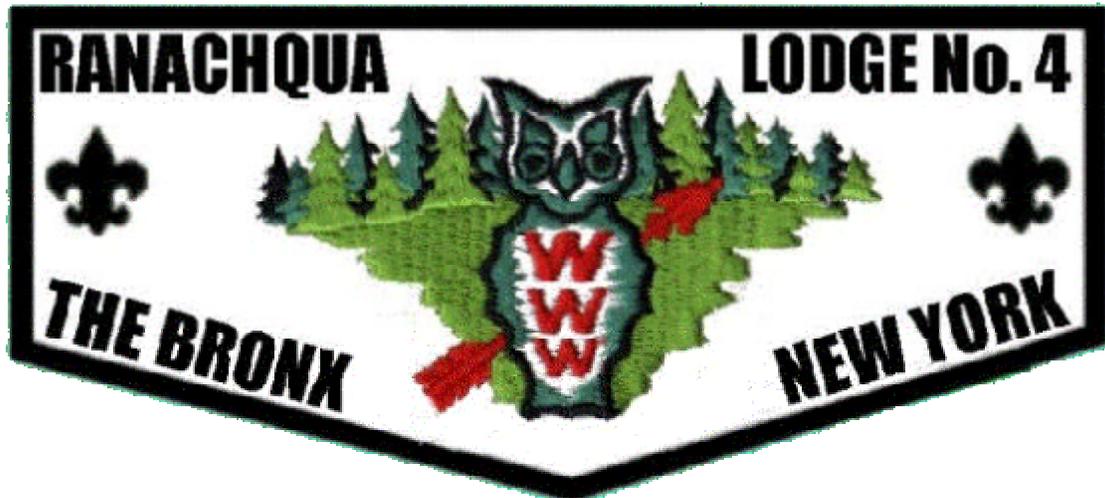


Ranachqua Lodge 4

Order of the Arrow



Where to Go Camping
and Hiking

Of all the different areas in which the Order of the Arrow gives "cheerful service" perhaps none is as important or as central to the essence of the organization as camping promotions. We are, after all, a *camping* honor society!

Variety, they say, is the spice of life. We all have favorite camping, backpacking, and hiking locations but it's important occasionally to venture out and try different places to keep things from getting too routine and maybe even find a new favorite spot. Below is a listing of various facilities in the tri-state region and northeast Pennsylvania that can help reinvigorate your outdoor program. There's also a online version of this document available on the web at:

<http://www.ranachqua4.org/camping.html>.

Remember that you'll need a local tour permit to go to out-of-council camps.

Optimal driving time and distance, where given, are estimates from Mapquest and are measured from Fordham Plaza in the Bronx.

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GNYC Scout Camps

Alpine Scout Camp, Alpine, NJ

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

(Approximately 14 miles and 0:25 hours)

A GNYC short-term camp founded in 1940, the home of Reeves Cub World. and it's located just 10 miles north of the George Washington Bridge. The camp's 1000 acres offer a full range of facilities for both camping (tent sites, lean-tos, and cabins) and for conferences. Weekend activities include archery, an orienteering course, indoor (25') and outdoor (35') climbing walls, and the Red Dot Trail. Alpine also hosts the Gary I Laermer Activity Center which includes High-Tech Productions Science & Technology Center. Full directions to the camp, facility rental information, and a camp map are available on the web site. A Weekend Leaders Guide is downloadable as a PDF..

William H. Pouch Scout Camp, Staten Island, NY

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

(Approximately 35 miles and 0:50 hours)

A GNYC short term camp established on Staten Island in 1949. The web site states "The camp is approximately 143 acres, including several cabins with capacity to hold 14 to 22 Scouts and Scouters. The Camp also includes 55 lean-tos, 20 tent sites, and a low-impact Camp-O-Ree field with an adjacent amphitheater". Facilities include an archery range, scout skills area, and a mountain biking trail. Directions and a camp map are available on the web site.

Ten Mile River Scout Camps, Narrowsburg, NY

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

(Approximately 112 miles and 2:10 hours)

Greater New York Councils' summer camp, Ten Mile River offers Boy Scout, Webelos, and Venture long-term camps, backpacking and canoe treks, and specialty camps such as the Trail to Eagle and Aquatics. TMR was founded in 1927, under the watchful eye of Franklin Roosevelt, as a permanent home for New York City summer camping, replacing the camps at Kanohwahke Lakes in Harriman State Park. Ten Mile River today remains one of the true jewels of scout camping. A picturesque 14,000 acres (about the size of Manhattan Island) of pristine wilderness stretching east from the Delaware River, TMR currently operates Camp Aquehonga, Camp Keowa, Camp Kunatah (kosher), Camp Ranachqua, Family Camp and Headquarters Camp. The TMR Scout Museum is located at Headquarters, and is open during the summer camping season. Ten Mile River also offers short-term weekend and winter camping. Fully winterized cabins in Headquarters

Camp and Camp Keowa are available year round, and the setup is perfect for co-ed crews. Of course there are plenty of tent and lean-to sites, many of them on the Delaware River or along the famous 40 mile long Red Circle Trail. The 4-5 person self-sufficient cabins at Family Camp are also available. There's a wealth of information on the web site, albeit most of it is geared toward summer camp.

