

WHERE TO GO



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"WHERE TO GO"

Camping and Sightseeing Trips in and around the Nassau County Area.

FOREWORD

Buckskin Lodge #412, of the Order of the Arrow, is pleased to present this pamphlet to the leaders of Cub Packs, Boy Scout Troops, and Explorers in Nassau County Council. It has been prepared by the Camp Promotion Committee of our Lodge in cooperation with the Camping and Activities Committee of our Council.

"Where to Go" lists camping grounds, local points of interest, and educational tours which are ideal for day and weekend activities. We hope that this information on suggested trips may be used to supplement your Unit's Scouting program. As the pamphlet will be revised from time to time, it would be appreciated if you could advise us of any corrections or additions.

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1. NASSAU COUNTY

CAMPING GROUNDS

Harkness Training Center, Shelter Rock Road and I. U. Willets Road, Roslyn, good location for preliminary campouts and Cub Day hikes - lean-tos, latrines, water, all available: Nassau County Council, Boy Scouts of America.

"Old Bethpage Campsite"; near Nassau County Fireman Training School and an incinerator on a winding road, " Pine Tree District; tents necessary, no sanitary facilities; water from nearby hydrant (wrench needed); Pine Tree District will advise on arrangements; check at Council headquarters.

"Press Wireless Property"; former title; at the foot of Grand Avenue Baldwin; no water or sanitary facilities readily available, tents needed; inquire of the Superintendent, Baldwin Public Schools, BA 3-8100. This land is adjacent to Baldwin Harbor ... ideal spot for local camp-outs.

PARKS

Bethpage State Park, Bethpage: This park contains 1529 acres of fields and beautiful rolling woodlands devoted to recreation. There are 11 miles of scenic bridle paths, ideal for the hiker. Picnic area, play field and well kept tennis courts are also available. Trees, shrubs and wild-life are carefully protected for the nature lover and hiker. Horseback riding in springtime, when thousands of pink and white dogwood trees are in bloom, is a popular park activity. In winter when weather conditions permit, the park becomes a winter sports mecca with skiing and sleighing on its numerous slopes. A rope tow is located in this park.

Hempstead Lake State Park - 867 acres, Hempstead, Southern State Parkway: Features picnic areas, 17 tennis courts, model yacht basin, archery range, football, soccer and baseball fields; and six miles of hiking on bridal trail.

Jones Beach State Park - 2413 acres, Wantagh, via Meadowbrook, Wantagh, and Captree State Parkways: Ideally situated on a 4 mile beach of snow white sand, its 2413 acres provide complete facilities for surf, bay and pool bathing and recreation. Rowboats, bait and tackle and fishing piers are available for bay fishing. The West bath-house features salt water swimming and diving pools, illuminated for night bathing. Cafeteria service is provided all year at the Central Mall. Bus connections to the beach are available at frequent intervals throughout the summer season from Freeport and Hempstead.

There is surf, bay and pier fishing. In the games area, the archery range would be useful for work on that merit badge.

Indian Village: where an Indian Chief tells stories of Indian Folklore, conducts games and classes.

The program of special events at Jones Beach includes roller-skating exhibitions, races and other aquatic events at the pool.

1. Nassau County Parks (Cont.)

Massapequa State Park, Massapequa: This park is presently undeveloped but could be used as a hiking site. There are 2 reservoirs, and the park has frontage on the bay.

Valley Stream State Park, Valley Stream: - off Southern State Parkway: Picnics, game fields, fireplaces.

Nassau County Park (Salisbury) - Stewart Avenue, Westbury, off Old Country Road: Playground area, picnic, kite flying, model planes, archery, ice skating, cafeteria.

Tackapausha Preserve, between Seaford and Massapequa, off Southern State Parkway: 5-1/2 miles of nature trails, 1500 varieties of plants, animal and bird life, Long Island Natural History Museum, bird sanctuary; open all year 10:00 to 5:00; summer 10:00 to 6:00.

HISTORICAL SITES

Raynham Hall, center on West Main Street, Oyster Bay: British Headquarters during Revolutionary War; home of the Townshend family, the members of which were partially responsible for the capture of Major Andre' and the exposure of Benedict Arnold's plan to betray West Point. Open daily, except Tuesday, 10:00 to 5:00; admission 50¢; children, accompanied, under 12 free.

Roslyn Grist Mill Museum and Tea House, center on Northern Blvd. (State 25A), was built about 1701 and is interesting for its construction. Open daily, except Monday, from noon to 8; closed first two weeks in January.

Sagamore Hill, in Oyster Bay, 3 miles east via E. Main St., was built in 1884. This was the home of Theodore Roosevelt until his death in 1919, and served as the "summer White House" during his administration (1901-1909). The 23-room house, on an 83-acre estate, displays trophies, personal belongings, furniture and other memorabilia of the President. Open daily 10 to 5; closed Tuesday, except in July and August, admission 75¢, children under 12 free if accompanied by parents.

Senate House and Museum, in Kings Point, is at Clinton Ave. and N. Front St. Built in 1676, the Senate House was destroyed when Kingston was burned in 1777, but the thick stone walls remained. It has been completely restored and furnished with antiques. The museum houses many historic relics, letters and John Vanderlyn paintings. Open weekdays 9 to 5, Sunday 1 to 5; free.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Nassau County Historical Museum, Salisbury Park, near the Locomotive; features items of historical interest from this region. Coming nearby; Transportation Museum; vehicles through the years in Nassau.

