

Where To Go Camping Guide 2017



A Troop's Guide
to the Outdoors

Presented by Croatan Lodge #117



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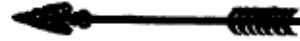
Dear Scouter,

As a young scout, I was taught years ago, that one could not take the 'outing' out of the word 'scouting.' The very heart of the Boy Scout program lies in the glory of the natural world. For this reason, Croatan Lodge 117 proudly brings to you the 2017 edition of the Where To Go Camping Guide. This booklet was made as a guide for all East Carolina Council Units for finding new and exciting places to camp throughout North Carolina. Also for those who think that camping doesn't have anything more to offer them, there is information on COASTAL ADVENTURES and some of the various other National High Adventure Bases. Whether you plan on trekking through the Rockies at Philmont Scout Ranch or canoeing with our own Pamlico Sea Base we hope to share with you as much contact information as possible.

If you are reading through the book and see that one of Your favorite camps isn't included, complete the enclosed form. We in the Lodge Camping Promotions Program seek to include camping in all its forms. This includes local/District camping, Council Camps as well as National Programs. We sincerely hope that you will want to share any information which you might have with your fellow scouts. Please remember while camping to uphold the high ideals of the scouting program. Do your best to keep the camps clean and usable for all of those campers who use it after you.

Good Luck Camping and most importantly, have Fun!!

Good Camping,



Kyle Furgason
Vice Chief of Camping Promotions
Croatan Lodge 117

WHY SHOULD WE GO CAMPING?

- *Camping is a major part of the scouting program.*
- *Scouts who camp on a normal basis get more out of the program and stay in scouts longer.*
- *Campers tend to advance more frequently.*
- *CAMPING IS FUN!!!!*

THE TEN CAMPING ESSENTIALS

Pocket Knife

First Aid Kit

Extra Clothing

Rain Gear

Water



Flashlight

Trail Food

Fire Starters

Map & Compass

Sun Protection

LOW IMPACT/LEAVE NO TRACE CAMPING

If your troop or patrol comes upon a place in the woods that looks completely unused, odds are that the group before you used a technique called Low Impact/Leave No Trace Camping. This technique consists of preparing your meals over stoves rather than fires, pitching your tents away from small plants, and packing your trash. Low-Impact Camping is a fun way to challenge yourself and help the environment all at the same time. This method also helps you travel lightly on the land. This method shows that you as a scout are living true to the high ideals of the Scout Oath, Scout Law, and Outdoor Code.



WHAT IS THE ORDER OF THE ARROW?

The Order of the Arrow is the Scouting brotherhood of honor campers. The organization is a society of Boy Scouts and Explorers that functions as a part of the regular camping program of the Boy Scouts of America. The Order's foremost purpose is to promote and enrich Scout camping.

The Arrowmen in a local Scout council form a lodge (using the Native American tradition in the sense of the hunting lodge or the council lodge).

Elements of Native American traditions are used in Order of the Arrow ceremonies for dramatic effect. However, the Native American aspects of the Order, should never obscure the objectives of the Order.

One becomes a member not so much for what he has done but for what he is expected to do.

CROATAN LODGE wants to be a part of your unit's program. If any newly chartered troops or troops with a large number of new scouts would like help in teaching new or different camping techniques, the local OA Chapter will gladly assist in any capacity. Again, contact the local Chapter Chief. We hope to grow together, unit and chapter, in fellowship and spirit.

GOOD LUCK CAMPING!!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CAMPSITE?

The goal of this camping booklet is to make units in the East Carolina Council aware of camping areas both within and outside of North Carolina. This booklet has been made to promote more camping. Promoting camping is the first and foremost goal of the Order of the Arrow.

CROTAN LODGE has a great interest in learning about favorite campsites enjoyed by load Council units. Any new additions will be added when this booklet is updated. Let us know about your favorite site, so we can spread the enjoyment of camping.

Please mail completed form to:

VICE CHIEF OF CAMPING PROMOTIONS
CROTAN LODGE
EAST CAROLINA COUNCIL, BSA
P.O. BOX 1698
KINSTON, NC 28503

NEW CAMPING AREAS FOR CROTAN LODGE'S CAMPING BOOKLET

NAME _____

LOCATION _____

RATES _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

SEASON _____

RESTRICTIONS _____

FACILITIES _____

ACTIVITIES _____

ALL AREAS WILL BE CONTACTED BEFORE BEING LISTED

SUBMITTED BY: _____ DISTRICT: _____

PHONE NO: _____ UNIT NO: _____

ADDRESS: _____

NORTH CAROLINA



BOY SCOUT CAMPS

Cape Fear Council

Service Area

The Cape Fear Council covers Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Hoke, New Hanover, Pender, Robeson, and Scotland counties in North Carolina.

Council Office Location

110 Longstreet Drive Wilmington, NC

Contact Information

Telephone (910) 350-2976

Fax (910) 350-2964

Website

<http://www.capefearcouncilbsa.org/>

Council Properties

Camp Bowers

Location: 13165 NC Highway 53 West, White Oak, NC 28399

Telephone: (910) 395-1100 ext. 23

Amenities

Camp Bowers has more than 1,400 acres of pristine Long Leaf Pine Forests along the shores of the 35-acre Lake Katherine. Camp Bowers provides unique and exciting programs for Scouts of all ages. It offers 11 campsites each complete with their own pavilion, latrine, and showers. Camp Bowers offers a variety of programs for Scouts to participate in, including the Canoe Outpost, Pathfinder Program, Project C.O.P.E. and many more. A picturesque waterfront for canoeing & kayaking, high ropes & low ropes courses, and competitive shooting spots are just a few of the activities available.

Camp Website

<http://cfcbsa.wpdev.cfwebmasters.com/camping/camp-bowers/>

Camp McNeil

Location: Cub Range Trail, White Oak, NC 28399

Amenities

Program areas include a Gold Mine, Futuristic Space Station, BB and Archery Ranges, an expanded Fitness Trail, an outdoor Basketball Court, and the Julia Butler Playground. Other themes program areas include the Pirate Ship, a Western Fort, the Native American Teepee Village, and Tom Sawyer rafts. The camp also has water, restrooms, showers, cabins, campsites, and a fire circle area along mountain bike, canoe, and kayak rentals.

Central North Carolina Council

Service Area

The Council covers seven counties in Central North Carolina: Anson, Cabarrus, Montgomery, Richmond, Rowan, Stanly, and Union.

Council Office Location

PO Box 250, 32252 Hwy 24-27 Albemarle, NC 28002

Contact Information

Telephone (704) 982-0141 or (704) 550-2582

Fax (704) 982-0262

Website

<http://www.centralnccouncilbsa.com>

Council Properties

Camp John J. Barnhardt

Location: 44184 Cannon Road, New London, NC 28127

Telephone: (704) 422-3025

Amenities

Camp John J. Barnhardt, located on the William C. Cannon Scout Reservation, is 1,000

acres of beautiful, rolling wooded hills beside Badin Lake. Some of the facilities at Camp Barnhardt include swimming pool/shower facilities, natural and man-made lakes for swimming, canoeing, sailing, snorkeling, rowing, kayaking, motor-boating, water skiing and great fishing. There is a well-equipped handicraft shelter, an ecology building, rappelling/climbing tower, C.O.P.E Course, obstacle course, rifle, shotgun, and archery ranges. All campsites have electricity, a permanent program shelter with lights, tent platform camping (steel frame systems), latrine facilities with a shower and hot shower facilities in close proximity.

Camp Website

<http://www.centralnccouncilbsa.com/camp-information/campbarnhardt/34929>

Camp Cabarrus

Location: 4827 Camp Cabarrus Dr, Kannapolis, NC 28081

Amenities

The facilities at Camp Cabarrus include: a lake, Eagle Hall for meetings, kitchen for cooking, hot showers, and shelters.

Camp Website

<http://campcabarrus.webs.com/>

Daniel Boone Council

Service Area

The council covers fourteen counties in Western North Carolina: Avery, Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Swain, Transylvania and Yancey.

