

The Wenasa Quenhotan Lodge 23

Where to Go

Camping Booklet



Order of the Arrow
Wenasa Quenhotan Lodge
W.D. Boyce Council, Boy Scouts of America

Greetings Brothers:

This is the latest edition of the Wenasa Quenhotan Where to go Camping Booklet. The main purpose of the Order of the Arrow focuses on promoting scout camping to units. I hope that this booklet will give you a resource of new camping locations, as well as information on different hiking and camping awards. I also ask that you please fill out the last page of this book and return it to the Lodge. We want to know where your unit likes to camp, so we can continue to update our booklet. The more responses we get from units, the quicker more useful resources there will be available to you. *Please note that not all of the sites listed are for camping. Some are only for hiking and meant as one day activity sites.* Thank you for your continuing support to the Wenasa Quenhotan Lodge. Happy Camping!

Yours in Brotherhood

Matt Wright

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Lodge Chief

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INGERSOLL SCOUT RESERVATION

Ingersoll Scout Reservation is located about 40 miles west of Peoria, Illinois on Route 116. It is operated by our own council, W.D. Boyce. ISR encompasses nearly 1000 acres of beautiful Illinois terrain, with rolling hills, deciduous forest, wetlands, and prairie along several miles of the Cedar Creek. It offers top-of-the-line summer camp program and fantastic year-round camping opportunities. This is definitely a camp that should be visited by area troops, whether for a weekend campout in December or for a week of fun in July.

Summer Camp

The ISR summer camp experience is like no other camp program in the country. For one week, your troop can enjoy all of the natural beauty of the camp, while an enthusiastic and helpful staff will help them earn merit badges and guide them through the best scouting experience they have ever seen. Whether you are a young scout on his first outing or a Life Scout coming for your fifth year, there is a program for you that will leave you with skills and memories that will last throughout your lifetime.

What can you do at summer camp?

There are so many things to do at ISR that you'll wish you had an extra week to do them all! One of the biggest activities at ISR is merit badges. Choose from over 40 badges to work on every day with knowledgeable staff that will help you achieve your goals. The merit badges that are offered include many that are Eagle-required, like Citizenship in the World and Communications at the chaplain's tent, Swimming and Lifesaving at the pool, and Environmental Science at the Nature lodge. Also offered are many "just for fun" badges, like Archery and Rifle/Shotgun Shooting at Shooting Sports, Canoeing, Rowing, and Small Boat Sailing at Lake Roberts, and Wilderness Survival, Pioneering, and Sculpture at Outdoor Skills. Got some free time? Head over to any program area, such as the pool or climbing tower, during open program and get help with your merit badges or just have fun. Your free time can also be spent at the trading post, where a variety of snacks and useful camp gadgets are available.

At ISR, program goes beyond merit badges. In the evening on Friday, The Order of the Arrow holds a pow wow and its callout ceremony to induct scouts and leaders who live up to the ideals of Scouting into their brotherhood. This captivating display of Native American culture will impress not only scouts, but their families as well, as they will be there for Family Night. Another unique program at ISR is Camp Wilderness, a combination of Outpost program from previous years and the new Wilderness Factor activities and trek for older scouts. Troops will get to choose which Outposts they go to: the Muddy Mississippi swim party at Crowdad, the Minnesota Logging camp at Paul Bunyan, and the western saloon and ranch at Horseshoe Bend. Older youths, including girls and those not involved with scouts, will enjoy the Wilderness trek through the undeveloped forests and prairies of the Far East Side of camp. Trek participants use backpacking and Leave-no-Trace skills to explore and live on a different

schedule from the rest of camp. The trek is a great option for older scouts who are done with merit badges but still want to enjoy camp.

This is just a brief overview of camp program. There is much, much more to experience once you are at camp. Summer camp is the ultimate Scouting experience; make your troop's memorable at Ingersoll Scout Reservation.

Summer Camp Merit Badges

Listed for you are just some of the 40+ merit badges offered at IISR.

Astronomy	Cooking
Citizenship in the Nation	Fishing
Space Exploration	Geocaching
Camping	Basketry
Indian Lore	Nature
Woodcarving	Lifesaving
First Aid	Oceanography
Emergency Preparedness	Forestry
Communications	Orienteering
Rowing	Geology

All merit badges are taught in specialized areas by experienced staff. Some merit badges require things to be completed before camp, so make sure you know your merit badge requirements before leaving for camp.

For first-year campers, a highly recommended program is the Brownsea island Adventure. This program aids new campers in learning about essential Scouting skills, like patrol method, outdoor skills, and respect for Scouting ideals, while at the same time helping them towards the rank of First Class. Brownsea is a great jumpstart for new scouts and will definitely make their first summer camp experience a great one.

Camp Wilderness

Camp Wilderness is a combination of the Outpost program and Wilderness Factor activities. The purpose of this new program is to provide scouts with a fresh camp experience beyond regular program. Outposts are special themed activity areas located at various places outside the main camp. The things troops do there are intended to let them unwind and have fun after working on merit badges in camp all week. The three Outposts are listed below; each troop can choose which ones to go to.

Paul Bunyan

Get up at the crack of dawn and hike on out to ISR's very own Northern Minnesota logging camp at Paul Bunyan! Chat with the residents of the camp about the life of a lumberjack while climbing spar poles, throwing tomahawks, and playing traditional logging games. After you've spent the morning experiencing the logger lifestyle, enjoy a huge, home-cooked pancake breakfast before heading back to the main camp for regular camp activities.