Oyster Bay Turntable, Oyster Bay; a highlight for a Cub train trip, engines which pulled their train turned around before them.

Roosevelt Bird Sanctuary and Trail Museum, 1-1/2 miles east on E. Main St. adjoins the cemetery. Contains memorial to President Theodore Roosevelt and a museum exhibiting Long Island plant and

1. Nassau County - Points of Interest (Cont.)

animal life. Museum and memorial only are open May to November 2 to 5 on Wed., Sat., Sun. and holidays.

State Fish Hatchery, Cold Spring Harbor; fish ladders, hatchery ponds, and water fall near scenic harbor on the Sound. Via N. Hempstead Turnpike.

Town of Hempstead Museum, Broadway, in Lawrence; filled with art treasures and antique furnishings. April to November; Wed. to Mon., 10 AM to 5 PM, Sun. 12 to 5 PM. Adults - 50¢, under 14 - 25¢.

The U. S. Merchant Marine Academy, in Kings Point, is the fourth permanent Federal Service Academy and is maintained to train and educate officers for the Merchant Marine and Naval Reserve. The Academy has facilities to accommodate a peacetime complement of 900 cadets in 18 major buildings. The 68-acre grounds facing Long Island Sound include the estate of the late Walter Chrysler. Visiting hours are 12:30 to 5, Sat., Sun. and holidays. There is a Regimental Review on alternate Saturdays at 10:45, April to mid-August and mid-September to November.

2. SUFFOLK COUNTY

CAMPING GROUNDS

Camp Wauwepex on Manorville Road at Wading River, Long Island, provides an almost unlimited number of short term facilities during the period of Sept. through May. These include 8' winterized cabins, 11 leanto sites and many campsites. Permits for camping at Wauwepex may be secured from the Council Office. Rules and conditions governing short term camping are listed on the back of application form included.

Camp Henry Kaufman, Manetto Hills, High Hold Road; leantos are being built, water is piped to tent sites, with enclosed pit latrines. Unit submits local tour permit to our Council Office then contacts Greater New York Councils ... WI 7-8400.

Hither Hills State Park, 8 miles west of Montauk Point; 1755 acres, may be filled from July 1st to Labor Day. Besides surf bathing, surf fishing, concessions, and picnic areas, the park offers camping. There are tent sites with platforms, water, and sanitary facilities. Limit two weeks. Charges \$ 1.00 per day for periods up to four days, \$5.00 for periods of 5 days to one week. Advanced reservations made after April 1st to Commission Headquarters, Long Island State Park Commission, Belmont Lake State Park, Babylon, L. I., N. Y.

Wildwood State Park - 503 acres, Wading River, N. Y., Northern State Pkwy - Route 25: Situated on the North Shore with high bluffs overlooking Long Island Sound, Wildwood is one of the most attractive natural parks on Long Island. There are fine woodland campsites available in this park and a bathhouse, with excellent bathing in the Sound. Camping permits for stays up to 3 weeks may be obtained from the park superintendent or camp supervisor at the entrance to the camping area. For the comfort and safety of campers, no dogs are permitted in the camping areas. Picnic areas with a scenic view, may be filled week-ends. Same prices as Hither Hills.

2. Suffolk County Camping Grounds (Cont.)

Hoyt Farm, Commack; tent camping, excellent nature program with nature trails. Same arrangements as Camp Henry Kaufman. Fee Range: \$1 to \$10 overnight.

PARKS

Belmont Lake State Park - on Southern State Parkway, north of the village of Babylon. It is the administration headquarters of the Long Island State Park Commission. On the east side of the lake are large wooded picnic groves, a nature trail featuring the flora and fauna of Long Island, refreshment stand and boat dock where rowboats and canoes may be hired for use on the park lake. There is also a 4 mile hiking trail from Babylon, 2 blocks northwest of the railroad station, where parking is available.

Captree State Park, via Ocean Parkway (15 miles east of Jones Beach) and via Northern, Southern and Captree State Parkways: The park extends 298 acres and provides a large picnic area and complete fishing facilities including a bait station. Open fishing boats leave daily from the dock, charter boats by reservation, and fishing from the pier on Fire Island inlet near the picnic area are popular features of the park. A large refreshment stand is located on the north dock and free parking is provided for both fishermen and picnickers. The picnic area, located at the south side of the park, is fully equipped with a parking field, refreshment stand, picnic tables, charcoal grills, protected wading area and fishing pier. During the summer season, fast shuttle ferry service from Captree to Fire Island leaves on a frequent schedule.

Fire Island State Park - 1000 acres: Via ferry from Captree State Park with modern bathhouse, boat basin, playground, picnic area, refreshment stand and walks. It is accessible by private boat or by passenger ferry from the south end of the Captree Causeway at Captree State Park. Throughout the summer season, after a delightful sail across Great South Bay, Fire Island offers the finest of surf-bathing facilities on its spotless ocean beach. Historic Fire Island lighthouse is located in this park.

Gilgo State Park, between Jones Beach and Captree; under development, for group outings only write: Superintendent, Jones Beach State Park, Wantagh, N. Y.

Heckscher State Park, East Islip: 1524 acres, South of Montauk Highway; the park has over 3 miles of frontage on Great South Bay along which its 2 bathing areas are located. The westerly area is equipped for use by organized picnics and outings; the easterly area complete with modern bathhouse, games area and playground, provides excellent facilities for general use. Three large wooded picnic areas with fireplaces, tables, benches and conveniently located refreshment stands are available. Other facilities include baseball diamonds and play fields. The State has protected the natural wild life in this 1524 acre park and visitors frequently see wild deer, pheasants, rabbits and a variety of water fowl and other birds which live a sheltered life within the park.