GNYS's Gone But Not Forgotten –

Short-term Camps: High Hold, Hoyt Farms, Kanes Open, Henry Kaufman, Newcombe, Sanita Hills, Spruce Pond

Explorers: Rueger Base, Lamont

TMR Camps: Central, Chappelat, Davis Lake, Hayden, Iphetonga, Kernochan, Kohtoke, Lakeside, Nianque, Rondack

Pre-TMR Camps: Hunter Island, Kanohwahke Lakes Camps.

Other Scout Camps in New York State

Baiting Hollow Scout Camp, Calverton, NY

<http://www.sccbsa.org/Camping.html>

(Approximately 75 miles and 1:35 hours)

Located on the north shore of Long Island and established in 1926, this camp is the centerpiece of Suffolk County Council's camping program.

Camp Bullowa, Stony Point, NY

<http://www.hvcbsa.org/bullowa/>

(Approximately 39 miles and 0:50 hours)

Established in the 1950s, Bullowa was the main camp of the old Rockland County Council, and is now one of Hudson Valley Council's two camps.

Weekend camping facilities include cabins, lean-tos, and tent sites.

Directions to the camp are available on the web site.

Clear Lake Scout Reservation, Putnam Valley, NY

<http://www.wpcbsa.org/Facilities/ClearLake.asp>

(Approximately 44 miles and 1:00 hours)

A 1400 acre camp operated by Westchester-Putnam Council in Putnam Valley, NY. The camp has wide range of facilities including cabins, lean-tos, and tent sites ranging from near the road and parking to backpacking wilderness areas. Clear Lake hosts a number of blazed hiking trails of varying length, and has a connector trail to the AT and Fahnestock State Park. Lists of the facilities and a camp trail map are available on the web site.

Drucker Scout Reservation / Camp Turrell, Cuddebackville, NY

<Http://www.nnjbsa-turrell.org>

(Approximately 91 miles and 1:50 hours)

Founded in the late 1940s by since merged Alhtaha Council, Northern New Jersey Council now operates this camp.

Camp Nooteming, Salt Point, NY

<http://www.hvcbsa.org/nooteming/>

(Approximately 75 miles and 1:30 hours)

Founded in 1926 by the since merged Dutchess County Council, this camp is now run by Hudson Valley Council. Year-round weekend camping facilities include cabins, lean-tos, and tent sites. During the summer, Nooteming host a Cub Scout resident camp.

Onteora Scout Reservation, Livingston Manor, NY

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

(Approximately 120 miles and 2:15 hours)

Theodore Roosevelt Council's Catskills Mountains summer camp is also available for weekend camping during the year. For information, click on the camp tab on the council's home page and download the Onteora Mini Guide PDF.

Camp TriMount, East Jewett, NY

<http://www.rvwbsa.org/content.asp?contentid=18>

(Approximately 125 miles and 2:25 hours)

Rip Van Winkle Council's camp is located in the heart of the Catskills. The camp offers unique winter camping possibilities that can be customized for districts or units.

Other Scout Camps Located in New Jersey

Camp Alpine, Alpine, NJ

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=171&orgkey=945>

(Approximately 15 miles and 0:25 hours)

Founded by merged Bergen Council in 1976, this 360 acre camp is run by the by the Northern New Jersey Council. Adjacent to GNYC's Alpine Scout Camp, Camp Alpine has year round tenting and lean-to facilities, It is also the terminus for the Palisades Historic Trails (closed December through February) for which a patch is available upon completion.

Kittatinny Mountain Scout Reservation, Sandyston, NJ

<http://www.cnjbsa.org/kittatinny.shtml>

(Approximately 68 miles and 1:25 hours)

A 500 acre camp operated by Central New Jersey Council on the edge of Stokes Forest Preserve near the Delaware Water Gap. Weekend facilities include cabins, lean-tos, and tent sites. There's a 60 acre lake on the property. Directions and a camp map are available on the web site.

Camp Lewis, Rockaway Township, NJ

<http://www.njbsa-lewis.org>

(Approximately 47 miles and 1:05 hours)

Originally established in 1922 by the merged Bayonne Council, the camp is now operated by the Northern New Jersey Council. Camp Lewis runs a Cub Resident Camp during the summer.