Council Office Location

333 W. Haywood St. Asheville, NC 28801

Contact Information

Telephone (828) 254-6189

Fax (828) 252-4818

Website <http://www.danielboonecouncil.org/>

Council Properties

Camp Daniel Boone

Location: 3647 Little East Fork Rd, Canton, NC 28716

Telephone: (828) 648-0435

Amenities

Camp Daniel Boone provides nearly 700 acres for long-term resident and weekend camping, training events, and lots of outdoor Scouting fun. Amenities includes a lake (Lake Allen), shooting sports ranges, climbing wall, fishing, ecology center, trading post, and a beautiful dining hall (Ledbetter Lodge). It has 22 campsites that can accommodate approximately 850 campers with most campsites having a combination of 4 bed cabins, three sided Adirondacks and permanent platform tents. There are three shower / flush toilets houses as well as 5 new state of the art latrine houses located throughout camp.

The camp uses the mountains, rivers, and trails in Western North Carolina to support their High Adventure program.

Camp Website

<http://www.campdanielboone.org/Home.aspx>

Lumpkin Adventure Base

Location: 566 Nichols Branch Road, Franklin NC

Telephone: (828) 369-6012

Amenities

The Lumpkin Adventure Base is 117 acres of beautiful forested land, nestled up against the Nantahala National Forest in Macon County, NC. The camp is ready to serve Scouting in Daniel Boone Council, and surrounding councils as a weekend camping facility, as well as for camporee's, training events, Cub Scout day events and Cub Scout family camping programs. The base will also soon serve as a dedicated Venturing High Adventure Base, serving Venturers from across the country with exciting affordable summer program opportunities.

The McGlammery Training Center is fully functional, as is the camp office and restroom/shower facilities. By this fall there will be bunkhouses open which can sleep about 50 campers. Other amenities at LAB include 2 pavilions and plenty of space for tent camping. Hiking trails will be added along with other program opportunities including a high ropes course.

LAB Website

<http://www.lumpkinadventurebase.org/home.html>

East Carolina Council

Service Area

The council covers twenty-one counties in Eastern North Carolina: Beaufort, Bertie, Carteret, Craven, Edgecombe, Greene, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Onslow, Pamlico, Pitt, Tyrrell, Washington, and Wilson.

Council Office Location

Perry Family Scout Service Center 313 Boy Scout Blvd. Kinston, NC 28501

Contact Information

Telephone (252) 522-1521

Fax (252) 522-9707

Website

<http://www.eccbsa.org/>

Camp Boddie

Location: 419 Boy Scout Rd, Blounts Creek, NC 27814

Telephone: (252) 975-6060

Amenities

Camp Boddie (formerly Camp Bonner) is located along the banks of the Pamlico River as part of the East Carolina Scout Reservation. The East Carolina Scout Reservation is situated on 880 acres and is available for year-round use. Amenities include: 8 traditional campsites and 1 with Adirondacks; running water, campfire circles, pavilions, three bath houses, dining hall, health lodge, trading post, reception center, and eco lodge.

Activity areas include: Shooting Sports; a C.O.P.E. course; climbing tower, Sports and Activities Field; Nature Area; Outdoor Skills area; and a handicraft area. The aquatics area includes a 25yd swimming pool and waterfront area for boating. Boating activities available include canoeing, small boat sailing, rowing, kayaking, motor boating, and water sports. The pool is available from mid - April through the end of October.

Camp Website

<http://www.eccbsa.org/Camping/Camp%20Boddie/Summer%20Camp>

Pamlico Sea Base

Location: 419 Boy Scout Rd, Blounts Creek, NC 27814

Amenities

The Pamlico Sea Base offers a wide range of summer programs for Boy Scout Troops, Venturing Crews, Sea Scouts, and other interested organizations. These programs operate on the same schedule as a traditional summer camp, with check-in beginning on Sunday and the week concluding on Saturday morning. This allows units to travel together to one convenient location for their summer adventure. Younger Scouts can participate in merit badge programs at Camp Boddie while older Scouts can explore the waters of not only the historic Pamlico River but also North Carolina's world renowned coast. The Sea Base has cabins, a lodge, and restroom facilities.

Herbert C. Bonner Scout Reservation (including Hannah Bonner and Camp Bonner)

Location: Harvey Rd, Washington, NC 27889

Amenities

Camp Bonner provides one of the best primitive camping locations in the region. Host to the annual East Carolina Camporee the site has seen up to 4,000 campers at once. Camp Bonner & Hannah Bonner is on the north shore of the Pamlico River 10 miles east of Washington, North Carolina. This 360-acre facility is a perpetual use for Scouting as designated in the estate of the late Herbert C. Bonner. The camp is used annually for a council-wide Camporee for Scout Troops and is used for weekend outings for Packs, Troops, Crews, training courses and non-Scout groups and has several permanent shelters and water access in most campsites. Adjacent to, and surrounded by Camp Bonner, is a 5.3-acre Salvation Army facility known as Camp Hannah Bonner, whose facilities include a small dining hall, two bathrooms, health lodge, staff cabins.

Camp Charles

Location: 10689 Camp Charles Rd, Bailey, NC 27807

Amenities

Camp Charles is a weekend camping facility for Packs, Troops and Crews and non-Scouting groups on 150 acres near Bailey, North Carolina about 10 miles west of Wilson, North Carolina. This was the Council's summer camp facility prior to the opening of Camp Bonner in 1969. There is a large lake where you can rent canoes and kayaks; 7 camp sites with drinking water; program shelters; and a central parking area. The Hawley Center includes indoor meeting space with a fireplace, an open area with picnic tables and two large bathrooms. There is a small fishing lake and walking trails abound.

Camp Sam Hatcher

Location: Sam Hatcher Rd, Newport, NC 28570

Amenities

Camp Sam Hatcher is a 35-acre property near Newport, North Carolina and is used for weekend outings by Packs, Troops and Crews and non-Scouting groups. It is located between Morehead City and Emerald Isle, and provides a great and affordable campsite for units looking to visit the beach. Sam Hatcher is a primitive camping site there is water access at most campsites, a small latrine facility, cold showers, a large program pavilion, and a lodge with a meeting area.

Mecklenburg County Council

Service Area

The council covers Mecklenburg county North Carolina.

Council Office Location

1410 East 7th Street Charlotte, NC 28204

Contact Information
Telephone (704) 333-5471
Fax (704) 377-4955

Website
<http://www.mccscouting.org/Home.aspx>

Council Properties

Camp Grimes

Location: 383 Vein Mountain Road, Nebo NC 28761
Telephone: (828) 652-3923

Amenities

Camp Grimes is located on 1115 acres in the foothills of the South Mountains near Marion, North Carolina. The camp hosts year-round activities including the Nationally Accredited Boy Scout Resident Camping program during the summer. It offers hiking and biking trails, aquatics, frontier area, high ropes course, shooting

range, ecology, craft, an activity field, and indoor planetarium. It features: 13 campsites w/shelter, along with 2 youth and 1 adult shower house.

Camp Website

<http://www.mycampgrimes.org>

Hornets' Nest Day Camp

Location: 383 Vein Mountain Road, Nebo NC 28761

Telephone: (828) 652-3923

Amenities

This is a short-term camping facility with primitive campsites and a support building with kitchen and meeting room. Restroom facilities and RV hookups are available as well.

Belk Scout Camp

Location: 9408 Belt Road, Midland NC 28107

Telephone: (704) 545-0958

Amenities

Belk Scout Camp is located east of Mint Hill on 286 acres of pines, hardwoods, and open fields. Two major streams, Clear Creek and Long's Branch are located on the property. The camp is located at the easternmost point of Mecklenburg County and has property located in Mecklenburg, Union and Cabarrus counties. A 100+ year old surveyor's monument stands at the point where these counties intersect. The camp offers a dining hall, leadership development center, shelters, a pool, climbing tower, an orienteering course, a shooting range, a BMX track, a lake, canoeing, and cabins.

Camp Website

<http://www.mycampgrimes.org/belk>

Occoneetchee Council

Service Area

The council covers 12 counties to include: Chatham, Cumberland, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Harnett, Lee, Moore, Orange, Vance, Wake, and Warren.