2. Suffolk County Parks (Cont.)

Montauk Point State Park occupies the most easterly tip of Long Island, 132 miles from New York City. Famous for its unique scenic attraction, this park contains the United States Government's Montauk Lighthouse built in 1795, a modern refreshment stand, and parking fields. Surf fishing is a popular activity at this park. Thousands of fishermen visit the park each Fall for striped bass fishing, near the lighthouse.

Orient Beach State Park - 357 acres, Orient, Route 25; provides surf bathing in the waters of Gardiners Bay and picnicking facilities. This park, which was donated to the State by the people of the Village of Orient, consists of 357 acres with 45,000 feet of bay frontage. The westerly section of the park is devoted to usage as a bird sanctuary which is frequented by thousands of terns. A modern bathhouse, refreshment stand, comfort station and parking field have been provided for the accommodation of bathers, picnickers and hikers.

Sunken Meadow State Park - 1025 acres, Kings Park, N.Y. Via Northern and Sunken Meadow State Parkways: Sunken Meadow, on Long Island Sound, provides modern bathing facilities, picnic areas, playgrounds, cafeterias and refreshment stands. The Sunken Meadow bathing beach on Long Island Sound is one of the safest and most attractive bathing beaches on Long Island. A modern bathhouse contains accommodations for about 2700 bathers. The upland wooded section of the park overlooking the Sound provides some unusually attractive picnic areas fully equipped with fireplaces, picnic tables, benches, comfort stations, drinking fountains and refreshment stands.

MUSEUMS - HISTORICAL SITES

Carriage House of the Suffolk Museum, Stony Brook. South side of town on State 25A, houses about 300 horse-drawn vehicles. Said to be the largest of its kind, the collection includes carriages, sleds and wagons from several countries and eras, going back to 1695. The museum also contains numerous pieces of carriage equipment and harnesses. An original blacksmith shop, completely and authentically restored with its original equipment, is on the grounds of the museum as is a nineteenth-century printing shop and school house, and the last Long Island railroad steam locomotive "38". Open May-Nov. 12:30 to 5:30.

Clinton Academy, East Hampton. Founded in 1784, this was the first academy chartered in New York State. It is now a Historical Society Museum, exhibiting Montauk Indian relics, whaling gear and implements of home and farm - including some interesting shipwreck mementos. Open June 15 to Sept. 15 - 10 AM - 12 noon and from 1-5, afternoons daily except Sunday.

The Old Custom House, Sag Harbor, north side of Garden Street off Main St. was built as a private home in the early 18th century. In 1789 Henry Packer Dering, owner of the house, was appointed Customs Collector of the first United States Port of Entry and his home was designated the Custom House. In 1794, the Government added another room as a Post Office. The house contains period furnishings, family items and documents concerning the port's early history. Open Monday through Saturday 1 to 5, Sunday and holidays 2 to 5, July 4 through October 12; free.

2. Suffolk County - Museums-Historical Sites (Cont.)

"Home Sweet Home," East Hampton. Boyhood home of John Howard Payne (1791-1852), composer of the world-renowned song. On display: collections of Spode, Wedgewood, lustreware and pewter. Open July-August, daily 10-4, Sunday 2-4. Balance of year open at irregular hours. Closed Tuesdays.

Hook Mill, East Hampton. This old mill was built in 1806 and is typical of the many mills which used to dot the Long Island countryside in early times. Open daily 10-12 noon and 2-5 P. M. except Sunday, July 1 to Sept. 1.

L. I. Automotive Museum, Southampton. Largest museum in the world devoted exclusively to the history of the automobile. Contains the Henry Austin Clark, Jr. collection of more than 100 antique cars, trucks, buses, fire-engines, including steam, electric and gasoline models dating to 1896. There's also an old-time auto repair shop exhibit. Open daily, June-September, weekends only late in May and October, Hours: 9 to 5.

Manor of St. George, Mastic. This estate was granted by King William and Queen Mary in 1693 to Colonel William Tangier Smith, former governor of Tangier, Africa. The historic home contains rare documents, books, letters, newspapers, early American paintings and other works of art. Open daily 9-6, May 15 to November 15. Admission free.

Middle Island Museum, Middle Island: Route 25; Early American curios; open April-November, daily 9 AM - 9 PM. Adults 50¢, under 14, 25¢.

Sagtikos Manor, Bay Shore. A spectacular 17th Century home of unusual architecture with interesting period furnishings, gardens and an old cemetery. Daily - summer only. Admission free.

Southampton Historical Museum and Colonial Society, Main Street, Southampton houses antiques dating back to 1640, whaling implements, Indian artifacts, and a one-room school. Open June to September, Monday through Saturday 11 to 5; donations.

Suffolk County Historical Society, W. Main and Court Sts., Riverhead; contains colonial furniture and implements, minerals, plants, and birds. Free; open Mon. through Sat. 1 to 5.

Suffolk County Whaling Museum, Sag Harbor, on Main Street, opposite the library, contains many interesting and authentic relics of the whaling industry that flourished here in the 19th century. In the former home of whale shipbuilder Benjamin Hunting, the exhibits feature various whale ship equipment, original documents and log books. Other colonial pieces connected with the area and the period are also on display. Open May 30 to Oct. 12, Mon. through Sat. from 10 to 5, Sun. 2 to 5. Admission 25¢, children 6 to 16, 10¢.