Crawdad

Mid-day heat getting you down? No worries! Around lunchtime, head on down to the banks of the Cedar Creek for the best swim party this side of the Mississippi. Splash around in the creek or ride the waterslide down into the muddy depths! For troops who aren't afraid to get dirty, Crawdad will be a truly memorable experience.

Horseshoe Bend

As the camp day draws to a close, hike on out past the lake and into another era. At the Horseshoe Bend Saloon and Ranch, the lifestyle of the 19th century frontiersman comes alive! Enjoy delicious homemade dinners and desserts, with kettle corn, ice cream, and the ever-popular IBC Horseshoe Bend Root Beer. Also experience lassoing, the bucking bronco, branding, blacksmithing, stargazing, and the choice to stay overnight at the nearby Indian Village, where you can sing, play, and dance the night away in Native American fashion. Horseshoe Bend is a memorable experience for scouts and scouters of all ages.

Year Round Fishing at Ingersoll

Whether spring, fall, or winter, the fishing at Ingersoll is fantastic. The camp contains the 17-acre Lake Roberts, which is home to bass, bluegill, carp, and catfish. During the spring and fall, boats and canoes can be rented from the camp. During winter months, ice fishing equipment can be rented for you to use.

Cedar Creek Trail

The Cedar Creek Trail is available for year round hiking. It is an excellent nature trail, following the Cedar Creek for most of its boundary with the camp and looping back through the heart of the Far East Side and into the main camp. Hikers have the option of hiking 2, 5, or all 12 miles. Participation Patches and mile segments are available through the ranger or at the Council Service Center.

Weekend Camping

Except during summer camp, weekend tent camping is available year round at ISR. Troops can either rent tents and equipment from the camp or bring their own. During winter months, troops also have the option to rent the dining hall, which comes complete with a wood-burning heater.

Information or Reservations

Write the W. D. Boyce Council, BSA at 614 N.E. Madison Ave., Peoria, IL 61603 or call (309) 673-6136 or (800) 369-5069 to secure a camp-use form. This form must be filled out and returned to the Council Service Center at least one week before arrival at camp. For more information about ISR, see the latest copy of the ISR Leader's Guide, available online at the W.D. Boyce Council Website.



Weekend Camping and Out-of-Council Summer Camps

Camp Lowden- Blackhawk Area Council

Located seven miles south of Oregon, Illinois, Camp Lowden is on 250 acres of wooded property surrounded by the Lowden-Miller State Forest. Camp Lowden was established in 1940 on the estate of former Illinois Governor Frank Lowden; it is owned and operated by Blackhawk Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

For information contact:
Blackhawk Area Council
1800 7th Ave.
PO Box 4085
Rockford, IL 61110-4085
(815) 397-0210

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

Camp Eastman

Camp Eastman is located near Nauvoo, IL, on the banks of the Mississippi River. Camp Eastman offers a dining hall and swimming pool. Boating and sailing are offered on the Mississippi River, in addition to skiing in the winter.

For information contact:
Camp Eastman
3007 Flint Hills Drive
Burlington, IA 52601
Phone: (309) 754-8413
Fax: (319) 754-6356

<http://www.mississippivalleybsa.org/Camping/CampEastman.aspx>

Canyon Camp- Blackhawk Area Council

As it's name implies, Canyon Camp is nestled in a canyon between Stockton and Apple River, IL. It has been visited and revisited by many scouts from throughout the States for over 65 years. The camp offers programs for the first year camper, which gets them started along the right Scouting trail.

For information contact:
Blackhawk Area Council
1800 7th Ave., PO Box 4085
Rockford, IL 61110-4085
(815) 397-0210

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

Camp Robert Drake- Prairielands Council

Camp Robert Drake is owned by Prairielands Council. It is located just a few miles south of Oakwood, IL off of Interstate 74 west of Danville, IL.

For information contact:
Camp Robert Drake
10001 E 1500 N. Road
Fairmount, IL 61841
Phone: (217) 427-5243

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

Camp Mach-Kin-O-Siew- Des Plaines Valley Council

Camp Mach-Kin-O-Siew is located 300 miles north of Chicago, Illinois in Elcho, Wisconsin. It is a Patrol style camp meaning that during summer camp program, the troop must cook its own meals. There is no dining hall at this camp. All of the sites are primitive and heavily wooded.

For information contact:
Des Plaines Valley Council
811 W. Hillgrove Ave.
LaGrange, IL 60525
Phone: (708) 354-1111

<http://www.bsa-dpvc.org/index.php>

Camp Shin-Go-Beek- Des Plaines Valley Council

Camp Shin-Go-Beek is owned by Des Plaines Valley Council, and is located near Chicago. Various activities for scouts include handicraft, archery, rifle and shotgun ranges, scoutcraft (knots, survival training, etc.) a nature area, swimming, boating, a trading post, and many other activities throughout the week.

For information contact:
Des Plaines Valley Council
811 W. Hillgrove Ave.
LaGrange, IL 60525

<http://www.bsa-dpvc.org/index.php>

Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation- Northeast Illinois Council

Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan consists of 1,560 acres of beautiful forests and has two lakes and a natural creek. The reservation operates two full service camps, a wilderness camp, and a family camp, with a horse ranch available for either. Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan is located in Pearson, Wisconsin, 25 miles northeast of Antigo.

For information contact:
Northeast Illinois Council, BSA
2745 Skokie Valley Road
Highland Park, IL 60035
Phone: (847) 433-1813

Camp Lakota-Northwest Suburban Council

Located near Woodstock, IL, Camp Lakota offers cabins for winter rental and a heated shower building.