Council Office Location

3231 Atlantic Avenue Raleigh, NC 27604

Contact Information

Telephone (919) 872-4884

Fax (919) 872-1159

Website

<http://www.ocscouts.org/>

Council Properties

Camp Durant

Location: 4637 Old Carthage Rd, Carthage NC 28327

Telephone: (910) 948-3258

Amenities

Camp Durant is the primary summer camping facility of the Occoneechee Council and is part of the Occoneechee Scout Reservation, a 2,400-acre (9.7 km²) tract in northwestern Moore County, North Carolina. It operates as a full-service summer camp for the Scouts of the Occoneechee Council during the months of June, July and August. The camp has been recently renovated. The hallmark of the campaign is the completion of the 700-seat Grand Lodge Dining Hall which is fully air conditioned dining hall will seat the entire camp population at one setting, and boasts four serving lines and a full-service Trading Post and Grill below. Other facilities improvements include: Rawls Ecology Center, Blue Cross Blue Shield Activity Field, Simmons Trailblazer Area, C. Harrison Smith Aquatics Center, Charlie Sullivan Order of the Arrow Lodge Building, Preston Health Lodge, and the Handicrafts Area.

Camp Durant has fourteen campsites, each divided into two sides. Each campsite also has a shower house, complete with three hot/cold showers and three flushing toilets. These shower houses also allow for electric power during summer camp. The entire camp has also been wired with fiber optic cables, which allows for both wired and wireless high-speed internet connections.

Camp Website

<http://www.campdurant.com>

Camp Reeves

Location: 4637 Old Carthage Rd, Carthage NC 28327

Telephone: (919) 872-4884

Amenities

Situated on the remainder of the Occoneechee Scout Reservation, Camp Reeves provides primitive facilities for unit and district camping. The camp has several large Jamboree-style camping fields, as well as unit campsites and several buildings. Camp Reeves was the original summer camp for the Occoneechee Council after the Moore County property was purchased.

Camp Campbell

Location: 476-498 Mill Creek Rd, Clarksville, VA 23927

Telephone: (919) 872-4884

Amenities

Camp Campbell is the most primitive of the camping properties operated by the Occoneechee Council. Located on Kerr Lake, in Townsville, Virginia, just north of Henderson, North Carolina, Camp Campbell offers Scouting units access to Kerr Lake.

Old Hickory Council

Service Area

The council covers eight counties to include: Alleghany, Ashe, Forsyth, Stokes, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yadkin.

Council Office Location

6600 Silas Creek Parkway Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Contact Information

Telephone (336) 760-2900

Fax (336) 760-4222

Website

<http://www.oldhickorycouncil.org/>

Council Properties

Camp Raven Knob

Location: 266 Raven Knob Road, Mt Airy NC 27030

Telephone: (336) 352-4307

Amenities

Officially Raven Knob Scout Reservation — stands on 3,200 acres in Surry County. It consists of 36 campsites with latrines and a Boy Scout museum. The camp offers aquatics, handicrafts, shooting sports, Trail to Eagle, climbing, mountain bike, and kayaking.

Camp Website

www.ravenknob.com

Camp Raven Point

Location: 916 Scout Road, Lexington, NC 27292

Amenities

Raven Point located at High Rock Lake in Davidson County is Old Hickory's "Sea Base" and camping facility. This camping facility has a boat dock, bunkhouse, and camping area for scouts. Sea Scout Ship 924 maintains the facility and it is the home to the annual Davey Jones Rendevous where Venture Crews from several states converge for a weekend of leadership training, fun and more fun!

Old North State Council

Service Area

The council covers eight counties which include: Alamance, Caswell, Davidson, Davie, Guilford, Person, Randolph, and Rockingham.

Council Office Location

1405 Westover Terrace Greensboro, NC 27408

Contact Information

Telephone (336) 378-9166

Fax (336) 378-9169

Website

<http://www.bsaonsc.org/>

Council Properties

Cherokee Scout Reservation

Location: 3269 Boy Scout Camp Road Yanceyville, NC 27379

Telephone: (336) 694-6440

Amenities

Located southwest of Yanceyville, NC, Cherokee Scout Reservation offers an exciting camping experience. During the summer months, Cherokee is the home of our Boy Scout Summer Camp; it is available for weekend camping year-round. There are 14 different campsites to choose from. Each campsite has access to running water and latrines. Hot showers are available in the shower house. Programs available at Cherokee include COPE course and climbing tower, swimming, boating, shooting sports, and archery.

Units need to bring tents. Sites that have Adirondacks are located in Blackfoot A, Cheyenne B, Pawnee B, Sioux B and C, and Delaware B. Electricity is available at Chippewa, Delaware, Sioux, Blackfoot and Cheyenne. It is also available in all buildings.

Water is only available in the winter at the following buildings and campsites: (water is usually cut off from 2nd or 3rd weekend in November to late March. Water is available at Headquarters, OA Lodge, Dining Hall and water spigot at Blackfoot and Cheyenne.

Fishing and swimming in the lake is allowed at Cherokee. Certification of Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat are required for swimming. Boating requires certification in Paddle craft Safety. You do not need a fishing license.

Camp Website

<http://www.bsaonsc.org/csr/>

Woodfield Scout Preservation

Location: 491 Woodfield Scout Trail Asheboro, NC 27203

Telephone: (336) 625-9944

Amenities

Woodfield is divided into an east and west side. Both sections offer short-term weekend camping year-round. The east side of Woodfield has ten campsites with access to running water, male and female flushing toilets, and program areas. Some of these sites provide permanent wall tents year-round. Woodfield East also has an Amphitheater and Chapel, as well as BB and Archery ranges. For Boy Scouts, there is boating offered on the upper lake and two sections of east Woodfield are reserved for Boy Scout camping. One section has been set aside for low impact camping and the other section has access to running water and fire rings for weekend camping. The west side of Woodfield offers Boy Scout weekend camping on eight established campsites with fire rings. These sites also provide access to latrines, showers, and a program shelter. Low impact camping is also available on Mary's Mountain; however, fires are prohibited in this area. Woodfield West is very primitive camping but does have water. Latrines, showers and shelters are available. Water is available in the Longhouse, training center, main building and designated shower house. Woodfield West only has power at the large program shelter. Water is turned off in the winter. Units will need to bring their own water or get it from Cub World. Woodfield Cub World is reserved for Cub Scout Camping only. Water is not available at the showers in Cub world during the winter. It is only available at the Longhouse, Training Center, Headquarters, and Dining Hall. Fishing is permitted in the 3 ponds only in Woodfield. There is no swimming in any of the lakes or ponds.

Camp Website

<http://www.bsaonsc.org/woodfield.html>

Hemric Scout Reservation/Camp Donald E. Robinson

Directions: ACCESSIBLE ONLY BY BOAT! To get to Clay Hemric Scout Reservation travel north on Interstate 85 to Burlington, then follow 49 North to Virginia. Turn right onto Hwy 58 East and follow to Hwy 15 South for about four

miles to Longwood boat ramp on the right. Put in boat and travel back under the Hwy 15 bridge. Travel about one mile in the main channel. The boat dock will be in a small cove on the right.

Telephone: (336) 625-9944

Amenities

This excellent facility provides a unique camping experience for boys. Located on Kerr Lake Reservoir near the North Carolina Virginia border, this camp can only be reached by boat. The camp provides docks, latrines, running water, a dining hall and lodge building.

Camp Website

<http://www.bsaonsc.org/hemric.html>

Charles T. Hagan Sea Scout Base

Location: 781 Scout Road, Lexington, NC 27292

Telephone: (336) 625-9944

Amenities

The Sea Scout Base provides a unique camping experience for Scouts and Explorers. It is located on High Rock Lake and is excellent for boating, especially sailing. There is a Headquarters Building with a small meeting room and kitchen. There are also shower facilities on site.

Camp is limited to 90 people. Camp sites 1 & 2 are for tent camping and hold approximately 30 people each. Campsite 3 consists of 3 Adirondacks that sleep 8 each. Camping is available from April through November. Water is cut off in the winter. The main building can be used year-round. Fishing and swimming are allowed at Hagan. A fishing license is required. The gate at the parking lot is kept locked. Park in the parking area and unload vehicles and carry supplies to the campsite. Canoes are available on site and can be rented. Life jackets are available and must be worn by scouts while they are in the canoe. There is no longer a dumpster on site. Please remove your trash and take it with you as part of your check out procedure. We are sorry for the inconvenience; but it is not practical because of the monthly cost to have a dumpster on site. If you are planning a large outing and would like to have a dumpster on site during your stay, please let us know and we can make arrangements, the fee is \$150

Camp Website

<http://www.bsaonsc.org/hagan.html>

Piedmont Council

Service Area

The council covers eleven counties which include: Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, McDowell, Polk, and Rutherford.