Vanderbilt Museum, Centerport, is one mile north of State 25A on Little Neck Road. Overlooking Long Island Sound, the Spanish-Moroccan style mansion contains the original furnishings, many period pieces and antiques. In the Hall of Fishes, a separate building, and in the museum rooms, marine and wildlife specimens, souvenirs and

2. Suffolk County - Museums-Historical Sites (Cont.)

trophies are displayed. Open May 1 to Oct. 31, Tues. through Sat. 10 to 4, Sun, and holidays noon to 5; closed Mon. Admission 75¢, children under 12, 25¢.

Walt Whitman Birthplace, Huntington. Here, on May 31, 1819, Walt Whitman, "The good, gray poet" was born. The main floor contains living room with "borning room" to the rear. The kitchen, now a library, is filled with books, papers and memorabilia. Upstairs, on the bedroom floor, there is an exhibit of sculpture and pictures. Open 2-5 Wed., Sat., and Sun. April to Thanksgiving.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Bayard-Cutting Arboretum, Montauk Highway (Route 27A), Great River. A 643-acre estate donated by Mrs. Bayard James to the Long Island State Park Commission.

Pinetum Walk - A notable collection of conifers; mature fir, spruce, pine, hemlock, larch, cedar and yew in unusual size and vigor. Walking time 25 minutes.

Wild Flower Walk - Wild Flowers on lands bordering tidewater, in marshlands, along streams and fresh water ponds, and through native woodland on higher ground. Walking time 40 minutes.

Rhododendron Walk - Mass plantings of hybrid rhododendrons of large size in association with hemlock, holly, laurel, pieris and leucothoe. Bordering the main lawn are shrub plantings in great variety. Walking time 60 minutes.

Bird Watchers' Walk - Follow the river shoreline to the Bird Sanctuary through woodlands and fields which provide cover, nesting locations, and food sources for a large variety of both inland and shore birds. Walking time 60 minutes.

Swamp Cypress Walk - Follow the river shoreline to Breezy Island. Along the way, a mature swamp cypress, a species of trees found growing in great numbers in the southern swamps, displays 30 "knees" in its muddy setting. Walking time 25 minutes. Open daily-9:00 A. M. to dark. Parking fee (May to October) 50¢. Guided tours by appointment.

Parrish Art Museum, Southampton, Permanent art collection on display during the winter - Thurs., Fri., Sat., - 10 AM to 5 PM. Special exhibitions during summer, 10 AM to 5 PM daily - Sunday, 2-5 P. M. Also on view, an arboretum of rare and exotic trees.

Shinnecock Indian Reservation, Southampton, one mile west on Route 27: inhabited by descendants of the Shinnecock Tribe.

TOURS, BY TRAIN AND FERRY

Long Island Railroad Tours: Inquire at your local station. Popular all day tours ideally suited for Cubs and Scouts;

TOUR A (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays) - Train ride to Montauk with interesting views of duck farms and farmlands en route. Bus trip to Montauk Point Lighthouse, visit to Deep Hollow Ranch, the oldest cattle ranch in the country. Then a trip down to the fishing-boat docks and a unique visit to a lobster-grading house.

2. Suffolk County - Tours, by Train and Ferry (Cont.)

TOUR B (Also Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays) - Train ride to Greenport, viewing the huge Grumman Aircraft and Republic plants enroute with excellent views of vast produce farmlands. Then, a ferry trip to Shelter Island with a bus tour to the South Ferry. Next, a stop at Sag Harbor where your group will visit the famous Whaling Museum or the Customs House and then on to East Hampton for a tour of "Home, Sweet Home" - the birthplace and home of John Howard Payne, who wrote the familiar song. Train from East Hampton back to the city.

FERRIES

Bridgeport Ferry Excursion. Enjoy a relaxing cruise across Long Island Sound from Port Jefferson to Bridgeport, Connecticut, and return. Operates from June 14th through Labor Day.

New London Ferry Excursion. Enjoy a train ride to Greenport, bus to Orient Point and then a leisurely cruise across Long Island Sound to New London, Conn. Operates Sundays only.

3. NEW YORK CITY

Daily News, 220 East 42nd Street, New York City. - Cubs, Scouts, Explorers - Visit lobby with large globe of the world and time in all different parts of the world.

Fort Jay, Governors Island, New York Bay. Scouts, Explorers - Passes may be obtained by writing Post Public Inf. Office, Hdqrs., Fort Jay, Governors Island. Groups of 15 or more provided with guide. Open daily from 9 AM to 5 PM. Ferry to Governors Island leaves from South Ferry Battery Park.

SIGHTSEEING

Circle Line Yachts, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, N. Y. Cubs - \$1.00, Scouts - \$1.13, Explorers \$1.45. Cruise around New York City, foot of 42nd Street, \$1.20 in groups of 15. Call Miss Helen Mitchell for reservations at Circle 6-6687.

Empire State Observatories, Empire State Bldg., 350 Fifth Ave., New York City. Cubs, Scouts, Explorers. Open 9:45 AM to Midnight. Admission: Adults \$1.20, Cubs, Scouts 35¢, Explorers over 16, 50¢. One adult free with each 10. Call William Altuchoff at LO 5-3100.

Hudson River Day Lines, 303 West 42nd St., New York City. Cubs, Scouts, Explorers. Groups of 25 or more, price depends on destination. Tickets must be secured in advance. Scout rates will be given. Call Mr. James Robbins at JUDson 6-5300.