For information contact:
Northwest Suburban Council
600 N. Wheeling Road
Mt. Prospect, IL 60056
Phone: 847-824-6880
Fax: 847-824-6925

<http://www.nwsc.org/index.php>

Camp Napowan- Northwest Suburban Council

Located near Wild Rose, Wisconsin, Camp Napowan offers heated cabins for year round rental. Cross country and downhill skiing are available three miles from camp.

For information contact:
Northwest Suburban Council
600 N. Wheeling Road
Mt. Prospect, IL 60056
Phone: 847-824-6880
Fax: 847-824-6925

<http://www.nwsc.org/index.php>

Camp Freeland Leslie-Three Fires Council

Camp Freeland Leslie is a 500+ acre camp located near Oxford, WI. A 40 acre spring-fed private lake highlights this facility.

For information contact:
Three Fires Council, BSA
415 North Second Street
St. Charles, IL 60174-1254
Phone : (630) 584-9250

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

Camp Joy-Okaw Valley Council

Located near Carlyle, IL, the camp offers a dining hall, campsites, or a lodge for rental.

For information contact:
Okaw Valley Council, B.S.A.
335 West Main Street
Belleville, IL 62223
Phone: (618) 234-9111

<http://lewisandclarkbsa.org/>

Camp Vanderverter-Okaw Valley Council

Located near Waterloo, IL, Camp Vanderverter offers campsites, a lodge, and other buildings for rental.

For information contact:
Okaw Valley Council, B.S.A.
335 West Main Street
Belleville, IL 62223
Phone: (618) 234-9111

<http://lewisandclarkbsa.org/>

Camp Tamarack-LaSalle Council

Located in Wood Lake Scout Reservation, just 15 miles southwest of Three Rivers, MI, Camp Tamarack offers 15 campsites with water, latrines, and 3 heated cabins for winter camping and skiing.

For information contact:
LaSalle Council, B.S.A.
1340 South Bend Ave.
South Bend, IN 46617
Phone: (219) 289-0337

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

Will Welber Family Camp-LaSalle Council

Will Welber Family Camp is located in Wood Lake Scout Reservation, just 15 miles southwest of Three Rivers, MI. Cabins can be rented per night or per week.

For information contact:
LaSalle Council, B.S.A.
1340 South Bend Ave.
South Bend, IN 46617
Phone: (219) 289-0337

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

Owasippe Scout Reservation-Chicago Area Council

Owasippe consists of three camps and a sea adventure. This camp has many merit badges that you can earn from shooting sports to aquatics. You also have the opportunity to ride horses or take a COPE course.

For information contact
Owasippe Scout Reservation
P.O. Box 152
Whitehall, MI 49461
Phone: (800) 283-0830

Rota-Kiwan Reservation-Southwest Michigan Council

Rota-Kiwan is a 187 acre camp that has 12 cabins, 11 campsites, and two dining halls for rental. New showerhouses are available.

For information contact:
Rota-Kiwan Reservation, BSA
6278 Texas Dr.
Kalamazoo, MI 49009-970

Phone: (616) 375-3397

<http://www.bsaswmc.org/rotakiwan/index.html/>

Ed Bryant Scout Reservation-Four Lakes Council

Ed Bryant Scout Reservation (EBSR) is a 214 acre camp located 20 minutes northwest of the Wisconsin Dells. This camp was recently changed from Castle Rock to EBSR. Ed Bryant has a great lakefront and recently added a biking trail to there many different activities.

For information contact:
Four Lakes Council
34 Schroeder Ct.
Madison WI 53711
Phone: (608) 273-1005

<http://www.glaciersedge.org/ed-bryant-scout-reservations>

Indian Mound Scout Reservation-Milwaukee County Council

Located 30 miles west of Milwaukee, the 423 acres reservation consists of two camps. Facilities include cabins that can be used at summer camp, trails, tent campsites, a lake, and ponds.

For information contact:
Milwaukee County Council, BSA
330 South 84th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53214
Phone: (414) 774-1776

http://www.milwaukeeboyscouts.org/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=2371

LeFeber Northwoods Camps- Milwaukee County Council

LeFeber Northwoods Camps is made up of three camps. The 1140 acre facility is located near Wabeno, Wisconsin. Facilities include complete summer camp facilities.

For information contact:
Milwaukee County Council, BSA
330 South 84th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53214
Phone: (414) 774-1776

http://www.milwaukeeboyscouts.org/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=2371

Camp Long Lake- Potawatomi Area Council

Located near Milwaukee WI, Camp Long Lake has many great aquatic programs, a golf merit badge course, and program for Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, and Personal Fitness merit badges.

For information contact:
Potawatomi Area Council, BSA
P.O. Box 528
Waukesha, WI 53187-0528
Phone: (262)-544-4881

http://www.pacbsa.org/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=2402

Camp Indian Trails- Sinnissippi Council

Camp Indian Trails is comprised of approximately 200 acres of pristine woodlands about seven miles northwest of Janesville along the Rock River. This camp offers an Olympic sized swimming pool, huge dining hall, and many merit badges.

For information contact:
Sinnissippi Council, BSA
2300 E. Racine Street
Janesville, WI 53545
Phone: (608) 756-4676

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

Camp OhDaKoTa- Southeast Wisconsin Council

The camp encompasses 185 acres of beautiful rolling hills and woodlands including waterfront on Dyer Lake with swimming, boating, and fishing.