Council Office Location

1222 East Franklin Blvd Gastonia, NC 28054

Contact Information

Telephone (704) 864-2694

Fax (704) 867-2046

Website

<http://www.piedmontcouncilbsa.org/>

Council Properties

Piedmont Scout Reservation Camp Bud Schiele

Location: 668 Boy Scout Rd, Rutherford, NC 28139

Telephone: (828) 287-2299

Amenities

Camp Bud Schiele is one of the premier Boy Scout camps in the Southern Region. It has a long tradition of serving scouts from across the Piedmont Council as well as scouts from as far away as Florida. It is located in the foothills of Western North Carolina, and serves over 2,000 scouts per summer and an additional 500 leaders. It is centered around a beautiful 31-acre lake, and offers a full program of swimming, boating, target shooting, handicrafts, outdoor skills, climbing, C.O.P.E., high adventure, and a first-year camper program.

Activities at Camp Bud Schiele include: Swimming (in lake, no pool), Canoeing, Kayaking, Water Skiing, C.O.P.E. (including rappelling and zip lining), Scout Craft, Handicraft, First Year Scout Program, Fishing, and Shooting Range (including rifle, archery and trap). Other features include: Tent Camping, Staff Cabins, Rostan Cabin (sleeps 40), Milkhouse (sleeps 12), Camporee/Wilderness Area, Day Fishing, Outdoor Shelters, and Yurt.

Camp Website

<http://www.piedmontcouncilbsa.org>

Tuscarora Council

Service Area

The council covers four counties which include: Duplin, Johnston, Sampson, and Wayne Counties.

Council Office Location

316 East Walnut Street Goldsboro, NC 27530

Contact Information

Telephone (919) 734-1714

Fax (919) 734-6540

Website

<http://www.bsanc.org/>

Council Properties

Camp Tuscarora

Location: 1433 Scout Road, Four Oaks, NC 27524

Telephone: (919) 921-1750

Amenities

Camp Tuscarora is a nationally accredited 1,100-acre camping facility owned and operated by the Tuscarora Council. The camp has a BMX track that covers more than an acre. It has a downhill start, three gravity-defying curves, four adrenaline-charged major jumps, and more than 20 smaller jumps. A skateboard park with four quarter-pipes, rails, stairs and a specially designed picnic table for skaters to hone their skills. It also has an updated waterfront with a large waterslide, white sand beach, renovated program shelter, new docks and more.

Other facilities include: a brand-new shower house facility, upgraded handicraft shelter, air-conditioned dining hall, Trading Post, area for first year campers, basketball court, newly refurbished shooting areas, climbing tower and much more!

Camp Website

<http://www.bsanc.org/Camping>

Scout Camp at Kerr Lake/Camp Campbell

Location: 498 Mill Creek Rd, Clarksville, VA 23927

Telephone: (919) 921-1750

Amenities

The camp at Kerr Lake is a primitive base camp consisting of over 100 acres located on the 50,000-acre John H. Kerr Reservoir in Virginia. It has one of the only natural beaches on the entire reservoir and is popular for fishing, water activities and camping.

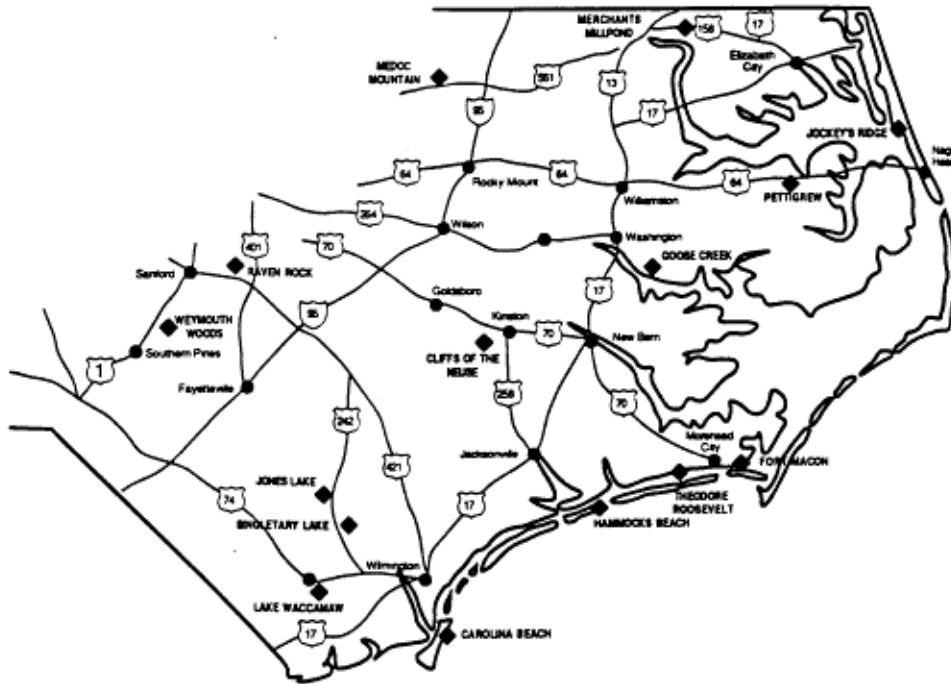
Activities include: Fishing, water activities and camping. Contact the council for additional information.

Camp Website

www.bsanc.org/Camping

NORTH CAROLINA

THE EASTERN REGION



GOOSE CREEK

Located in Beaufort County on the Pamlico River. The area consists of 1,327 acres of diverse topography and vegetation. The river section has natural sand beaches, and combined creek section that offers fishing, bird watching, and water recreational activities. Spanish moss decorates the greenery throughout. Site includes swimming, picnicking, boat launching, access and parking, hiking, camping trails and fishing. Goose Creek may be reached from US 17, US 264, and NC 92. Southeast of Washington, NC.

Address: 2190 Camp Leach Rd Washington, NC 27889
Phone: (252)-923-2191

CAROLINA BEACH

1,773 acres, New Hanover County. Near Carolina Beach, there are 83 tent/trailer campsites.

Picnicking, fishing, hiking, nature study, small marina, and boating are all offered.

Address: 1010 State Park Road Carolina Beach,
NC 28428
Phone: (910) 458-8206

CLIFFS OF THE NEUSE

Consists of 608 acres in Wayne County. There are 35 tent/trailer campsites. Picnicking, refreshment stand, fishing, hiking, swimming, rental row boats, nature study, museum, and a dump station are all provided at the site.

Address: 240 Park Entrance Road Seven Springs, NC 28578
Phone: (919) 778-6234

MERCHANTS MILL POND

Merchants Mill Pond is one of our state's rarest ecological communities that includes 2,508 acres with activities including swimming, fishing, hiking and canoeing, canoe rental, and canoe camping. A cypress swamp and large lake dominate the 206 tent/trailer campsites.

Address: 176 Millpond Road Gatesville, NC 27938
Phone: (252)-357-1191

PETTIGREW

Is stretched over 17,369 acres of Washington and Tyrell County. Some of the things offered at Pettigrew include boating, fishing, hiking, nature study, historic structure, boat launching facility, and 13 tent/trailer campsites.