Rockefeller Center Guided Tour, 20 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, N. Y. Scouts, Explorers. Guided tour through development ending on Observation roof. Rates 75¢ for groups of 10, leaders \$1.15 each. Hour long tour leaves every few minutes from 9 AM. Call CI 5-9000 for reservations.

Circle Line Statue, Ferry, Statue of Liberty, Bedloe's Island, New York 4, N. Y. Cubs, Scouts, Explorers. Groups of 25 or more - 35¢. Call Earl F. Tyler at BO 9-5755. 30¢ for children 5-11 years.

3. New York City - Sightseeing (Con't)

INDUSTRIAL PLANTS & BUSINESS OFFICES

Borden Farm Products, 35-10 Steinway St., Long Island City, N. Y. Scouts, Explorers. Tours through the plant at 6 PM or later. Monday through Friday, tour one hour. Groups of 15 or 20. Appointments by calling Mr. Dobson at WA 5-7300.

Ford Motor Company, 309 River Road, Edgewater, N. J. Cubs, Scouts, Explorers. Guided tours through plant. Monday through Friday, 10 AM and 2 PM, maximum group of 30. Two adult leaders to each group. Cafeteria available. No cameras allowed. Make reservations Mr. J. Koch, Cliffside, New Jersey 6-3300, extension 446.

Mutual Life Bldg., Broadway & 55th St., New York City. Scouts, Explorers. Tour of building and explanation of "Weather Star". Monday through Friday up to 3 PM. Call Miss Pfeiffer for reservations at JUDson 6-4000.

MUSEUMS

Fire College, 48-34 - 35th St., Long Island City, N. Y. (ST 4-2733) Scouts and Explorers. Museum of Fire Fighting Equipment. Open weekdays from 9 AM to 4 PM. Closed Saturday during July and August. Groups of 8 or more should make reservations in advance.
Fire Comm. Municipal Bldg. N. Y. 7
Take IRT Flushing local train to Rawson St. (33rd St. Station) L. I. City.

Hayden Planetarium, 81st St. & Central Park West, New York City. Cubs, Scouts, Explorers. Groups of 25 or more, admission 30¢. 3 adult leaders free with each group. Performances - Monday to Friday at 2, 3:30 and 8:30 PM. Saturday 11 AM, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8:30 PM. Sunday 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8:30 PM. 1 PM shows on weekends. 11 AM shows on weekdays. (Reserved groups)

Museum of Natural History, 79th St. and Central Park West, New York City. Cubs, Scouts, Explorers. Free guided tours. Monday through Friday after 2 PM. Museum open on Saturday, Sunday and holidays but no guides. Place provided to eat box lunch, can buy milk.

SHIP TOURS

French Line, Pier 88 Hudson River, and 48th St., New York City. Cubs, Scouts, Explorers. Write to Public Relations Dept., 650 - 5th Ave., New York City, for when ships are in port and for passes.

United States Lines, 1 Broadway, New York 4, N. Y. Scouts and Explorers. Visit ships from 2:00 to 4:00 PM 2 days before sailing. For passes to visit ships write to U. S. Lines Agency Dept., 1 Broadway, or Phone DI 4-5800, Ext. 79.

FINANCIAL

Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York City. Scouts and Explorers. Visitors Gallery open daily from 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Closed Saturday. Call Public Relations Dept. HA 2-4200 for appointment.

Chase National Bank, 13 Broad St., New York City. Cubs, Scouts, Explorers. Guided tour through the Money Museum. Open from 9 AM to 4:30 PM. For reservations call HANover 2-9800 a few days before. Museum located on ground floor of the building.

3. New York City - Sightseeing(Con't)

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

La Guardia Airport, Jackson Heights, New York. Cubs, Scouts, Explorers. Scouts up to 13 years, 35¢ - over 13 rate is 60¢. One adult leader to each group of 20, free. Additional leaders 75¢. Includes free admission to observation deck.

New York International Airport, Long Island, New York. Cubs, Scouts, Explorers. 4900 acres. One of the world's largest commercial airports. Observation deck, groups up to 15 or 20 free; smaller groups 10¢ each. When leaving from Manhattan take the Independent subway, train number E or F. Get off at Union Turnpike Station in Kew Gardens. Take bus No. Q10 marked "Air Port". The ride on the bus will be approximately a half hour.

PUBLICATIONS

New York Herald Tribune, 230 West 41st St., New York 18, N.Y. Explorers. FREE TOURS 7 PM - 9:30 PM, lasting one hour. Call Miss Alexander at PE 6-4000, Ext. 628 for reservations two weeks in advance. Minimum group 8 - maximum 40. To see the presses rolling, take the 7 PM or 9:30 PM tour.

New York Times, 229 West 42nd St., New York 36, N.Y. Scouts and Explorers. FREE tour for Scouts over 12 years of age and for Explorers. Tour of all departments, including museum, the history of the recorded word, news departments, mechanical and radio station WQXR. Tours arranged in advance. Tour 1 hour 15 minutes. Call LA 4-1000, Ext #8120 for appointment.

TELEVISION AND RADIO

National Broadcasting Co., R. C. A. Bldg., 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, N.Y. Cubs, Scouts, Explorers. One hour tour of radio and TV studios. Group rates - Cubs 35¢ each, Scouts up to 12, 35¢ each, Scouts and Explorers 50¢ each.

R. C. A. Exhibition Hall, 40 West 49th St., New York City 20. Scouts and Explorers. The "TODAY" show 7 AM and 9 AM. Visitors to Hall welcome to inspect news center at 11 AM on May 2nd display of color television at Hall.