For information contact:
Southeast Wisconsin Council, BSA
2319 Northwestern Avenue
Racine, WI 5304-0410
Phone: (262)-632-1655

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

Camp Robert S. Lyle- Southeast Wisconsin Council

Camp Robert S. Lyle is a 640 acre Facility located near Elcho, WI. The camp has made many improvements such as new shower house, mountain biking course, and climbing wall.

For information contact:
Southeast Wisconsin Council, BSA
2319 Northwestern Avenue
Racine, WI 5304-0410
Phone: (262)-632-1655

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

Camp Journal- Milwaukee County Council

Camp Journal, a 355 acre camp, is located 40 miles northwest of Milwaukee. The camp offers tent campsites, latrines, year-round water supply, and a picnic shelter.

For information contact:
Milwaukee County Council, BSA
330 South 84th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53214
Phone: (414) 774-1776

http://www.milwaukeeboyscouts.org/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=2371

Across Illinois, there are more than 130 state parks, forests, and wildlife areas. The following are by no means all of your choices of state parks. For a complete listing of Illinois State Parks with information, pictures, and history, visit the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' website at <http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/PARKS/index.htm>. The information here can help you plan your next troop activity and help you gain an appreciation for the natural beauty of our state.

Anderson Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area

Located on Hwy. 100 about 11 miles north of Browning, Anderson Lake Conservation Area provides fishing and camping near a backwater lake of the Minois River. Major recreational features include dove, squirrel, and waterfowl hunting as well as exceptional bluegill fishing opportunities.

For information contact:
Anderson Lake Fish and Wildlife Area
R.R. 1
Box 52, Astoria, IL 61501
Phone: (309) 759-4484

Apple River Canyon State Park

With its massive limestone cliffs, deep ravines, and timbered hills, Apple River Canyon State Park credits its rugged good looks to centuries of erosion. Just shy of 300 acres in size, it's tucked into the extreme northwest corner of Illinois, south of the village of Apple River. This park abounds with nice cross-country trails for mountain biking, hiking, and cross-country skiing.

For information contact:
Apple River Canyon State Park
8763E Canyon Rd.
Apple River 61001
Phone: (815) 745-3302

Argyle Lake State Park

Located along an old stage route between Galena and Beardstown, Argyle Lake State Park is home to rough terrain, beaver dams, and more than 200 bird species. The 1,700- acre park, which includes the 90-acre Argyle Lake, is west of Macomb and north of Colchester. It has been described as a "fisherman's delight" because of the fantastic fishing opportunities offered at Argyle Lake.

For information contact:
640 Argyle Park Rd.
Colchester 62326
Phone: (309) 776-3422

Banner Marsh State Fish and Wildlife Area

Made up of more than 450 individual bodies of water and more than 200 acres of agricultural fields, Banner Marsh is 25 miles southwest of Peoria in Fulton and Peoria counties. Freshwater marshes established at the site provide fish and wildlife habitat along the Illinois River Valley. Activities include fishing, boating, and wildlife observation. For more activities, visit nearby Rice Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area (see page 24)

For information contact:
Banner Marsh Fish and Wildlife Area
c/o Rice Lake, R.R. 3
Canton 61520
Phone: (309) 647-9184

Beall Woods State Park

Located on the banks of the Wabash River in southeastern Illinois, Beall (pronounced "bell") Woods boasts one of the last surviving tracts of uncut forest east of the Mississippi River. Featuring 329 acres of wooded areas and 5 established hiking trails, Beall woods is rich in history and natural beauty.

For information contact:
Beall Woods State Park
9285 Beall Woods Avenue
Mount Carmel 62863
Phone: (618) 298-2442

Beaver Dam State Park

Consisting of 750 acres of oak and hickory woodland, Beaver Dam State Park is a great park for fishing, hiking, and camping. With a large, well-stocked lake and 8 miles of trails, Beaver Dam is full of history and wildlife waiting to be discovered.

For information contact:
Beaver Dam State Park
14548 Beaver Dam Lane
Plainview 62685
(217) 854-8020

Big Bend State Fish and Wildlife Area

Located in Whiteside County, near the town of Prophetstown, Big Bend contains 1188 acres. It's open for hiking and limited fishing.

For information contact:
Big Bend State Fish and Wildlife Area
P.O. Box 181
Prophetstown 61277
Phone: (815) 537-2270

Big River State Forest

Encompassing more than 3,000 acres along the Mississippi River, Big River State Forest is a remnant of woodland that once bordered the vast prairies. A fantastic park for hiking, it features 3 1/2 miles of established trails, and a massive 60-mile network of firebreaks that are available for hiking when fires are not a threat. Also popular is fishing in the Mississippi River year-round, with ice fishing permitted.

For information contact:
Big River State Forest
R.R. 1, Box 118
Keithsburg 61442
Phone: (309) 374-2496

Buffalo Rock State Park

Perched atop a bluff that was formerly an island in the Illinois River, Buffalo Rock State Park now rests on the northern banks 3 miles west of Ottawa. With a rich history of French/Indian interactions, the bluff now provides trails with great views of the Illinois River and the surrounding woodlands. Also of interest is the "Effigy Tumuli," a unique and very large work of art made out of mounds of Earth that was inspired by Indian burial mounds and in the shape of 5 different animals.

For information contact:
Buffalo Rock State Park
PO Box 2034
1300 North 27th Road
Ottawa 61350
Phone: (815) 433-2220

Castle Rock State Park

Spectacular rock formations with deep ravines and sandstone buttes overlooking the Rock River make Castle Rock State Park ideal for the day visitor. Located 3 miles south of Oregon on Hwy. 2, more than 700 of the parks 2,000 acres are designated as an Illinois nature preserve.