Address: 2552 Lake Shore Road Creswell, NC 27928
Phone: (252) 797-4475

JONES LAKE

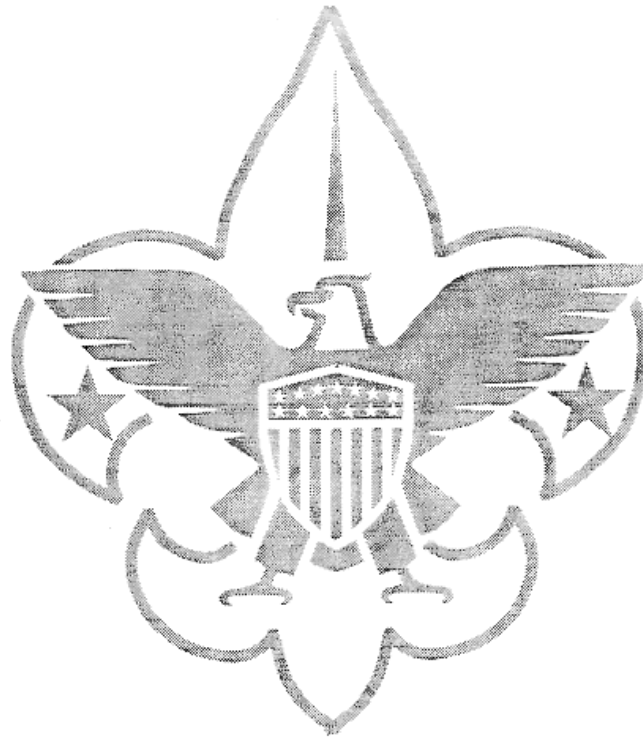
Jones Lake is 2,208 acres spanning over Balden County. Picnicking, refreshment stand, swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, and nature study are some of the things offered.

Address: 4117 Hwy 242 N Elizabethtown, NC 28337
Phone: (910) 588-4550

SINGLETARY LAKE

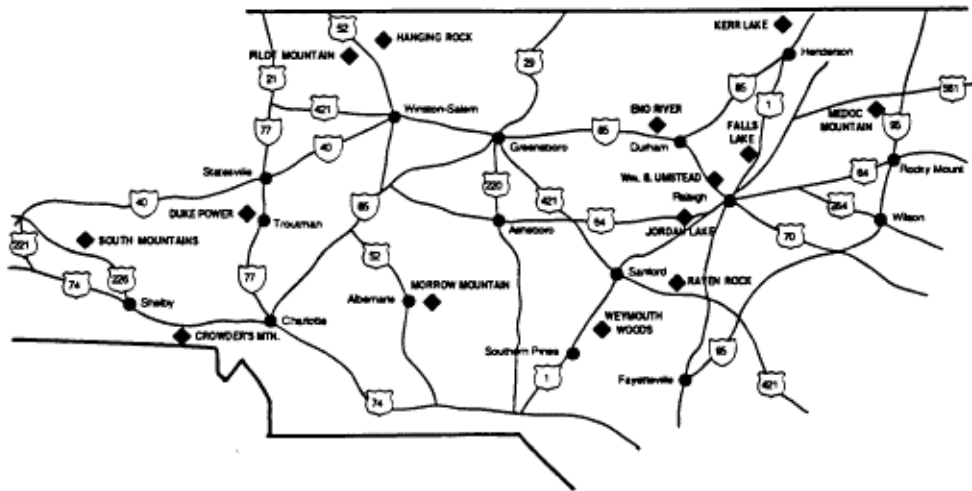
Singletery Lake consists of 1,221 acres in Balden County where organized campsites are offered.

Address: 6707 NC 53 Hwy 53 Kelly, NC 28448
Phone:(910) 669-2928



NORTH CAROLINA

THE CENTRAL REGION



ENO RIVER

This campground consists of 2,000 acres with interim facilities. The area has diverse topography from upland forest to the unspoiled lowland of the Eno River. The main highways that travel through the area include: 1-85, US 15-501, NC 55, and NC 70. The Eno River Camp facilities include a suspension bridge, picnicking, hiking, canoeing, primitive camping, and nature study.

Address: 6101 Cole Mill Road
Durham, NC 27705-9275
Phone: (919) 383-1686

RAVEN ROCK

Consists of 2,731 acres of Hamett County. Rolling terrain, extensive forest, unique plant life, and exposed rocks are eye-catching features. Some activities include scenic and historical area, primitive and canoe camping, trails, picnicking, fishing, hiking, nature study, and an extensive trail system. Major highways include US 421, 701, and 401.

Address: 3009 Raven Rock Road
Lillington, NC 27546
Phone: (910) 893-4888

MEDOC MOUNTAIN

Located in Halifax County, this camp consists of 2,300 acres of rolling topography. Main Highways around the area are 1-95, US 301, US 158, and US 258. Nature study, picnicking, fishing access, and group camping are offered.

Address: 1541 Medoc State Park Road
Hollister, NC 27844
Phone:(252) 586-6588

MORROW MOUNTAIN

Located in Stanley County. The camp's 106 tent/trailer sites are spread over 4,641 acres which offer picnicking, refreshment stand, swimming, vacation cabins, boating, fishing, hiking, and a nature study museum.

Address: 49104 Morrow Mountain Road
Albemarle, NC 28001
Phone: (704) 982-4402

WILLIAM B. UMSTEAD

5,214 acres of Wake County. Picnicking, hiking, nature study, rental rowboats, fishing, and 28 tent/trailer campsites. There are 4 group camping facilities for 64, 64, 94, and 119 persons.

Address: 8801 Glenwood Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27612
Phone: (919) 571-4170

FALLS LAKE

Is a 11,000-acre lake with 230 miles of shoreline. The lake offers boating, fishing, swimming, hiking, picnicking, and a full-service marina. There is excellent fishing for largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, and catfish.

Address: 13304 Creedmoor Road
Wake Forest, NC 27587
Phone: (919) 676-1027

JORDAN LAKE

Is a 13,900-acre lake with a 150-mile shoreline. The lake offers boating, swimming, sailing, boat rental and picnic, and a full-service marina. The lake provides excellent fishing for largemouth bass, striped bass, bluegill, and crappie.

Address: 280 State Park Road
Apex, NC 27523
Phone:(919) 362-0586

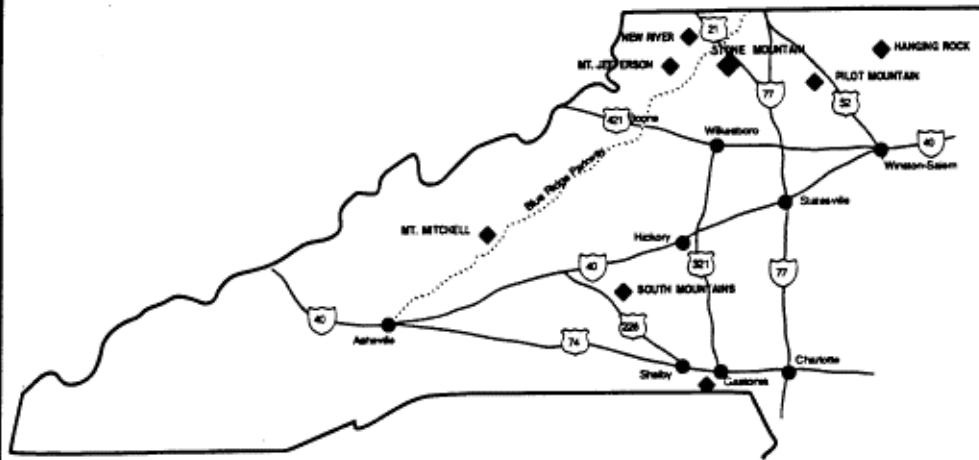
KERR RESERVOIR

A 106,860-acre total area with a 48,900-acre lake that has a shoreline of 800 miles. Over 1,000 family campsites are offered. The lake has 3 commercial marinas, and much more.

Address: 6254 Satterwhite Point Road
Henderson, NC 27356
Phone:(252) 438-7791



NORTH CAROLINA
THE WESTERN
REGION



Western North Carolina STATE PARKS

CROWDER'S MOUNTAIN

Is made up of Principal peaks in Kings Mountain Range. It is located off of 1-85 and US 321 and NC 274 in Gaston and Cleveland County. Consisting of 1,966 acres, the area has interim development consisting of picnicking, hiking, nature study, fishing, and primitive camping.

Address: 522 Park Office Lane
King's Mountain, NC 28086
Phone: (704) 853-5375

NEW RIVER

Can be reached by NC 88 and SR 1588. It consists 500 acres located near Jefferson County. There are 4 specific sites along 26 miles of the scenic New River. Interim facilities, primitive and canoe camping, hiking, fishing, and nature study are all offered.

