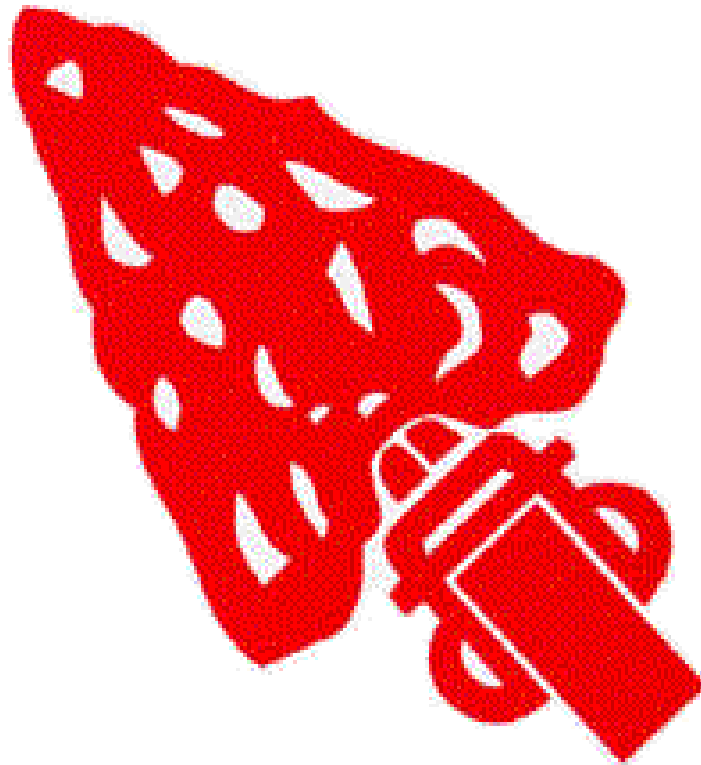


# **Where to Go Camping In New England**



**Grand Monadnock Lodge 309  
Order of the Arrow  
Nashua Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America**

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Dear Friends and Brother Scouts,

This *Where to Go Camping Guide* was prepared by Grand Monadnock Lodge #309, Order of the Arrow, Nashua Valley Council, Lancaster, MA.

The purpose of this Guide is to help educate troops about the numerous possibilities for camping, hiking, and outdoor activities in the Massachusetts and greater New England area. We live in an area rich in diverse landscapes and opportunities for outdoor recreation and wilderness experiences. This guide includes information about local Scout camps, state and privately owned campgrounds, and other camping areas. In addition, we have included information on policies, procedures, and forms that most Boy Scout leaders will find helpful. Our hope is that this guide becomes a valuable resource for our troops and friends to use in planning their outdoor program.

Although this Guide is the product of many years worth of work, this booklet is, by no means, complete. We strongly encourage you to submit ideas and information about camping areas in New England that you or your troop have visited. Information on your favorite locations can then be shared with others when we produce periodic updates of this book. A form for submitting this information is included in the appendix. Additionally, in order to increase the accuracy, completeness, and quality of future issues of this book, we also suggest that you complete the readers' comment form also included in the appendix.

Comments and other feedback can be directed to:

WHERE TO GO CAMPING COMMITTEE  
Grand Monadnock Lodge 309  
c/o Nashua Valley Council, BSA  
1980 Lunenburg Rd.  
Lancaster, MA 01523

For additional information on a particular campground, please use the contact information provided in the booklet. Many facilities welcome Scout groups. We need to do our part by following rules and procedures in registering for and using these facilities. Always check with the property owner or caretaker for availability, fees, and restrictions – and always leave a good impression, so other Scouts may enjoy the same experience.

Happy Camping!

Sincerely,

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## A Challenge... and an Invitation...

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The Grand Monadnock Lodge of the Order of the Arrow challenges you to take your troop camping year-round.

We challenge you to camp every month of the year. Sun, heat, rain, snow, wind. Summer, fall, winter, spring.

We challenge you to take your troop to Camp Wanocksett for Summer Camp to ensure each Scout in Nashua Valley Council has the opportunity for advancement, fun and the Scouting outdoor experience.

We challenge you to take your older Scouts on a High Adventure experience, when they are ready for it.

Get the OUTING into SCOUTING, brother Scouts -- go camping! In every Boy Scout Handbook, we promise each and every Scout the adventure of the outdoors. Are you delivering on that promise?

This guide is designed to provide you basic information about campsites in our region that your troop can easily reach. It provides information about resources available, so you do not have much to "learn" about the area in order to take your troop camping.

This information has been compiled from the first-hand experiences of many knowledgeable Scouters. We hope it will help you find good campsites for your troop, too.