For information contact:
Castle Rock State Park
1365 W Castle Rock Rd.
Oregon 61061
Phone: (815) 732-7329

Delabar State Park

Located along the Mississippi River about 1.5 miles north of Oquawka near Illinois Hwy. 164 in Henderson County, Delabar State Park offers quality outdoor experiences for anglers, hikers, campers, and picnickers. Nice shady trails for hikers and bikers alike. Many of the site's 89 acres are forested with sturdy oak, birch, and hickory trees.

For information contact:
Delabar State Park
R.R. 2, Box 27
Oquawka 61469
Phone: (309)374-2496

Donnelley/Depue State Wildlife Area & Complex

Located in Bureau and Putnam counties on the "Great Bend" of the Illinois River between Spring Valley and Putnam, the complex is on an important North American waterfowl migration corridor. Much of the 3,577-acre complex is managed for waterfowl feeding, nesting, resting, harvesting, and viewing. Visitors enjoy bird watching, boating, fishing, hiking, photography, and nature study.

For information contact:
Donnelley/Depue State Wildlife Area
PO Box 52
Depue 61322
Phone: (815) 447-2353

Franklin Creek Natural Area

Developed by local volunteers, Franklin Creek offers scenic trails for hiking, horseback riding, and cross-country skiing, as well as fishing. Located in Lee County, 1 mile northwest of Franklin Grove and 8 miles east of Dixon, it contains a 180-acre nature preserve.

For information contact:
Franklin Creek Natural Area
1872 Twist Rd.
Franklin Grove 61031
Phone: (815) 456-2878

Green River State Wildlife Area

Situated six miles northwest of the town of Ohio off hwy. 26, Green River is a multiple use area popular among mountain bikers, hikers, bird watchers, and other outdoor enthusiasts. For bikers, trails range from easy to moderate/technical. Bring the bug spray in the summer.

For information contact:
Green River State Wildlife Area
375 Game Rd.
Harmon 61042
Phone: (815) 379-2324

Henderson County Conservation Area

Offering camping, picnicking, fishing, boating, and winter sports, the conservation area is about 20 miles southwest of Monmouth and 5 miles east of the Mississippi River. Group camping is available, in addition to activities at the nearby Mighty Mississippi.

Henderson County Conservation Area
R.R. 1
Keithsburg 61442
Phone: (309) 374-2496

Hennepin Canal Parkway State Park

The Hennepin Canal was built at the turn of the twentieth century as a commercial waterway connecting the Illinois River with the Mississippi. Cheaper railway transport soon made its barge traffic obsolete, but by the 1930s, boaters and canoeists were enjoying themselves along the 96-mile canal, and hikers traveled its whole length. For more information on the trail, see the "Trails" section.

For information contact:
Hennepin Canal Parkway State Park
16006 875 E. Street
Sheffield 61361
Phone: (815) 454-2328

Illini State Park

From its location on the southern bank of the Illinois River south of Marseilles, the 500-acre Illini State Park is a haven for songbirds, waterfowl, and other wildlife. The young workers of the Civilian Conservation Corps made their mark here in the 1930s when they constructed some of the park's rugged stone picnic shelters. Also available is fishing in the Illinois River and good terrain for winter recreation.

For information contact:
Illini State Park
2660 E 2350th Rd.
Marseilles 61341
Phone: (815) 795-2448

Johnson-Sauk Trail State Park

One of the largest round barns in the country can be seen at Johnson-Sauk Trail State Park. For a tour, phone the Friends Foundation at (309) 852-4262. Situated on a glacial moraine five miles north of Kewanee, the park is along a trail Sauk Indians used in their treks between Lake Michigan and the confluence of the Mississippi and Rock rivers. The park contains 8 miles of trails, 3 miles of which can be used for cross-country skiing in winter.

For information contact:
Johnson-Sauk Trail State Park
28616 Sauk Trail Rd.
Kewanee 61443
Phone: (309) 853-5589

Jubilee College State Park

Home to one of the earliest educational enterprises in Illinois, Jubilee College State Park and its sister site, Jubilee College State Historic Site, are located 15 miles northwest of Peoria near Kickapoo. In addition to the rich history of the college, the park offers camping, picnicking, hiking, and horseback riding facilities. A fifteenth-century fair is held every summer.

For information contact:
Jubilee College State Park
13921 W. Rte. 150
Brimfield 61517
Phone: (309) 446-3758

Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park

This park is named for the nearby village of Lena and the Latin word for "water" Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park is located on a glacial plain, though the 715-acre park is adjacent to an area of northwestern Illinois that is hilly because it wasn't covered by glaciers. Featured are 8.5 miles of trails, a well-stocked lake for fishing, and a small beach for swimming in the lake during summer months.

For information contact:
Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park
8542 N. Lake Rd.
Lena 61048
Phone: (815) 369-4282

Lowden State Park

Assuming a restful, reverent pose, a 48-foot-tall concrete monolith of a Native American towers above the Rock River at Lowden State Park. Sculptor Lorado Taft named it "Black Hawk" in honor of the great Sauk warrior. There are roughly 4 miles of hiking trails in this picturesque park along the Rock River.

For information contact:
Lowden State Park
1411 North River Road
Oregon 61061
Phone: (815) 732-6828

Lowden-Miller State Forest

Situated 3 miles south of Oregon along the Rock River, Lowden-Miller State Forest provides excellent deer and turkey habitat on its 2,225 acres. Trails for hiking, and cross-country skiing are available.