Address: 358 New River State Park Road
Laurel Springs, NC 28644
Phone: (336) 982-2587

PILOT MOUNTAIN

Consists of 3,748 acres in Surry and Yadkin County. It includes 1,397 acres on the Yadkin River. It has a unique 5 1/4 mile stretch and has a trail to connect its 2 sections. Picnicking, hiking, and nature study are all provided. 49 tent/trailer campsites.

Address: 1792 Pilot Knob Park Road
Pinnacle, NC 27043
Phone: (336) 325-2355

MOUNT MITCHELL

Is a park of 1,469 acres in Yancey County. The park has the highest peak in eastern America with an observation tower. Picnicking, refreshment stand, restaurant, museum, hiking, nature study, limited camping, observation lounge, and 9 tent Sites are all offered.

Address: 2388 State Highway 128
Burnsville, NC 28714
Phone: (828) 675-4611

SOUTH MOUNTAINS

Consists of 6,000 acres in provides primitive camping, study. Some attractions waterfalls.

Address: 3001
Avenue
Phone: (828)



Burke County. The park hiking, picnicking, and nature include high shoals and

South Mountain Park

Connelly Springs, NC 28612
433-4772

Western North Carolina STATE PARKS

STONE MOUNTAIN

It is 11,285 acres of Wilkes and Alleghany County. The park features a 600 ft. high granite dome with a 3-mile circumference at the base. The park features 37 tent/trailer campsites and includes fishing, hiking, and nature study. The park is undeveloped.

Address: 3042 Frank Parkway
Roaring Gap, NC 28668
Phone: (336) 957-8185

HANGING ROCK

Includes 5,862 acres in Stokes County. Picnicking, refreshment stand, vacation cabins, lake swimming, rental boats, fishing, hiking, nature study, and 74 tent/trailer campsites.

Address: 1790 Hanging Rock Road
Danbury, NC 27016
Phone: (336) 593-8480

NORTH CAROLINA



NATIONAL
SEASHORES

Cape Hatteras National Seashore

On the Outer Banks in Dare and Hyde Counties, the National Seashore covers 28,000 acres. Bodie Island, Hatteras Island, and Ocracoke Island stretch over 70 miles of open beach known for its surfcasting. It is accessible by paved roads connected by highways US 158 and US 64-264 near Nags Head and Manteo, a free State ferry across Hatteras Inlet, and a ferry from Cedar Island and Swan Quarter.

Information concerning the commercially operated campgrounds may be requested by calling (252) 473-2111.

CAMPING

Many private campgrounds are located near Cape Hatteras National Seashore area (see Avon, Buxton, Hatteras, and Rodanthe in Private Campgrounds Section). Three National Park Service Campgrounds (Oregon Inlet, Cape Point, and Ocracoke) operate from April until mid-September. Frisco operates from late-May through Labor Day reservations are required May 17 through Labor Day. There is a limit of 14 days May through August. Trailers are permitted at all campgrounds; no utility connections are provided. Fees are different for each campsite and there is a limit of 6 people. The campgrounds are generally flat and sandy without shade. Camper supplies are available at Oregon Inlet Marina and various villages within the National Seashore. All are ocean side separated by barrier dunes from the beach. All campgrounds have modern toilets, water, cold showers, grills, and tables. National Park service reservation offices are located at Whalebone Junction, Buxton, and Ocracoke. Reservations cannot be made by telephone.

CAPE POINT

Located at Buxton near the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse. There are 202 sites with drinking water, grills, tables, comfort station, and outdoor showers. Fee: \$12

FRISCO

Located 5 miles northeast of Hatteras Village on NC 12. There are 136 with grills, drinking water, tables, outdoor showers, and comfort station. Fee: \$12

OCRACOKE

Located on the ocean side of Ocracoke Island. There are 136 sites with drinking water, grills, tables, toilets, and showers. Fee: \$12

OREGON INLET

Located on the south shore of Bodie Island near the bridge of Hatteras Island. There are 120 sites with, comfort stations, outdoor showers, water, grills, and tables available. For detailed information and regulations contact the superintendent, Rt. 1, Box 675. Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Manteo, NC 27954. Fees \$12.

The Bodie Island Visitor Center near Bodie Island Lighthouse, the Cape Hatteras Visitor Center near Cape Hatteras Lighthouse and the Visitor Center at Silver Lake Harbor in Ocracoke Village are other attractions. The Cape Hatteras Lighthouse is the nations tallest at 208 feet in height. Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge is within the Park and is administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It includes 5,880 acres on Hatteras Island between Pamlico Sound and the Atlantic Ocean.

HIKING IN



NORTH CAROLINA

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The North Carolina mountains provide a wide selection of trails for both the inexperienced and advanced hikers. The national forests in North Carolina provide over 1,200 miles of primary foot trails; including seven National Recreation Trails and over 200 miles of the Appalachian Trail.

Andrews Bald

(6030ft) One of the more popular hike in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park (GSMNP). Easy family trips with dense forestry and grassy balds with good views. The forest is especially nice in late June when the greenery blooms. From US 441 at Newfound Gap take Clingman's Dome Spur Road, 7.6 miles to the end. A marked hiking trail begins west of the parking area. Follow signs in parking lots. The Andrews Bald provides an easy 4-mile roundtrip.

Art Loeb Trail

(6,030 if) A linking of outstanding trails in Pisgah National Forest, which memorializes the late Arthur J. Loeb, who was an officer of the Carolina Mountain and executive of Olin Industries who has led in high esteem by associates in hiking, conservation, and industry. The trail offers an ideal venture for Boy Scouts or anyone seeking to extend hiking experience. Shelters and other refinements are provided. The entire trail is marked with direction signs. Section 1 (12.3 mi) starts on US 276, 1 mile west of US 64. The trail climbs to Neil Gap behind Davidson River Campground, west to Chesnut Knob, south of Cedar Rock, to Gloucester Gap. Section 2 (7.2 mi) goes from Gloucester Gap via Pilot Mountain through Farlow Gap, across Blue Ridge Parkway at Shuck Ridge, then across Silvermine Bald to Black Balsam trailhead. Section 3 (6.8 mi) climbs to Black Balsam Knob, across Tenneset Mountain, entering Shining Rock Wilderness at Ivestor Gap, crosses Flower Knob, Shinning Rock, Stairs Mountain, and Cold Mountain (6,030 if). Section 4 (3.8 mi) drops down from Deep Gap, below Cold Mountain, to Daniel Boone Scout Camp off NC 215. Strenuous 30.1-mile hiking is offered. Camp Section 1,2, and 3 are part of the Mountain-to-Sea Trail.

Balsam Corner

(6,040 if) The trail goes through cool spruce and balsam forest in Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Spring water and shelter are offered near Balsam Corner Treat. Hike starts at Round Bottom parking area beside Straight Fork. The trail features a beautiful stream. From Highway 441 at park entry, turn on to the Big Cove- Road at 9 miles immediately across concrete bridge, turn right on to gravel road, and follow it for 5 miles to Round Bottom Parking area. Walk up road, and cross the concrete bridge. About 150 yards beyond the bridge to the left is the faint Ledge Bald Trail. Make a steady gradual climb to Balsam Divide. Continue north on ridge until crossing Mount Sterling, then make a left to Tri-corner Knob and Mount Guyot on the AT.

HIKING IN NORTH CAROLINA

Black Mountain

(4,286 ft.) From the Blue Ridge Parkway mile 441, drive 4 miles south on US 276 to Cradle of Forestry. Near east end of parking area, walk up graded road about 200 feet, just past the gate turn left (south) up Black Mountain Trail. Follow white markers on trail during steady climb to Buckhorn Gap and crosses between Clawhammer Mountain and Black Mountain. Then, descend past Hickory Knob and Little Hickory Knob to Forest Service Depot on US 276. Visit to the Cradle of Forestry is recommended. Other outstanding alternate trips after reaching Buckhorn Gap follow the blue triangle markers west to Avery Creek: then orange markers southwest to White Pines Campground on US 276. Black Mountain offers a moderate hike of 8 miles.

