) 261-1515; Shawano County Parks Dept., 311 N. Main St., Shawano 54166, (715) 526-6766; or Brown County Park Dept., 305 E. Walnut St. #304, Green Bay 54301, (920) 448-4487.

**Old Abe State Trail**

A scenic corridor following the Chippewa River through agricultural and undeveloped lands between Lake Wissota State Park and Brunet Island State Park at Cornell. A parallel horse trail connects Jim Falls and Lake Wissota State Park. Hike, touring bike, snowmobile. C/o DNR, 1300 W. Clairemont Ave. P.O. Box 4001, Eau Claire 54702. (715) 839-1607.

**Pecatonica State Trail**

Running 10 miles through the picturesque Bonner Branch Valley, this county-operated trail links Belmont with Calamine and the 47-mile multi-use Cheese Country Trail. Hike, touring bike, ski, snowmobile. C/o Green County Courthouse 1016 16th Ave., Monroe 53566. (608) 328-9430.

**Red Cedar State Trail**

The trail shadows the steep walls of the Red Cedar Valley 14.5 miles from Menomonie to the Chippewa River Valley. Connects to the 20-mile Chippewa River Trail. Hike, touring bike, ski, snowmobile. 921 Brickyard Rd., Menomonie 54751. (715) 232-1242.

**Saunders State Trail**

This 8.4-mile county-operated trail links with the Gandy Dancer Trail near Superior and continues into Minnesota. Hike, mountain bike, ski, snowmobile. C/o Douglas County Forestry Dept., P.O. Box 211, Solon Springs 54873. (715) 378-2219.

**Sugar River State Trail**

This 23-mile trail traces the gentle meanders of the Sugar River between New Glarus and Broadhead. Part of the Ice Age National Trail. Bikers and hikers can enjoy a replica of the Clarence covered bridge and historic New Glarus. Hike, touring bike,

snowmobile. W5446 Cty. Hwy. NN P.O. Box 805, New Glarus 53574. (608) 527-2334 or (608) 527-2335.

### **Tomorrow River State Trail**

The trail goes through glacial terrain and farm country. Hike, mountain bike, ski. c/o Portage County Parks 1462 Strongs Ave., Stevens Point 54481. (715) 346-1433.

### **Tuscobia State Trail**

From Rice Lake to Park Falls, the Tuscobia Trail travels 74 miles through the Flambeau State Forest and Chequamegon National Forest. Enjoy the rugged wilderness of the Blue Hills from a nearly level former rail grade. Hike, mountain bike, snowmobile, ATV. C/o DNR Hwy. 27 S., Rt. 2, Box 2003, Hayward 54843. (715) 634-6513)

### **Wild Goose State Trail**

A 32-mile county-operated trail skirting the western edge of the vast Horicon Marsh from Fond du Lac to Clyman Junction. The marsh is famous for its migrant waterfowl, including Canada geese. Hike, touring bike, ski, snowmobile. C/o County Planning & Parks Dept., 160 S. Macy St., Fond du Lac 54935, (920) 929-3135 or (800) 937-9123; c/o Dodge County Planning, 127 E. Oak St., Juneau 53039, (920) 386-3700.

### **Wild Rivers State Trail**

Hike, mountain bike, snowmobile. C/o Barron County Forests, 311 E. LaSalle Ave., Barron 54812, (715) 537-6295; Washburn County Forests, 850 W. Beaver Brook Ave. #4, Spooner 54801, (715) 635-2886; or Douglas County Forestry, P.O. Box 211, Solon Springs 54873, (715) 378-2219

### **Wiouwash State Trail**

This county-operated trail extends from downtown Oshkosh 22 miles to Hortonville in Outagamie County and from Tigerton 16 miles to Birnamwood in Shawano County. Hike, touring bike, mountain bike, ski, snowmobile. C/o Winnebago County Parks, 500 E. Sunnyview Rd., Co Hwy Y, Oshkosh 54901, (920) 424-0042; c/o Outagamie County Parks, 1375 E. Broadway Dr., Appleton 54915, (920) 832-4791; or 311 N. Main St., Shawano 54166, (715) 526-6766.