CAMPING GROUNDS

Pouch Camp, Staten Island: Lake, cabins, lean-tos, and tent camping. Unit submits local tour permit to our Council Office, then contacts Greater New York Councils, WI 7-8400. Fee Range \$1.00 to \$10.00 for overnight camping.

4. UPSTATE NEW YORK, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

CAMPING GROUNDS & HIKING TRAILS

Onteora Scout Reservation: The Onteora Scout Reservation, located in the Catskills, offers 2400 acres of unexcelled natural beauty. Rolling hills, a beautiful lake, woodland streams and miles of trails winding through hardwood forests, invite the Scout to participate in the ultimate in Scout Camping. Camp programs are planned by each

4. Upstate New York, Northern New Jersey (Cont.)

Troop, under the leadership of the Unit, assisted by a well-trained and capable Camp Staff. The Camp Staff provides counseling in all out of door Merit Badges. Provisional Camping is available at On-teora only in the Junior Leader Training program, the Camp Staff Training Camp and the various Explorer Camp programs.

Camps of Greater New York Councils Boy Scouts

- A - Alpine, New Jersey
- B - Sanita Hills, Holmes, N. Y.
- C - Spruce Pond, Near Harriman, N. Y.

Unit submits local tour permit to our Council Office - then contacts Greater New York Councils - WI 7-8400. Fee Range - \$1.00 to \$10.00 - for overnight camping ... All 3 camps offer tent camping.

- D - Ten Mile River, Narrowsburg, N. Y.

Alpine and Ten Mile River Camps have lean-tos and are generally more developed.

Catskill Forest Preserve. The New York State Forest Preserve, administered by the Conservation Department, comprises 235,262 acres in the Catskills. Camping is permitted anywhere in the Forest Preserve. At undeveloped locations no permit is required for stays of 3 days or less in one location. Permits for longer periods at such locations must be obtained from the local forest ranger. At the public campsites where resident caretakers are in charge, permits are required for stays of any duration and are issued upon arrival. No camping permit is granted for a period in excess of 2 weeks. Permits may be renewed for additional periods provided such renewal does not deprive others of the privilege of camping. Advance reservations cannot be made. A camping service charge of \$1.00 per permit per night for a party of 6 is imposed at the public campsites - \$5.00 a week. Service to picnickers, bathers and other day users is covered by a charge of 50¢ per car.

No permit is required for fires for cooking, warmth or smudge purposes. However, all inflammable material must be removed for at least 3 feet around before fires are started, and fires must not be left unattended until extinguished. Persons who allow fires to escape control are liable for damages and penalties.

The Conservation Department desires that the fullest possible use be made of the recreational advantages of the Forest Preserve both in the Catskills and in the Adirondacks, and of other State Reservations, by the people of the State, whose property they are. To this end, it has published, in addition to the present circular, a number of others, containing information regarding canoe trips, mountain trails, tramping, and camping regulations. These it will be glad to mail on request. They are as follows:

- NEW YORK STATE PARKS: A publication of State Council of Parks Recreation Circular 2, PUBLIC USE OF THE FOREST PRESERVE, giving the regulations governing those who make use of these lands.
- Recreation Circular 3, ADIRONDACK CAMPSITES, describing the public campsites in the Adirondack region.
- Recreation Circular 4, CATSKILL CAMPSITES, describing the public campsites in the Catskill region.
- Recreation Circular 6, LAKE GEORGE, giving information in regard to the State-owned islands, camping, the adjacent country, etc.
- Recreation Circular 7, ADIRONDACK CANOE ROUTES, outlining a canoe trip of about 125 miles, from Old Forge to Paul Smiths, with side trips on many lakes and rivers.

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Recreation Circular 8, THE TRAILS TO MARCY, containing directions as to the best routes for reaching the summit of New York's highest mountain.

Recreation Circular 9, CATSKILL TRAILS, being a complete guide to the system of recreation trails maintained by the Conservation Department in the Catskill Mountain region.

Because these circulars are available free from the Conservation Department, we will not go into detail about the campsites and trails in the Catskill section. There are 5 public campsites and 25 open camps in this area. Simply write to New York State Conservation Dept., Albany 1, New York, for very complete and detailed information on the Catskills.

Adirondack Forest Preserve, about 2,250,000 acres, includes the highest mountains in the state, more than 100 large lakes and innumerable smaller ones. Forty-six peaks are over 4000 feet high and two are over 5000 feet. The highest, Mount Marcy, is 5344 feet.

Throughout the Preserve the state maintains numerous public campsites, equipped with simple facilities for tent camping.

The Adirondack Forest Preserve has the same rules, regulations and prices as the Catskill Forest Preserve. Recreation Circular 3 - Adirondack Campsites; #7 - Adirondack Canoe Routes; and #8 - Trails to Mount Marcy, give detailed information on the Adirondack Region. There are 33 public campsites in the Adirondacks, and approximately 150 open camps. These booklets are available from New York State, Department of Conservation, Albany 1, New York, free of charge.

THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY

1. The Trail Route

The Appalachian Trail is a foot trail 2000 miles long. It follows the crest of various ranges in the Appalachian Mountain System between Maine and Georgia. Over most of its length it is marked with white paint blazes and with metal markers.

It enters New York from Connecticut at Schaghticoke Mountain, near Kent, Conn., and for the most part follows old roads across the hills of Dutchess and Putnam Counties, including Fahnestock State Park. It crosses the Hudson River at Bear Mountain, traverses Harriman Park, and enters New Jersey at Greenwood Lake. After recrossing the state line several times, the trail reaches High Point State Park in New Jersey. Beyond, it passes through Stokes State Forest and follows the crest of Kittatinny Mountain to Delaware Water Gap.

