



Boy Scout Troop 353 – Eastchester, NY

Westchester-Putnam Council

<http://troop353.wordpress.com>

www.wpcbsa.org



Event:
Location:
Event Date:

Backpacking
Harriman State Park
6/06 (Sat) -- 6/07 (Sun)

Signup Deadline:
Adult Event Co-Leader:
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Youth Event Leader(s):

6/ 05/ 09 (Friday)
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Tom McCandless - Scoutmaster

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Backup Transportation Coordinator:

Jeff Schaeffer - Ass't Scoutmaster - Transportation Coordinator
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Departure:

-- From TCC @ 7:30am.

Fees:

None, as everyone brings their own food.

Eat in Car?

Yes, Breakfast Saturday morning.

Advanced Preparation:

- Must be 12.5 years or older and at least 1st Class rank
- Fully Packed Backpack should weigh no more than 1/3 of your body weight.

Driving Directions:

Begin at TCC, 71 Columbus Ave., Tuckahoe, NY
- Winterhill Rd to Main St To Yonkers / Tuckahoe Rd @ Sprain Brook Pkwy
- From **Sprain Brook Pkwy** @ Tuckahoe Rd, Head North 1.6 Miles
- Exit Left to Tappan Zee Bridge / **I-287 West** 9.0 Miles / 10.6 mi
- Continue on **I-87 North** (toward Albany/ NY State Thruway) 20.0 Miles / 30.6 mi
- Take **Exit 15A** for NY-17 toward Slootsburg/ Suffern/ NY-59 1.5 miles / 32.1 mi
- Keep **LEFT** at the **FORK**, follow signs for Tuxedo Park 0.2 miles / 32.3 mi
- Turn **LEFT at NY-17** / Orange Turnpike, Continue on NY-17 200 feet
- Take the **EXIT on the LEFT toward NY-17A** / Rte-17A / State Route 17A 7.3 miles / 39.7 mi
- Turn **RIGHT at NY-17A** / Rte-17A / State Route 17A 0.1 miles / 39.8 mi
- Continue on **County Hwy - 106** into Harriman State Park to Parking 165 feet
Use either 1st or 2nd Parking Lot on the RIGHT 2.5 miles / **42.4 miles**

Event Details:

Saturday - 7:30am; Departure
- 9:00am; Hit the trail!
- 12:00 noon; Lunch
- 3:30pm; Arrive at Lean-to Tom Jones Mountain (Section 4B, Trail Map 118, Harriman Park-Southern).
- 6:00pm; Dinner
- 10:00pm; Taps
Sunday - 7:30am; Depart for cars
- 9:00am; Arrive at TCC.

Personal Camping Gear:

See Backpack Gear List on Reveille! Page of troop website ==> <http://troop353.wordpress.com>

Weather Outlook:

(zip code to enter) ==>

www.wunderground.com
10987

Warm (55--75). < 20% prob. of rain

Misc Useful Info:

Palisades Interstate Park Commission
Bear Mountain, NY
Park Police
Good Samaritan Hospital, 255 Lafayette Ave, Suffern, NY (nearest)

Main Phone = 845-786-2701
845-786-2781 or 911
914-368-5000

Other Event Notes:

This is a mini-trek and a testimony to how self-sufficient a scout can be. Everything he needs will be in his backpack.

Critical Items include the following:

- boots (waterproof and broken-in) & wool socks. Chances are he's outgrown them--make sure the boots fit.
- backpacking stove w/fuel & matches! Mess Kit, eating utensils and measuring cup.
- 1 or 2-man tent. If you are using a 2-man tent, then split up the tent-related gear into two groups and have his tent mate carry carry 1/2 of the tent-related items. Or be prepared to build a shelter in the wilderness (the lightest alternative clearly!) or just sleep under the stars (weather permitting!).
- Bio-degradable toilet paper and a trowel.
- Water Bottles. Need to carry at least 2 quarts--can use soda bottles. Need to allow for both intake and enough for cooking. Last year, the temps soared and the water intake was twice what many novice backpackers expected--these boys ran out of water prior to arriving in camp. We found a stream and purified the water and used for cooking and general intake.
- Rain Gear. Jacket with hood.
- Tick repellent (30% deet).
- Food. Either purchase freeze-dried food at Eastern Mountain Sports or Campmor (read preparation directions VERY Carefully) or premake a dinner for Saturday night that just needs to be warmed up. Our Troop website has many great website links to assist in this area. He should bring a high-protein lunch. Trail Mix is good as your son will be starving by 4pm. An energy bar Sunday morning will be enough for him until he arrives home --- probably around 9--10am.
- Your son does NOT NEED to purchase a water purification system and/or purification drops--this is optional for you, as Don & I have sufficient supplies for all. If you need a backpack, let me know, as the troop should have 2 in storage and I may have a spare--I will need to know ASAP so that I can bring the spare backpacks to the troop meeting Sunday night. A full gear list for backpacking, including small first aid kit, etc. is in the Boy Scout Handbook.
- Clearly, this type of mini-high adventure trek qualifies for Eagle-required Camping merit badge as well as Backpacking merit badge, for which I am a merit badge counselor to both.