For information contact
Lowden-Miller State Forest
1365 W. Castle Rock Rd.
Oregon 61061
Phone: (815) 732- 7329

Mackinaw River State Fish and Wildlife Area

Located in Tazewell County 5 miles northeast of Mackinaw, the site offers a diversity of landscape covering 1,423 acres over timbered hills, open meadows, and river bottoms. Canoe access enables visitors to float the scenic Mackinaw River. Other activities include fishing, hiking, and picnicking.

For information contact:
Mackinaw River State Fish and Wildlife Area
15470 Nelson Road
Mackinaw 61755
Phone: (309) 963-4969

Marshall State Fish and Wildlife Area

Located along nearly 10 miles of scenic Illinois River backwaters, the largest tract of Marshall State Fish and Wildlife Area is east of the Illinois River adjacent to Hwy. 26. Bottomlands and bluffs support a variety of animals, plants, and outdoor pursuits including camping, fishing, and hiking. Migrating waterfowl, great blue herons, and bald eagles provide birders exceptional viewing opportunities.

For information contact:
Marshall State Fish and Wildlife Area
236 State Rt. 26
Lacon 61540
Phone: (309)246-8351

Matthiessen State Park

Bluffs composed of 425 million-year-old St. Peter sandstone, canyons formed by water erosion, and the streaming Cascade Falls are among the park's striking features. Home to more than 200 species of birds and myriad woodland flowers, the 1,600 acre park is south of Utica and a stone's throw away from Starved Rock State Park. The trails are plentiful. Hikers and bikers alike will find this park enjoyable.

For information contact:
Matthiessen State Park
PO. Box 509
Utica 61373
Phone: (815) 667-4868

Mautino State Fish and Wildlife Area

This site lies south of Sheffield, encompassing 911 acres of mostly un-reclaimed strip-mining land. The area is dotted with some 15 stocked lakes for fishing. Be aware that shore access is limited and that shorelines tend to drop off suddenly to deep water.

For information contact:
Mautino State Fish and Wildlife Area
16006-875 E. Street
Sheffield 61361
Phone: (815) 454-2328

Mississippi Palisades State Park

Located 3 miles north of Savanna in Carrol County, this park features huge, magnificent cliffs overlooking the Mississippi River with Iowa on the other side and 2500 acres of land filled with trails that may very well have been walked by local Native Americans centuries ago. With permission and proper equipment and supervision, areas of cliff can be used for climbing.

For information contact:
Mississippi Palisades State Park
16327A Rte. 84
Savanna 61074
Phone: (815) 273-2731

Morrison-Rockwood State Park

Boasting an abundant animal population, Morrison-Rockwood State Park offers woodlands and water to deer, foxes, coyotes, pheasants, quail, and mink. The 1,100-acre site, which includes 77-acre Lake Carlton, is a fantastic fishing spot.

For information contact:

Morrison-Rockwood State Park
18750 Lake Road
Morrison 61270
Phone: (815) 772-4708

Powerton Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area

Located one mile southwest of Pekin in Tazewell County, the lake was built on the floodplain of the Illinois River in 1971 by Commonwealth Edison Company as a cooling reservoir for the fossil-fuel power plant. Today, the completely diked 1,426-acre lake is leased by the Department of Natural Resources for visitor fishing and boating.

For information contact:

Powerton Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area
7982 S. Park Rd.
Manito 61546
Phone: (309) 968- 7135

Prophetstown State Recreation Area

Featuring a variety of recreational opportunities, Prophetstown State Park is a scenic and historic area. Picnicking, fishing, camping, hiking, and wildlife viewing make this 53 acre site, situated on the northeast edge of Prophetstown along the south bank of the Rock River, a natural for group outings.

For information contact:

Prophetstown State Recreation Area
PO. Box 181,
Prophetstown 61272
Phone:(815) 537-2926

Rice Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area

Just 15 miles north of Havana in Fulton County, Rice Lake is a birdwatcher's dream: Its high-quality habitat attracts thousands of migrating birds annually. In addition, areas also are available for fishing, boating, camping, and wildlife observation.

For information contact:

Rice Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area

19721 N. U.S. 24

Canton 61520

Phone:(309) 647-9184 or (309) 647-9188

Rock Cut State Park

Rock-blasting operations conducted by railroad crews in 1859 gave Rock Cut State Park its name. Located north of Rockford, the park's 3,100 acres are host to a full range of summer and winter activities, including: mountain biking, hiking, fishing, swimming, camping, and cross-country. There are approximately 15 miles of trail, with some technical runs for bikers. The main Rock Cut Trail is rolling doubletrack. Numerous singletracks take off from the primary Rock Cut Trail at various locations and rejoin it at other points. Bikers can take excellent rides through the blast areas, as well some fun technical play areas.

For information contact:

Rock Cut State Park

7318 Harlem Rd.

Loves Park 61111

Phone: (815) 885-3311

Shabbona Lake State Park

Named for the Potawatomi chief who briefly possessed a small parcel of land here 10 years after the 1832 Black Hawk War, Shabbona Lake State Park is midway between DeKalb and LaSalle-Peru. 8 miles of trails are available for hiking or cross-country skiing.

For information contact:

Shabbona Lake State Park

4201 Shabbona Grove Rd.

Shabbona 60550

Phone: (815) 824-2106.