Catoloochee Valley

(2,643ft) Leave Blue Ridge Parkway milepost 458.2 in Heintooga Spur Road. A park is in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park at Paul's Gap 6.1 miles north, take the trail northeast on old railroad grade about 2 miles. Turn right onto the fine trail for Catoloochee Valley. At the fork onto Caldwell Fork Trail and descend to ranger station in the magnificent valley with many reminders of early settlers. The trail offers a strenuous 14-mile round trip. Can be combined with Pretty Hollow Gap Trail.

Charlie's Bunion

(5,560ft) from Newfound Gap on the AT. The trail offers a remarkably fine family hike in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. It is a good camp all year, even in snow. Walk east on the AT from US 441 at Newfound Gap. At 3 miles pass Ice Water Spring Shelter. Descend around Masa's Knob. At 4 miles reach bare rocks of Charlie's Bunyon where in 1925 great landslides revealed rock backbone underlying the Smokies. Great views of Mt. LeConte are offered in the 8-mile round trip.

Catawba Falls

(2,400ft) Offers a popular family trip to impressive waterfalls on headwaters of Catawba River. at the railroad station on US 70 is Old Fort, turn south onto Catawba Street; walk up farm road 1/4 mile to fork. Cross the river, walk up the stream, and pass a dam and abandoned powerhouse. When the road runs out after 35 minutes and becomes a streambed, walk left on the bank 15 paces, then on the right bank for 55 paces. Next, go sharply left (south) across the stream, continuing south for 175 paces (keeping left) to the base of lower Catawba Falls. Upper falls plunge into a large pool and can be reached in 30 minutes on steep, slippery trails. 3.5-mile hike on Private Property.

Cheoah Bald

(5,062ft) from Stecoah Gap on the AT. Leave NC 28 from gap just west of Stecoah; go to Sweetwater Road (SR 143) for 2 miles southwest to Stecoah Gap where the AT crosses. Park, then follow the white blazes: climb southeast very steeply on AT to crest water 200 yards right. Continue to the summit of Cheoah Bald at 4.3 miles. The trail provides a strenuous 8.6-mile hike and primitive camping.

Clingman's Dome

(6,642 ft) is the highest mountain in Great Smokie Mountain National Park. It is the second highest peak in Eastern America. Observation tower at the peak provides a splendid panoramic view from above. Drive 1.3 miles southwest to Indian Gap on Clingman's Dome Spur Road from US 441 to Newfound Gap. Park and go southwest on the AT, which passes through the gap just west of Spur Road. The trail provides a strenuous 2-mile roundtrip.

Grandfather Mountain

(5,964 ft) Is located in Linville area and has a mile-high swinging bridge which connects 2 of the peaks. Grandfather is the highest mountain on the Blue Ridge Range and a spectacular Alpine-like ridge-top hike is found there. The highest peaks can be reached only by trail in an undeveloped 5,000-acre area. 7 trails have been designated by the US Department of the Interior on the 2 mountains. Located within 10 miles of 6 ski resorts, Grandfather is one of the snowiest spots in North Carolina and a popular winter backpacking and hiking site. From the east, the Daniel Boone Scout Trail reaches Calloway Peak, the mountain's highest point in 3 miles. The Boone Trail begins on the West side of US 221, 10.8 miles north of the US 221 and Highway 105 junction in Linville and 1.5 miles south of the Blue Ridge Parkway and Halloway Mountain Road junction with US 221. Other trails on the mountain reach Indian House Cave, one of the East's highest archeological sites, and Black Rock Cliffs Cave, a 6-room cavern. There are 3 trails on Grandfather Mountain form a national recreation trail day or multi-night backpacking circuit over Calloway Peak. Camping is permitted at many backcountry campsites where some shelters are provided. Hiking permits are required and a fee is charged to support trail maintenance and monitoring system for safety. Permits are available at the Grandfather Mountain Entrance.

Crabtree Bald

(5,320ft) From the summit all 49 mountains in Western Carolina can be viewed from 6,000 feet. To get there, take NC 209 for 6 miles north from US 19 at Junaluska. Turn right onto SR 1503 near Crabtree-Ironduff School. Go 2 miles, and turn left onto Bald Creek Road SR 1505. Go 3 miles, park where Indian Branch crosses under the road. Cross the pasture gate on the left, walk up paths and jeep trail to the ridgeline. Go southwest on crest to Crabtree Bald, identified by antenna on the top. NC 209 is also accessible from Fines Creek exit on 1-40 if coming from the west. A moderate roundtrip of 7 miles on private property is offered. Contact owner in advance before hiking.

Linville Gorge

(2,600ft) Linville Gorge is one of Eastern America's most scenic and rugged gorges. It is also reputed to be the wildest and most treacherous area in the Blue Ridge Parkway, but the risks on graded trails described here are no greater than elsewhere in the wilds of the Southern Appalachians. The area has been set aside as a wilderness by the US Forest Service. Babel Tower Trails begin at the sign on the east side of old NC 105, 2.8 miles south from NC 183. None of these are circle trips, however, all the trails can be followed back to their starting points at 1 to 2.9 miles each. The Babel Tower Trail and Conley Cove Trail makes a hike of 8 miles. Before starting in the gorge, it is desirable to drive to Wisernen's View recreation site on old NC 105, 1.5 miles south of start of Babel Tower Trail. Here, the gorge can be scanned from overlooks that orient the hiker. The trail offers an 8-mile moderate hike.

Mount Mitchell

(6,684ff) From Black Mountain Campground in the Pisgah National Forest. Mount Mitchell is the highest point in Eastern America. A lookout tower provides a great panoramic view from the summit. While you can drive nearly to the top, the more rewarding route is to hike from Black Mountain Campground to Mount Mitchell. The campground can be reached by turning from BR Parkway 33 miles north of Asheville at Deep Gap, milepost 351.9. A gravel road leads north 4.9 miles to the campground, marked trail begins in the northeast corner of the camping area. Near the top, the path goes through the dark green Fraser Fir forests. The hiking trail provides an 11-mile strenuous hike

Pilot Mountain

(5,151ft) In mid-May, the slopes of the mountains are covered with Fullbloom Pinkshell Azalea. Views from the summit in all directions reveal the majesty and wildness of the Pisgah National Forest. From US 276, turn west onto Davidson River Road (Forest Service Road 475) 9.8 miles south of Wagon Road Gap on mile 411.9 on the Blue Ridge Parkway for 5.25 miles north of junction NC 280 and US 64; go 6.2 miles to Glouchester Gap, keep left at junctions; park 5 feet stone slab standing at the junction with Cathey's Creek Road. Climb northwest, right on Art Loeb Trail following the yellow blazes and silhouettes of hikers. Frequent switchbacks make the ascent moderate. It takes 1.5 hours to reach the summit. For a different return route, continue north from the summit, descending on the opposite side of the mountain on Jeep Road. The trail offers a moderate roundtrip of 6 miles and campsites.

Pretty Hollow Gap

(5,200ff) From Cataloochee Valley, in the Great Smokey Mountain National Park, the graded trail after 2.5 miles is easy. Much of the route is high above the gorge. Take US 276 for 5.8 miles north from US 19 at Dellwood. Turn left onto SR 1395 (old NC 284) just before 1-40 entrance. Go 7.9 miles, then turn left onto the paved road. After 2.9 miles, turn left at the bridge in Cataloochee Valley; drive 2 miles to the bridge at the old-school house. Park near the gate to the dirt road, cross the great head west. Follow the trail signs up the creek to Pretty Hollow Gap. It is worthwhile to go 2 miles more to Mount Sterling, which offers a magnificent view from the tower. A strenuous round trip is offered at 12 miles.

Roan Mountain National Recreation Trail

(6,286ft) Offers a loop trail that winds through Roan Mountain Gardens. A natural garden of rhododendron, fir trees, and grass openings are included. The peak of the bloom is in mid-June. Portions of the trail are paved with a viewing deck for the handicapped. Facilities include water, comfort station, picnic areas, and information stations are provided. Nearby, Cloudland Trail goes to an observation deck. Take NC 261 to Carver's Gap, turn left and follow the road to the summit and parking area.