Mt. Allamuchy Scout Reservation, Stanhope, NJ

<http://www.ppbsa.org/cam/camwb30.htm>

(Approximately 56 miles and 1:10 hours)

Founded in 1949 by the merged Morris Sussex Council, the reservation is now operated by the Patriots' Path Council. It consists of two camps: Camp Somers (Boy Scout) and Camp Wheeler (Cubs). Year round facilities include cabins and tent sites, The OA Building, a barrier free site for special needs, the summer camp dining hall including full kitchen, and a pavilion are also available.

Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco, Blairstown, NJ

<http://www.njbsa-nobebosco.org>

(Approximately 77 miles and 1:40 hours)

This beautiful old "rustic" 382 acre camp was founded in 1927 by the long merged North Bergen County Council, from which it derives its name (NOrth BErgen BOy SCOuts). It is now operated by the Northern New Jersey Council. Many of the cabins date back to the 1930s, conjuring images of the generations of scouts who camped there. Bordering on the

Delaware Water Gap and the Appalachian Trail, the camp's year-round facilities include cabins, tent sites, and one lean-to site. A full dining hall and a program pavilion are also available. No-Be-Bo-Sco conducts a Boy Scout resident camp during the summer.

Quail Hill Scout Reservation, Manalapan, NJ

<http://www.ghsrcamp.org/index.html>

(Approximately 66 miles and 1:20 hours)

This 250 acre camp operated by Monmouth Council. There's a couple of cabins, and some "special use" facilities, but the camp is primarily geared to tenting. It is also the starting point for the 11 mile Battle of Monmouth Historical Trail run by Na Tsi Hi Lodge. A trail medal, patch, and mug are available to those who complete the trail. A camp map and other information is available on the camp web site.

Winnebago Scout Reservation, Rockaway Township, NJ

<http://www.ppbsa.org/cam/WSR/index.htm>

(Approximately 48 miles and 1:10 hours)

Consisting of 450 acres in the heart of the Copperas Mountains, Winnebago was founded in 1941 by now defunct Union Council. The camp is now operated by Patriots' Path Council. During the summer, Winnebago hosts long-term Troop and provisional camping, as well as a Trail to Eagle Camp. Year round facilities include several cabins, lean-to sites, and ground tent sites.

Yards Creek Scout Reservation, Blairstown, NJ

<http://www.cnjbsa.org/yards.shtml>

(Approximately 78 miles and 1:35 hours)

This camp is operated by Central New Jersey Council, and is located on the grounds of the Yards Creek Pumping Station. The facilities are primarily for tent camping, with one lean-to site.

Scout Camps Located in Connecticut

Camp Sequassen, New Hartford, CT

http://www.ctyankee.org/camping/fees_sequassen.php

(Approximately 115 miles and 2:15 hours)

With roots that extend back to its 1929 founding by the long merged Southern New Haven Council, this 544 acre camp is now operated by Connecticut Yankee Council. Year round camping includes tent sites, lean-tos, and some cabins with varying facilities. Dining hall and kitchen are also available. Sequassen hosts Boy Scout, Webelos and Cub long-term summer camping.

Ernest Thompson Seton Scout Reservation, Greenwich, CT

<http://www.greenwichbsa.com/seton.htm>

(Approximately 23 miles and 0:35 hours)

Greenwich Council operates this 225 acre camp. Year round camping include lean-to and tent sites, as well as some some cabins, only one with cooking facilities. There are some well marked but relatively short trails on the property. Proximately to NYC is a factor. Seton is a Cub Resident camp during the summer.

Scout Camps Located in Pennsylvania

Resica Falls Scout Reservation, East Stroudsburg, PA

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=2385&orgkey=541>

(Approximately 88 miles and 1:45 hours)

This Pocono Mountains camp of 3,352 acres is operated by Cradle of Liberty Council. The camp is closed during deer and bear hunting seasons, running from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day. Composed of Big Springs and Firestone, Resica Falls offers ground camping sites and well equipped cabins (lodges).

Treasure Island Scout Reservation, Pipersville, PA

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=2607&orgkey=541>

(Approximately 82 miles and 1:35 hours)

Treasure Island is the birthplace of the Order of the Arrow and one of the oldest scout camps in the country. It is located on two islands (Treasure Island and Marshall Island) in the Delaware River. Cradle of Liberty Council operates the camp which dates back to its 1913 beginnings with the Philadelphia Council. There are very limited year round facilities. Tent sites are on Marshall Island and are accessible only by a 1 to 1.5 mile backpack to the sites. Marshall Island sites are not available on Friday night.