2. Guidebooks

The Appalachian Trail in New York and New Jersey is described in Guide to the Appalachian Trail from the Connecticut-New York State Line to the Susquehanna River (hereinafter referred to as the Guidebook), Publication No. 2 (4th Ed., 1957) of the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, and obtainable from that organization through William Hoferlin, 556 Fairview Ave., Brooklyn 37, N. Y., or from the Appalachian Trail Conference; price \$2.50.

3. Camping Along The Trail

"Though hikers desiring to live on the Trail will find this a difficult division to traverse, camps and shelters are too few and too far between. Much of the mileage is over private lands where camping

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and fire making privileges are not available, and more important, where the privilege of hiking at all may be revoked if these restrictions are not respected." (Guidebook p. 1)

LAKE GEORGE ISLANDS

At Lake George there are 47 State-owned islands available for camping. Permits must be obtained for camping on them regardless of the length of stay. Permits are available at 3 Department headquarters; on Long Island for the southerly part of the Lake, Glen Island for the central part, and Narrow Island at Huletts Landing for the northerly part. The Glen Island and Long Island headquarters can be reached by telephone. Bolton 4211 is the number for Glen Island and Kattskill Bay 9426 for Long Island. The Narrow Island headquarters is without telephone service. At Bolton Landing there are concerns renting complete camping outfits, boats and canoes. Complete outfits may be rented from Lamb Bros., Bobrows and the Lake George

Camping Equipment Co. Boats and canoes only may be rented from F. R. Smith & Sons. Boats, canoes and outboard motors are available from the Lake George Boat Company at Cleverdale for access to Long Island.

There are 11 State-owned islands used exclusively for picnicking. Picnic areas are also available at the southern end of Long Island and at Black Mt. Point.

Campers on the Forest Preserve public campsites and on the State-owned islands and lands at Lake George are required to pay a service charge of \$1.00 per night per camping permit. Each camping permit is limited to 6 individuals. Camping permits are issued on a first come, first served basis and advance reservations cannot be made.

Certain islands have been set aside for the exclusive use of picnic parties. No charge is made for day use on these islands.

These charges are collected only during those periods of the year when resident caretakers are on duty. At most campsites this is from just prior to Memorial Day until mid September. At all other times use of the areas is free. It is suggested, however, that the local forest ranger be notified before camping.

At the public campsites no camping permit is granted for a period in excess of two weeks, but such permits may be renewed for additional periods provided such renewal does not deprive others of the privilege of camping.

There has been developed on Tongue Mountain a trail system which gives access to the entire Tongue Mountain range and from which some of the finest scenery in the United States is visible. Three open camps are located on these trails.

The Trail starts on the highway about ten miles north of Bolton Landing, and two miles south of Sabbathday Point and extends to the very tip of the Tongue, and returns along the east shore of Northwest Bay to rejoin the state highway near the head of this bay.

Taconic State Park, Copake Falls, Columbia County, N. Y.: 6200 acres, Taconic Mountains, featuring Bash Bish Stream, Ore Pit Pond, and Rudd Pond, camping and hiking. Contact the superintendent.

Camping season begins the first Saturday on, or after May 20th, and ends on the last Sunday in September. Facilities are limited and the peak camping demand is mid-July. Space sometimes goes begging, especially in June, at a time when prospects for fair weather and scenic beauty are good. If you can arrange a vacation in June or early

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September, try camping then. The Park Superintendent's office will be open each day from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM from May 15 to September 15. You will be required to present your camp permit to be assigned to a tent site between these hours. If you cannot arrange to be there between the hours stated above, it will be necessary for you to arrange for accommodations outside the park until the office is open.

Copake Falls Area: 120 miles north of New York City, features tent camping, hiking, community type toilets. Via the Bronx or Saw Mill River Parkways, Taconic State Parkway, Route 82, 44 and 22.

Rudd Pond Area; 110 miles north of New York City; features tent camping, bathing, fishing, hiking and sanitary facilities. Via the same routes as Copake Falls area.

Lake Taghlanic State Park, Ancram, Columbia County, New York: 100 two acres, 105 miles north of New York City; features tent camping, fishing, boating, bathing, and hiking.

Jenny Jump State Forest, Hope, New Jersey: Campsites, camp shelters.

Lebanon State Forest, New Lisbon, New Jersey: Campsites, fishing, bathing.

Stokes State Forest, Branchville, New Jersey: Campsites, fishing, bathing, camp shelters.

There is additional printed information and maps available for these New Jersey State Forests. Send inquiries to the appropriate forest and community.

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Bear Mountain - Harriman State Park

This is a 45,125 acres State Park, with outdoor swimming pool, roller skating, softball, hiking trails, shelters, riding, boating, trailside museum. Harriman Section offers fishing, boating, 2 bathing beaches at Lakes Tiorati and Sebago, a swimming pool at Anthony Wayne.