Snakeden Hollow State Fish and Wildlife Area

The 2,500-acre Snakeden Hollow State Fish and Wildlife Area, located in Knox County 1 mile southeast of Victoria, features exceptional waterfowl viewing opportunities. The 112 water impoundments offer largemouth and small-mouth bass, bluegill, crappie, channel catfish, bullhead, rainbow, and brown trout for fishing. Seasonal restrictions and limited access may apply. There are no campsites available, making this park better for day trips.

For information contact:

Snakeden Hollow State Fish and Wildlife Area

P.O. Box 295

Victoria 61485

Phone: (309) 879-2607

Spring Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area

Containing a large bluff overlooking a long, narrow lake, the Spring Lake area is 25 miles southwest of Peoria on the east side of the Illinois River. Camping, picnicking, fishing, boating, and hiking opportunities provide a vast recreational experience. Concession and boat rentals also are available.

For information contact:

Spring Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area

7982 S. Park Rd.

Manito 61546

Phone: (309) 968-7135

Starved Rock State Park

Waterfalls, bluffs, and canyons dominate the landscape at Starved Rock State Park, one mile south of Utica and midway between the cities of LaSalle-Peru and Ottawa. This is one of the best parks for short hikes, waterfalls, and historical experience. It offers some longer hiking trails through thick forest for beautiful views. Highly recommended for at least a weekend or longer camping.

For information contact:

Starved Rock State Park

P.O. Box 509

Utica 61373

Phone: (815) 667-4726

White Pines Forest State Park

Located southwest of Mount Morris, White Pines Forest State Park features the southernmost stand of native white pines in Illinois. It is noted also for its vine-covered limestone bluffs and rich Native American history. Concrete fords span Pine Creek, allowing cars to literally drive through the flowing stream.

For information contact:

White Pines Forest State Park
6712 W. Pines Rd.
Mt. Morris 61054
Phone: (815) 946-3717

Woodford State Fish and Wildlife Area

Situated east of the Illinois River northeast of Peoria just off Hwy. 26, Woodford State Fish and Wildlife Area is a picturesque bottomland setting with an abundance of silver maple, cottonwood, ash, and willow trees across 2900 acres. Picnicking, camping, boating, and fishing add to the visitor's enjoyment.

For information contact:

Woodford State Fish and Wildlife Area
R.R. 1
Low Point 61545
Phone: (309) 822-8861



Awards

Historical Trails Award

The Boy Scouts of America has approved more than 200 historic trails throughout the nation. Each of these trails has some special historical significance. Some follow routes of Indians or early pioneers, while others concentrate on historical landmarks.

Scouts who camp and hike for 2 or more days along one of these trails, who become acquainted with their historical significance, and who help restore and preserve historic features are eligible for the Historic Trails Award. Application is made through your council using form No. 4408. The Historic Trails Award is a distinctive patch that can be sewn on a patch or jacket.

When a trail meets the specifications of the Boy Scouts of America, it is listed in a Nationally Approved Historic Trails booklet available at each council service center. This booklet contains addresses of contacts for each of the approved historic trails. Application to include a trail in this national listing is made through your council on a special form that specifies the criteria.

50-Miler Award

This award is given to Scouts who hike, canoe, or otherwise cover 50 or more miles without motorized transportation. The trek must be at least 5 consecutive days in duration and each participant must perform 10 hours of a conservation activity or otherwise improve the environment. The 50-Miler Award is designed to encourage troops to travel into remote backcountry or wilderness areas and thus to become increasingly fit, to develop self-reliance, and improve the outdoors for others to enjoy.

Application for the 50-Miler Award is made through your council using form No.4408. This award is also a patch that may be sewn onto a pack or jacket.

National Camping Award

To stimulate camping in troops, the Boy Scouts of America offers a certificate to troops meeting the following requirements:

1. Patrol Activities. Each patrol of the troop **MUST** have participated in at least three of the following activities during the last 12 months:
 - Attend camp-o-ree
 - Held a day hike
 - Did a conservation project
 - Attend a scout retreat
 - Conducted a Scouting Anniversary Week outdoor project
 - Conducted a father-and-son campout
 - Attended an adventure trail for a Klondike derby
2. Short- Term Camp. All patrols in the troop were represented in four or more short- term campouts during the last 12 months.
3. Long- Term Camp. All patrols in the troop were represented in a long term (6 or more consecutive days and nights) camp, and at least 50 percent of the total boy membership of the troop attended.

Apply for the award through your council. A National Camping Award ribbon, No. 7758, is presented to troop on application. Use a Camping Log, No. 3690, to keep your records and make application.



High Adventure



Philmont Scout Ranch

Route 1, Box 35

Cimarron, NM 87714

Phone: (505) 376- 2281

Philmont is a national camping area, owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of America. Philmont is large, comprising 137,493 acres or about 215 square miles of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo (Blood of Christ) range of the Rockies. The ranch operates 32 staffed camps and 50 unstaffed camps. Philmont has high mountains that dominate rough terrain with an elevation ranging from 6,500 to 12,441 feet.

Since Philmont's first camping season in 1939, more than 700,000 Scouts, Venturers, and their leaders have participated in the rugged challenge of its backpacking program. Base camp isn't quite so rugged, offering the luxuries of a dining hall, showers, platform tents, and a trading post. A medical center is available, as are chapels for different religious faiths. The ranch and surrounding area offer many places to go and things to do. The Kit Carson and Philmont museums and the Seton Memorial Library are well worth visiting before or after your trek. Nearby towns such as Cimarron and Springer are windows to the region's rich history.