Sandymush Bald

(5,152ff) The trail offers spectacular mountain pastures with extraordinary views of farm country in the valleys far below. Park at Doggett Gap on NC 63 on divide 25 miles northwest of the Asheville Post Office. Walk southwest up farm road, at 3rd gate enter the sweeping pasture with a shack to the right and a stream to the left. Skirt left around the small mountain ahead and sight Sandymush Bald, the highest mountain to the southwest, can be reached by following the fence southwest for 1 h 45mm sticking to southwest paths at the corners. The trail offers a moderate roundtrip of 10 miles.

Shortoff Mountain

(3, 000 ft.) Is a highly-recommended trip. A moderate walk to the lower end of Linville Gorge (Trail 90) along a series of cliffs offering unsurpassed views into the gorge with lake James as a backdrop in the distance. Exit from 1-40 at Nebo-Lake James exit, east of Marion. Go north 2.8 miles; turn west, left for 0.3 miles; next, turn north, right onto NC 126, which leads around Lake James. After 10 miles, cross the Linville River; go 1.2 miles farther; turn onto the first road on Wolf Pit Road (Forest Road 117). Take the road 2.4 miles to turnaround at dead end to park. Walk 12 minutes more, reach another junction, go either right or left. In 13 minutes reach the 3rd junction; take the woodland footpath straight ahead west between two small gashed pine trees, avoiding the main road which climbs steeply right to the side road to the left which goes steeply downhill (pay special attention to stay on the right road). In 7 minutes, you will arrive at the first observation point on the cliffs. Walk north as far as desired along the edge of the cliffs on the tiny trail through rhododendron, laurel, and sand myrtle. A moderate roundtrip of 5-8 miles is provided.

Shut-In National Trail

(5, 000ft) It follows the historic route built by George Vanderbilt from the French Broad River to his Buck Springs Hunting Lodge. It was probably named for the many rhododendron thickets. Beginning at the NC 191 off-ramp of the Blue Ridge Parkway, it parallels and crosses the Parkway to Mount Pisgah parking area, near mile post 408. The trail offers a moderately strenuous dim from 2,000 ft to 5,000 ft along its 6.3-mile length. The Shut-In National Trail is part of the North Carolina Mountain to Sea Trail.



BOY SCOUT



NATIONAL
HIGH ADVENTURE
PROGRAMS

National High Adventure Information for all BSA High Adventure Bases

Wilderness Use

Each High Adventure Base crew in keeping with the BSA policy of "Camp and Leave No Trace".
More information on the advisors' kit to prepare all of the crew members and adults on the importance of No Trace wilderness camping.

Family Canoeing/Fishing

Family members must be members of the BSA Family Camping Association or approved by the local council. For information, contact your local council office. The family must consist from 6 to 9 members.

National High Adventure Participant Requirements

To participate in a High Adventure Program, one must be a registered member of BSA, Venturing, or Explorers. They must be 13 years of age by January 1st of the year you plan to attend and also hold the First Class Rank or be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Contact individual High Adventure Bases for other additional requirements.



The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base

In the heart of the fabulous Florida Keys, on a sub-tropical island, 75 miles south of Miami. The Sea Base is scouting's most complete aquatic adventure program offering: sailing, motor boating, canoeing, deep sea fishing, scuba diving, lobstering, and beach combing. Scouts can explore the vast ecosystem found in the Florida Keys.

The Sea Base facilities include a large, fully equipped galley with indoor and outdoor dining areas that comfortably seat 120 for meals. The elevated dorms overlook Florida Bay and one of the bridges that separates the Atlantic Ocean from the Gulf of Mexico. The harbor has a 300-foot dock for the larger sailing yachts as well as many shorter docks for smaller vessels. The swimming area is complete with a step-down deck and marker buoys. The Trading Post sells many items that you may have forgotten or that you want to take home as a remembrance of your adventure.

Just a mile off shore lies an extensive underwater coral ecosystem that forms a protective barrier around the islands. Thousands of tropical fish make the reef their home. The Florida water is crystal clear, making vision under water optimum. To this day, the lure of discovering buried treasure is still a possibility. While at the sea base, there is no dead time, considering your adventure starts the day you arrive at the base. After you arrive, a swim check and snorkeling skills are immediately tested. After that, you will go to the galley for a meal and briefing of the activities you will undertake while at the Sea Base.

Some of the programs offered include:

OUT ISLAND ADVENTURE
BAHAMAS ADVENTURE
CORAL REEF SAILING ADVENTURE
FLORIDA KEYS ADVENTURE PROGRAM
SEA EXPLORING ADVENTURE
SCUBA PROGRAMS
(Scuba Certification & Scuba Adventure)
KEYS ADVENTURE . NON-SUMMER
KEYS WEEKEND ADVENTURE



Northern Tier High Adventure Programs

Minnesota . Canada

From May through September, Northern Tier takes pride in offering Scouts the world's best canoeing. You'll explore the Queto Parks and BWCAW by canoe. The program offers fishing on the shores and camping on the water. After a voyage to remember, you break camp and canoe out while at Base Camp with a Finnish Sauna, Hot showers, and great food.

From December to March, the OKPIK winter program provides an introduction to the other side of the beautiful north woods. OKPIK offers snow camping, skiing, snow shoeing, and winter ecology.

The first step is to choose your Northern Tier trip. The Northern Tier offers 4 trips, each being unique in character and different in price. The Northern Tier adventure is unforgettable considering it takes you through the heart and soul of Canoe Country.



Philmont Scout Ranch

Cimarron, NM

Philmont Scout Ranch is the most popular High Adventure Base of all Boy Scouts. Philmont is spread over 137,493 acres of the Sangre de Cristo Mountain Range in northeastern New Mexico. Included in Philmont are alpine meadows, vistas, mesas, and rugged slopes.

Each year Philmont hosts over 15,000 Scouts, Explorers, and leaders from all over the entire world. Philmont offers many educational and high adventure programs are offered at each of Philmont's staffed camps. Some of the programs offered include: panning for gold, hiking, rock climbing, fur trapping, rifle and shotgun shooting, burro racing, fishing, horseback riding, spar pole climbing, and educational side hikes. Within the vast, working ranch, the elevations range from 6,500 feet to 12,441 feet at Mount Baldy. A crew can choose from various itineraries, classed on difficulty and programs offered.

There are over 300 miles of developed hiking trails that link staffed and non-staffed camps together. 24 preplanned itineraries are offered which can be chosen by program or route. Of the 24 itineraries, some are more strenuous than others and all of them are spread over either the North or South Countries.

RAYODO MEN

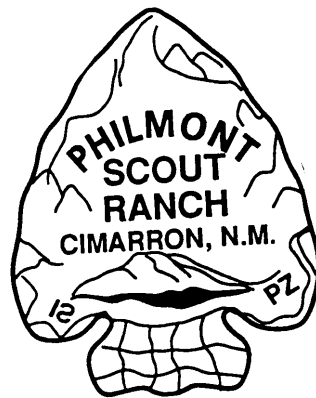
Older more experienced hikers who think that a regular trek isn't much of a test, then Rayodo is the adventure for you. Rayodo Men offers outdoor leadership building, group dynamics, wilderness problem-solving, advanced outdoor skills, and close to 210 miles of hiking over the 21-day span.

TRAIL CREW / OA TRAIL CREW

OA Trail Crew and Regular Trail Crew are programs designed to preserve the beautiful Philmont wilderness. Regular Trail Crew has no charge except transportation and OA Trail Crew has a minimal fee of 100 dollars. OA Trail Crew is a 14-day trek with 7 days of conservation and trail building and 7 days on the trail. Regular Trail Crew consists of 18 days at a back-country work project and then a 10-day regular trek.

OTHER GREAT ADVENTURES INCLUDE:

- *Expeditions
- *Cavalcades
- *Mountain Men
- *Mountain Women
- *Kanik
- *Autumn Adventure



SOME USEFUL WEB PAGES

NC State Park System	www.ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncmap.html/
National Park Service	www.nps.gov/
American Camping Association	www.aca-camps.org/
Boy Scouts of America	www.bsa.scouting.org
Croatan Lodge	www.croatan.org
BSA High Adventure	www.startext.net/homes/longhorn/high-advent.htm

Outdoor Outfitters

REI	www.rei.com
Campmor	www.campmor.com
Mountain Gear	www.mgear.com