We want you to know that new units and "struggling" units have a resource within the Order of the Arrow to help them take their troops camping. If you feel you are not experienced enough or simply need some help to get going with the outdoor program, we have a number of experienced Scouters within the Grand Monadnock Lodge who are willing to help you. They will help you plan your camping trip and will go along with you to help you conduct a quality outdoor program with your troop. The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is to give cheerful service, and to promote camping. Please, take advantage of this. Contact any Lodge officer or adviser to arrange for this help.

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society. It is known as the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. It is an organization of Boy Scouts and Scouters who function as a part of the regular camping program of the Boy Scouts of America. Its foremost purpose is to promote and enrich camping in Boy Scout troops and councils, through the promotion of Scout camping and the development and maintenance of Scout camping traditions and spirit.

The members of the Grand Monadnock Lodge of the Order of the Arrow challenge you, and invite you -- Go camping!

# New England Boy Scout Camps

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Reservations are almost always required for camping at Scout Camps. Please contact the appropriate Council Service Center for accurate facility, availability, rate, and registration information.

## **Anawon Council**

219 Winthrop Street  
Taunton, MA 02780  
(508) 824-4164

Camp Norse  
112 Parting Ways Road  
Kingston, MA 02364  
(781) 585-2262  
350 acres  
Pond, pool, swimming, boating, fields  
Campsites, cabins, shelters

## **Boston Minuteman Council**

199 State Street  
Boston, MA 02109  
(617) 723-0007

<http://www.bostonbsa.org>

Massasoit Scout Camp  
Little Sandy Pond Road  
Plymouth, MA 02360  
(508) 888-6484  
250 acres  
Pond, swimming, boating, fields  
Campsites, cabins

Parker Mountain Scout Reservation  
216 Willey Pond Road  
Barnstead, NH 03218  
(603) 269-3990  
1,200 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields, Hiking,  
Climbing

Camp Sayre  
401 Unquity Road  
Milton, MA 02186  
110 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Hiking

## **Boston Minuteman Council** (continued)

T. L. Storer Scout Reservation  
1513 Province Road  
Barnstead NH, 03218  
(603) 942-5483  
900 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields, Project  
COPE

## **Cape Cod and Islands Council**

247 Willow Street  
Yarmouthport, MA 02675  
(508) 362-4322

<http://www.scoutscapecod.org>

Camp Greenough  
Pine Street  
Yarmouth, MA 02675  
(508) 362-3428  
300 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields Project  
COPE

Camp Richard  
Nantucket, MA 02554  
100 acres

## **Connecticut Rivers Council**

60 Darlin Street  
East Hartford, CT 06128  
(860) 289-6669

<http://www.ctrivers.org>

June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation  
Route 44  
Ashford, CT 06278  
(860) 429-9918  
1,200 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields,  
Climbing, Project COPE, Archery, Rifles

**Connecticut Rivers Council** (continued)

Camp Mattatuck  
Mt. Tobe Road  
Plymouth, CT 06782  
(860) 283-9577  
500 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields

Camp Nahaco  
Eastford, CT 06242  
135 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields

Camp Tadma  
166 Bishop Road  
Bozrah, CT 06334  
(860) 887-1281  
480 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields

Camp Wakenah  
Salem, CT 06420  
90 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields

Camp Workcoeman  
RFD #2, West Hill Road  
Winsted, CT 06098  
500 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields

**Connecticut Yankee Council**

60 Wellington Road  
Milford, CT 06460  
(203) 876-6868  
<http://www.ctyankee.org>

Deer Lake Scout Camp  
Killingworth, CT 06419  
(203) 421-4400  
240 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields

John Sherman Hoyt Scout Camp  
Redding, CT 06896  
(203) 438-8066  
175 acres

**Connecticut Yankee Council** (continued)

Camp Pomperaug  
Buckley Highway  
Union, CT 06076  
175 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields Project  
COPE

Camp Sequassen  
791 West Hill Road  
Winsted, CT 06098  
(860) 379-2009  
544 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields Project  
COPE

Camp Wahwahtaysee  
Hamden, CT 06514  
(203) 248-5851  
16 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields

**Daniel Webster Council**

571 Holt Avenue  
Manchester, NH 03109  
(603) 625-6431  
<http://www.dwcbasa.org>

Camp Carpenter  
Blondin Road  
Manchester, NH 03109  
(603) 623-5962  
225 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields Archery,  
Rifles

Hidden Valley Scout Reservation  
Crystal Lake Road  
Gilmanton, NH 03237  
(603) 364-2900  
2,700 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields, Hiking,  
Project COPE

Mead Wilderness Base  
Sandwich, NH 03227  
11 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields, Hiking,  
Climbing