# State Historical Sites

- First Capitol  
*Birthplace of Wisconsin Territorial Government*
- H. H. Bennett Studio and History Center  
*Discover the Soul of the Dells*
- Madeline Island Historical Museum  
*A Place of Encounters*
- Old World Wisconsin  
*Living History in the Heartland*
- Pendarvis  
*Cornish Miners' Colony*
- Stonefield  
*1900 Rural Mainstreet*
- Villa Louis  
*Victorian Country Estate*
- Wade House and the Wesley Jung Carriage Museum  
*1850s Stagecoach Inn*
- Circus World Museum  
*Where Circus History Comes to Life!*

Websites: The State Historical Society of Wisconsin - [www.shsw.wisc.edu](http://www.shsw.wisc.edu)

Historic Sites - [www.shsw.wisc.edu/sites/index.asp](http://www.shsw.wisc.edu/sites/index.asp)

# One Day Destinations

## MUSEUMS/TOURS

### **SHEDD ACQUARIUM CHICAGO, IL**

#### DESCRIPTION:

The largest aquarium in the Midwest, located on Chicago's famous Museum Campus. Featuring fish and aquatic life from all parts of the world.

#### HOURS:

9 a.m.-6 p.m. Winter weekends, holidays and throughout the summer  
(Memorial Day - Labor Day)  
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Winter weekdays (Labor Day - Memorial Day)

#### DIRECTIONS:

On the lakefront in downtown Chicago

#### MORE INFORMATION:

Phone - (312)-939-2438 Website - [www.sheddnet.org](http://www.sheddnet.org)

### **WISCONSIN STATE CAPITOL MADISON, WI**

#### DESCRIPTION:

If you plan to visit Madison touring the Wisconsin Capitol building could be a highlight of your trip. Constructed between 1906 and 1917, the Wisconsin State Capitol is located between two beautiful lakes on the Isthmus of Madison. The white marble building stands just a few feet shorter than the Federal Capitol Building in Washington D.C. and is home to the offices of the Senate and Assembly, Supreme Court, Offices of the Governor, the Attorney General and many other supporting agencies and staff.

#### HOURS:

Free tours of the Capitol are given year round, Monday-Saturday from 9:00 to 11:00 and from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. On Sunday, they are given at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 PM. Tours included a guided walk through the decorative and prominent history of the Senate and Assembly Chambers, Public Hearing rooms, and The Supreme Court as well as other historic areas of the Wisconsin State Capitol.

#### DIRECTIONS:

The Capitol is located in downtown Madison

#### MORE INFORMATION:

You may reach the tour desk by calling (608)-266-0382 or by contacting the office of your State Senator or Representative.

**VETRANS MUESUM  
MADISON, WI**

DESCRIPTIONS:

The Wisconsin Veterans Museum, located across the street from the State Capitol, is dedicated to the state's citizen-soldiers, who gave their youth, their aspirations and in some cases their lives to serve America in times of peril. The 10,000-square-foot museum contains two main galleries, a changing exhibit area, and a gift shop.

HOURS:

Monday through Saturday (year round) 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday (April through September): noon to 4 p.m.  
Closed holidays

DIRECTIONS:

On the Capitol Square, 30 W. Mifflin St. – Madison, WI

MORE INFORMATION:

Phone - (608) 267-1799 Website - <http://museum.dva.state.wi.us>

**WISCONSIN MARITIME MUSEUM  
MANITOWOC, WI**

DESCRIPTION:

We've packed over one hundred years of Great Lakes maritime history and adventure into the Maritime Museum. It's a fascinating, entertaining, educational adventure into everything "maritime," from the famous sailing ships of yesteryear to modern Great Lakes ships; from WWII submarines...28 were built here in Manitowoc...to a wide range of maritime treasures. The Wisconsin Maritime Museum is an enchanting, eye-popping adventure - a truly different and rewarding experience. We're waiting to welcome you aboard!

HOURS:

**Open 7 Days A Week - All Year!**  
(Closed: New Year's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day)

**Summer Hours**

Daily: 9am - 6pm  
(Between Memorial Day Weekend & Labor Day Weekend)

**Fall Hours**

Daily: 9am - 5pm  
(After Labor Day Weekend - October 31)

**Winter Hours**

Daily: 9am - 5pm  
(November 1 - March 31)

**Spring Hours**

Daily: 9am - 5pm  
(April 1 - Memorial Day Weekend)

DIRECTIONS:

The museum is located on Maritime Drive in downtown Manitowoc, Wisconsin. We are found next to the Inn On Maritime Bay on the banks of the Manitowoc River. Look for the submarine! 75 Maritime Drive Manitowoc, WI 54220

**MORE INFORMATION:**

Phone - (920) 684-0218 Website – [www.maritimemuseum.org](http://www.maritimemuseum.org)

**EAA AIRADVENTURE MUSEUM  
OSHKOSH, WI**

**DESCRIPTION:**

The EAA AirVenture Museum is a gathering place for aviation enthusiasts from around the world. Whether you like historical research, photography, art or just the poetry of flight, you'll find what you're looking for at the EAA AirVenture Museum.