Philmont Scout Ranch provides an unforgettable adventure along its hundreds of miles of rugged, rocky trails. Program features combine the best of the old West—horseback riding, burro packing, gold panning, chuck wagon dinners, and interpretive history—with exciting challenges for today—rock climbing, burro racing, mountain biking, and rifle shooting—in an unbeatable recipe for fast-moving, outdoor fun.

But there's a lot more to Philmont than backpacking. Other programs include horseback expeditions called *Cavalcades*; extended expeditions called *Rayado Treks*, a 20-day advanced backpacking trek; *R.O.C.S.*, the 21-day Roving Outdoor Conservation School; *Order of the Arrow Trail Crew*, a 14-day trail-building and hiking program; and *Ranch Hands*, a 16-day program in which participants work with the Horse Department and experience a *Cavalcade*.

Reservations are required to stay at Philmont and need to be made one year in advance. If you would like more information on Philmont you can contact the council service center and ask for the booklets on Philmont.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.scouting.org/highadventure/philmont.aspx>

or

www.philmont.com

Northern Tier National High Adventure Bases

P.O. Box 509
Ely, Minnesota 55731-0509
Phone: (218) 365-4811

Welcome to the Northern Tier. You are stepping into a country explored by few people. From June through August, Northern Tier takes pride in offering Scouts the world's best canoeing. Choosing your Northern Tier program base is your first step. The Northern Tier has several adventures, each with a different character. Come with the Northern Tier on an unforgettable journey through the heart and soul of Canoe Country.

The trip will be approximately 90 miles in length. The price is the same as for a regular trip. It does involve some additional logistics, however. Many contingents split into two groups; for example, one crew starts in Atikokan and one starts in Ely.

There is a grand portage trip. This is a little longer than the usual trek. This route covers 125 miles of the route the Voyageurs followed when traveling to and from Lake Superior. It starts at the C.L. Sommers base in Ely and ends at the Grand Portage National Monument area on Lake Superior. There is a shuttle fee of \$320.00 to bring your group back to the base.

If you are thinking about this trip you should make your reservations in April of the year before you want to go. There is a special rate of 10% off if you go between June 10 and July 6 because they are not as busy at that time.

For more information, go to:

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

Florida National High Adventure Sea Base

P.O. Drawer 1906, Islamorada, FL 33036
73800 Overseas Hwy, Lower Matecumbe Island, Florida Keys 33036
Phone: (305) 664-4173
Fax: (305) 664-2039

The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base is headquartered in the heart of the fabulous Florida Keys, on an island 75 miles south of Miami and near Mile Marker 74. Key West, the southernmost point in the Keys, Florida and the United States is located at Mile Marker zero.

Scouting's most complete aquatic facility offers a complete variety of water activities from SCUBA diving to sailing "Tall Ships". All participants have the opportunity to swim, snorkel, and fish among the most beautiful coral reefs in the northern hemisphere.

The elevated dormitories look out across Florida Bay to one of the many bridges that separate the Gulf of Mexico from the Atlantic Ocean. The harbor has a 300-foot pier for sailing yachts, as well as many smaller

docks for the fleet of powerboats. SCUBA instruction is offered in special diving tanks complete with an underwater viewing port. The Ship's Store (Trading Post) sells many items that you may have forgotten and items to take home to help you remember your adventure.

Only a few miles offshore, an extensive underwater living coral garden forms a barrier reef protecting the islands. Here, among pillars of living coral, you come face to face with thousands of multi-hued tropical fish in water so clear that while swimming, you have the sensation of floating in mid air.

You do many different things while you are at Sea Base, including Scuba Certification, Scuba Adventure, Out Island Adventure, Keys Adventure, Bahamas Tall Ship Adventure, Bahamas Adventure, Sea Exploring, and Coral Reef Sailing.

For more information, go to:

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

Hiking Trails

Lincoln Heritage Trail

Springfield, IL
 Length: 5 miles
 Awards: Yes
 For information contact:
 Abraham Lincoln Council, BSA
 Fairhills Mall, Monroe at Chatham Road
 Chatham Road Springfield, IL 62704
 Phone: (217) 546- 5570

Lincoln Trail Hike

New Salem, IL
 Length 20 miles
 Awards: Yes
 For information contact
 Abraham Lincoln Council, BSA
 Fairhills Mall, Monroe at
 Springfield, IL 62704
 Phone: (217) 546- 5570

W.D. Boyce Trail

Ottawa, IL
 Length: 16 miles
 Awards: Yes
 For information contact:
 W.D. Boyce Council, BSA
 614 N.E. Madison Street
 Peoria IL 61603
 Phone: (309) 673- 6136

Rapatuck Trail

Galesburg, IL
 Length: 5, 10, or 16 miles
 Awards: Yes
 For information contact:
 Prairie Council, BSA
 520 Bank of Galesburg
 Galesburg, IL 61401
 Phone: (309) 343- 1145

Sunsinger Trail and Trail of the Fu Dogs

Monticello, IL
 Length: Depends on route you take
 Awards: Yes
 For information contact:
 Sun Singer Trail Chief, Box 32
 Monticello, IL 61856
 Phone: (217) 762- 2171

Chief Shabbona Trail

Joliet, IL
 Length: 16.5 miles
 Awards: Yes
 For information contact:
 Shabbona Trail Committee
 1015 Burry Ave,
 Joliet, IL 60435
 Phone: (815) 727-7054

Rock Island Trail State Park

Alta, IL to Toulon, IL
 Length: 27 miles
 Awards: No
 For information contact:
 Rock Island Trail State Park
 P.O. Box 64
 Wyoming 61491
 Phone: (309) 695-2228