Bear Mountain and the Harriman Section are both part of Palisades Interstate Park, administered jointly by the States of New York and New Jersey. Perkins Memorial Drive (fee \$1.25) to the top of Bear Mountain, offers sweeping panoramas of the Hudson River and the Highlands. It is open mid-April to late October, 10:00 AM to sundown. A picnic area is on the summit of the mountain. 100 miles of hiking trails, all marked and 12 trail shelters with pure drinking water and sanitary facilities. There is a map of Bear Mountain-Harriman State Park showing hiking trails, shelters, lakes, road, etc., available from Palisades Interstate Park Commission which costs 10¢. This is the best Section for wilderness hiking, near New York City. The Appalachian Trail passes through this park and is very adaptable to troop day hikes in six to seven mile segments. It is recommended as an excellent area for day hikes and small group extended trips. For information write to Palisades Interstate Park Commission, 270 Broadway, New York 7, N. Y. Phone Worth 4-3157.

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HOW TO REACH BEAR MOUNTAIN - Motor: 45 miles from New York. From the George Washington Bridge take exit marked Palisades Interstate Parkway north to Bear Mt. US 9W north from George Washington Bridge or Bronx River, Saw Mill River and Taconic Parkways to Bear Mountain Bridge, a very scenic route: From Westchester Parkways via Tappan Zee Bridge to Thruway Exit 13 north on Palisades Interstate Parkway to Bear Mountain.

BOAT: Daily service during summer - Hudson River Day Line, Piers at 42nd Street and 125th Street, New York City. Phone JUDson 6-5300.

BUS: Daily service - Mohawk Bus Line, 41st Street and 8th Avenue, New York City. For schedules call BRyant 9-1000.

Nyack Beach State Park (25 miles from New York City)

An ideal spot for picnicking, rest and relaxation. The pedestrian path along the river attracts many hikers.

Palisades Interstate Park - New Jersey Section: Motor across Hudson River from New York City, Palisades Interstate Parkway or US 9W from George Washington Bridge. Pedestrians and vehicular entrances at River Road, Edgewater; Palisade Ave., Englewood Cliffs; Alpine Approach Road, Alpine, Exits 1, 2, 3, 4 of Palisades Parkway.

Accessible by Mohawk Bus Line from Port of Authority Bldg., Bus Terminal, 8th Ave. at 41st Street, New York City, to George Washington Bridge, New Jersey end, and connecting with buses operating along 9-W to Palisades Avenue, Englewood Cliffs. Mohawk Bus Line telephone BRyant 9-1000.

The New Jersey Section offers a number of areas for picnics and outings, and some 13 miles of hiking trails. Drinking fountains, picnic tables, toilets and fireplaces are available at intervals along the shore trail.

Stony Point Battlefield Reservation (37 miles from New York City)

This historic site includes a museum containing relics of the Revolution, picnic area (basket parties only) and a shelter; and beautiful scenic walks. Historic markers show the exact location of decisive military actions. The entire area is covered with dogwood, and many people visit this park in the Spring to see these beautiful trees in bloom.

Tallman Mountain State Park (18 miles from New York City)

Swimming - A large, modern pool, for swimmers. Bathhouse and refreshment stand.

Picnicking - Several picnic areas with adjacent parking space, tables, fireplaces, drinking water, and comfort stations are available.

Playgrounds - A large athletic field, with baseball and softball diamonds, a cinder running track, and a stadium seating several thousand people is located near the entrance to the Park. Also nearby, are tennis and basketball courts, and swings and slides for the youngsters. This Park is ideal for outings and family groups.

There are no regular marked hiking trails in Tallman Mountain State Park, Nyack Beach State Park, Rockland Lake State Park, Stony Point Battlefield, Hook Mountain State Park, Blauvelt State Park or the Storm King area. Hikers may walk through these parks on the informal pedestrian paths.

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The Palisades Interstate Park is in an historical region and the New Jersey Section contains the Cornwallis Headquarters and trail which Cornwallis used in mounting the Palisades when he tried to capture General Washington at Fort Lee. The Palisades Interstate Parkway in New Jersey runs along the route of the old military road which ran between Fort Lee and Sneden's Landing in New York State. A portion of the original Fort Constitution, later called Fort Lee, is in the Palisades Interstate Park in New Jersey.

FISHING - Fishing and crabbing are permitted generally from the sea wall and certain docks along the shore line of the Park. No fishing or crabbing is permitted from the boat basins. Night fishing and crabbing are permitted until Midnight at Bloomers Dock and Alpine Dock only.

FIRES - Charcoal fires are permitted in designated places until Midnight and charcoal may be purchased at refreshment stands. Wood fires are permitted between the hours of sunrise and sunset and only in the fireplaces supplied for that purpose.

CAMPING - Overnight camping of any kind is not permitted due to lack of facilities. The pitching of tents at any time is prohibited.

BUS OUTINGS - Chartered buses are permitted in the Rose Dock area only and a special permit is necessary. Application should be made at the New Jersey Office and a permit must be obtained seven days in advance of the date of party.

GENERAL RULES - Possession of hatchets, hunting knives and other cutting tools is prohibited in the Park. Pedestrians may not walk on the Henry Hudson Drive nor upon any of the automobile roads.

The cliffs may be climbed only over paths expressly marked for that purpose. Throwing rocks, pebbles or other matter from the cliffs is forbidden.

All swimming in the New Jersey Section has been discontinued due to the contamination of the River.

All lands on top of the Palisades are closed to the public until they can be developed for Park use, excepting only the Lookout Area, Women's Federation Park, Old Tourists Camp Picnic Grounds and the skating Pond. Entrance upon any property other than those specifically mentioned is prohibited.

The Palisades Interstate Parkway and the Greenbrook Sanctuary now being developed atop the Palisades will be open to the public in the near future.

A map and other information available free from:

Palisades Interstate Park Commission
Box 230
Englewood, N. J.

Tel. POplar 8-1360