**HOURS:**

Monday-Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Group rate and tour information is available from the EAA AirVenture Museum. Write the museum at P.O. Box 3065, Oshkosh, WI 54903-3065, or call 920.426.6535 or 920.426.6869.

**DIRECTIONS:**

The EAA AirVenture Museum is conveniently located just off State Highway 41 in Oshkosh. Take the exit for either Highway 44 or 26 and follow the frontage road to the museum's spacious parking lot. The museum, which is located in the same building as the international headquarters of both the Experimental Aircraft Association and the EAA Aviation Foundation, can be seen easily from Highway 41.

**MORE INFORMATION**

Phone – (920)-426-6535 or (920)-426-6869 Website - <http://museum.eaa.org>

**STATE HISTORICAL MUSEUM  
MADISON, WI**

**DESCRIPTION:**

The Historical Museum for the State of Wisconsin.

**HOURS:**

Tuesday to Saturday 10:00AM to 5:00PM, Sunday Noon to 5:00PM, Closed on Mondays.

**DIRECTIONS:**

The Wisconsin Historical Museum is located on the Capital Square at 30 N. Carroll St., Madison, WI 53703.

**MORE INFORMATION:**

Phone – (608)-264-6555 Website - <http://www.shsw.wisc.edu>

## OTHER

### YERKES OBSERVATORY WILLIAMS BAY, WISCONSIN

#### DESCRIPTION:

Yerkes Observatory is a research branch of the Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics of the University of Chicago. Until the mid-1960's, Yerkes Observatory housed all of the Department's activities (including managing the operations for McDonald Observatory in Texas from 1932-1962). Today the 77-acre, park-like site in southeast Wisconsin provides laboratory space and access to telescopes for research and instruction in ways that complement other facilities available to the Department. A substantial fraction of the University's library holdings in astronomy are housed at Yerkes.

#### HOURS:

Yerkes provides tours every Saturday morning throughout the year at fifteen minutes past ten, eleven, and Noon. There is no charge, but we appreciate donations.

#### DIRECTIONS:

Take Highway 43 all the way to the Highway 67 Elkhorn/Williams Bay exit. Turn south onto Highway 67 towards Williams Bay, and drive about six miles to the intersection of Highway 50. Cross Highway 50 (you will see Mercy Clinic immediately on your left) Continue downhill almost exactly one mile (you will pass Charlie-O's Restaurant on your right) to where Highway 67 does a t-intersection with Geneva Street (the Williams Bay Fire Department is immediately ahead of you). Turn right, and go uphill, curving to your left on Highway 67/Geneva Street almost exactly one mile up to the unlit brown sign with white lettering that says YERKES OBSERVATORY. (Please note that, because of ongoing research, our sign is NOT lit up.) Turn into the Yerkes Observatory Drive, and park in front of the Observatory. (If you see the illuminated Aurora University sign on your left, you've gone exactly one block too far. Turn around).

#### MORE INFORMATION:

Yerkes Observatory – University of Chicago  
373 W. Geneva Street Williams Bay, WI 53191  
Phone - (262)-245-5555 Website - <http://astro.uchicago.edu/yerkes>

### BOERNER BOTANICAL GARDENS HALES CORNERS, WI

#### DESCRIPTION:

Boerner offers rather a large array of public programs, ranging from the annual Rose Festival to arts-and-crafts classes. There are even days when you can get your plant questions answered by master gardeners.

#### HOURS:

Formal Garden hours:  
May through Oct. 8am–sunset, daily  
Late April & early Nov. If weather conditions are favorable, the gardens may open earlier in the season or stay open later in the season  
Mid-November through mid-April Closed

#### DIRECTIONS:

From Highway 894 Westbound: Take Forest Home south to 92nd Street. Turn left (south). Follow 92nd Street to College Avenue and turn right (west). Take the first right. 5879 S. 92nd St.

Hales Corners, WI 53130

MORE INFORMATION:

Phone – (414)-425-1132 Website - <http://www.countyparks.com/horticulture>

**WEHR NATURE CENTER (IN WHITNALL PARK)  
HALES CORNERS, WI**

DESCRIPTION:

Rustling leaves, shimmering seas of grass, a cool rush of water over rock, birds and waterfowl calling, a rainbow of wildflowers, a scamper of animal feet... all of these natural treasures and many more await you at the Wehr Nature Center.

For a refreshing, energizing activity, you and your troop can enjoy, explore the natural environment of the Wehr Nature Center – by taking a self-guided tour or participating in one of Wehr's many programs led by staff naturalists.

Groups must pre-register and be led by Wehr naturalists.

HOURS:

Open daily 8am–4:30pm, except Thanksgiving and Dec. 24–26.

**The Nature Store** is open 8:30am–4pm

**Visitors Center & Parking Lot Hours:**

Daily 8am–4:30pm, except Thanksgiving and Dec. 24–26

MORE INFORMATION:

Phone - (414)-425-8550

Website - [www.countyparks.com/horticulture](http://www.countyparks.com/horticulture)

**GLACIER PARK - TRAIL OF HISTORY  
MCHENRY, IL**

DESCRIPTION:

The *Trail of History* is a living history interpretive event. Interpreters from across the country portray and demonstrate life as it was from 1670 – 1850 in the former Northwest Territory which encompasses present day Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and portions of eastern Minnesota. The event's focus is to show the interrelationship between nature, man and cultural development.

HOURS:

Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in October.

DIRECTIONS:

Glacial Park, 6512 Harts Road in Ringwood, IL; located off of Rt. 31 between the cities of McHenry and Richmond, IL.

MORE INFORMATION:

Phone – (815)-338-MCCD (6223) Website - [www.mccdistrict.org](http://www.mccdistrict.org)

## **SPORTING EVENTS**

### **AUTO RACING**

Sheboygan County Fairgrounds - Eastern Wisconsin Stock Car  
Plymouth, WI

Eastern Wisconsin Stock Car was created in 1960 as the sanctioning body for racing events taking place at the Sheboygan County Fairgrounds in Plymouth, WI.

Sheboygan County Fair Park - 1/3 Mile Clay Oval  
Racing Every Saturday Evening  
Gates Open 5:00 PM. - Qualifying 5:45 PM. - Racing Follows  
Winged Super Modifieds \* Limited Late Models \* Super Stocks

Phone - (920)-892-2927

Website - [www.ewscracing.com](http://www.ewscracing.com)

### **PROFESSIONAL SPORTS**

Current event schedules, times, and ticket information can be found at:

Milwaukee Admirals - [www.milwaukeeadmirals.com](http://www.milwaukeeadmirals.com)

Milwaukee Brewers – [www.milwaukeebrewers.com](http://www.milwaukeebrewers.com)

Milwaukee Bucks - [www.bucks.com](http://www.bucks.com)

Milwaukee Wave - [www.milwaukeewave.com](http://www.milwaukeewave.com)

Racine Raiders - [www.racineraiders.com](http://www.racineraiders.com)

# Internet Resources

RESOURCE	WEBSITE
American Park Network	<a href="http://www.americanparknetwork.com">www.americanparknetwork.com</a>
Boy Scout Camps	<a href="http://www.bsacamps.org">www.bsacamps.org</a>
Boy Scouts of America	<a href="http://www.bsa.scouting.org">www.bsa.scouting.org</a>
Ice Age Trail Foundation	<a href="http://www.iceagetrail.org">www.iceagetrail.org</a>
Ice Age Trail Maps	<a href="http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/at/et/geo/iceage">www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/at/et/geo/iceage</a>
National Park Service	<a href="http://www.nps.gov">www.nps.gov</a>
Northern Tier National High Adventure	<a href="http://www.ntier.org">www.ntier.org</a>
Philmont	<a href="http://www.philmont.com">www.philmont.com</a>
Scouter	<a href="http://www.scouter.com/compass/default.asp">www.scouter.com/compass/default.asp</a>
Scouting Magazine	<a href="http://www.scoutingmagazine.org">www.scoutingmagazine.org</a>
Sea Base	<a href="http://www.bsaseabase.org">www.bsaseabase.org</a>
State of Wisconsin Portal	<a href="http://www.wisconsin.gov">www.wisconsin.gov</a>
U. S. Scouting Service Project	<a href="http://www.usscouts.org">www.usscouts.org</a>
Wisconsin State Historic Society	<a href="http://www.shsw.wisc.edu/index.html">www.shsw.wisc.edu/index.html</a>
Wisconsin State Parks	<a href="http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/parks">www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/parks</a>
Wisconsin State Parks Reservations	<a href="http://www.reserveamerica.com">www.reserveamerica.com</a>

# Submit Your Idea

The Order of the Arrow has “Done its Best” to compile this booklet of information. No directory can be complete, as opportunities abound. If you have a favorite camping venue or activity WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! Submit your idea for inclusion into the next revision of this publication. Please include as much of the following information as available:

**Name of Camp(ground) or activity:**

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**A brief description of the venue and why it’s your favorite:**

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Website:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other/additional Information:**

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Submit Information to:

Order of the Arrow  
Where To Go Camping Committee  
%SEWI – BSA  
2319 Northwestern Avenue  
Racine, WI 53404

Or

E-mail [mascouten8@sewisbsa.com](mailto:mascouten8@sewisbsa.com)

(Direct the information to the “OA Where To Go Camping Committee.”)