**Great Trails Council**

88 Old Windsor Road  
Dalton, MA 02126  
(413) 684-3542

Chesterfield Scout Reservation  
Sugar Hill Road  
Chesterfield, MA 01096  
(413) 296-4248  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields

**Green Mountain Council**

PO Box 557  
Waterbury, VT 05676  
(802) 244-5189  
<http://members.aol.com/gmcbasa/>

Mount Norris Scout Reservation  
Lake Eden, VT 05652

**Greenwich Council**

63 Mason Street  
Greenwich, CT 06830  
(203) 869-8424  
<http://www.angelfire.com/ct2/scouts/greenwich/>

Ernest Thompson Seton Scout Reservation  
278 acres

**Housatonic Council**

326 Derby Avenue  
Derby, CT 06418  
(203) 734-3329  
<http://electronicvalley.org/hcbsa/>

Edmund D. Strang Scout Reservation  
West Side Pond Road  
Goshen, CT 06756  
186 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields

**Katahdin Area Council**

90 Kelley Road  
Orono, ME 04473  
(207) 866-3528

Camp Roosevelt  
East Eddington, ME 04428  
1,740 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields, Hiking

**Knox Trail Council**

490 Union Avenue  
Framingham, MA 01702  
(508) 872-6551  
<http://www.ktc-bsa.org/>

Camp Hemenway  
Route 25  
Tamworth, NH 03886

Nobscot Scout Reservation  
Edgell Road  
Framingham, MA 01702

E. Paul Robsham Jr. Scout Reservation  
Camp Resolute  
Route 85  
Bolton, MA 01740  
(978) 779-2777  
250 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields,  
Climbing, Project COPE, Archery, Rifles

**Moby Dick Council**

39 Grove Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740  
(508) 993-9978  
<http://www.mobydickbsa.org>

Camp Cachalot  
Myles Standish State Forest  
Plymouth, MA 02360  
(508) 295-2117  
880 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields,  
Hiking

**Mohegan Council**

19 Harvard Street  
Worcester, MA 01609  
(508) 752-3768

Treasure Valley Scout Reservation  
Route 31  
Rutland, MA 01543  
160 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields,  
Climbing, Project COPE

**Naragansett Council**

175 Broad Street  
Providence, RI 02903  
(401) 351-8700  
<http://www.naragansettbsa.org>

Camp Aquapaug  
Ministerial Road  
South Kingston, RI 02879  
(401) 783-9843  
200 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields

Buck Hill Scout Reservation  
Wakefield Pond Road  
Pascoag, RI 02859  
(401) 568-0456  
1,700 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields

Camp Buxton  
Pond Street  
Rehoboth, MA 02769  
100 acres

Champlin Scout Reservation  
Scituate Avenue  
Cranston, RI 02910  
(401) 944-9550  
Pond, Pool, Swimming, Boating, Fields

Feinstein Youth Camp  
Wakefield Pond Road  
Pascoag, RI 02859  
(401) 567-4470

Sandsland Scout Camp  
Block Island, RI 02807  
30 acres

Camp Yawgoog  
61 Camp Yawgoog Road  
Rockville, RI 02873  
(401) 539-2311  
1,800 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields, Hiking,  
Climbing, Project COPE, Archery, Rifles

**Nashua Valley Council**

1980 Lunenburg Road  
Lancaster, MA 01523  
(978) 534-3532  
<http://www.nashuavalleybsa.org>

Camp Split Rock  
41 Stowell Road  
Ashburnham, MA 01430  
(978) 827-5551  
110 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields Archery,  
Rifles

Camp Wanocksett  
193 Dublin Road  
Jaffrey, NH 03452  
(603) 563-8550  
250 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields, Hiking,  
Climbing, Project COPE, Archery, Rifles

**Old Colony Council**

2438 Washington Street  
Canton, MA 02021

Camp Squanto  
Myles Standish State Forest  
Plymouth, MA 02360  
650 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields Project  
COPE, Archery, Rifles

**Pine Tree Council**

125 Auburn Street  
Portland, ME 04103  
(207) 797-5252  
<http://www.pinetreebsa.org>

Camp Bomazeen  
RFD 3  
North Belgrade, ME 04917  
(207) 465-7719  
226 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields Project  
COPE

Camp Hinds  
149 Plains Road  
Raymond, ME 04071  
(207) 655-4878  
230 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields, Hiking

William S. Nutter Scout Camp  
East Shore Drive  
Acton, ME 04001  
80 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields

**Pioneer Valley Council**

249 Exchange Street  
Chicopee, MA 01013  
(413) 594-9196

Horace A. Moses Scout Reservation  
Birch Hill Road  
Woronoco, MA 01097  
(413) 568-0211  
1,600 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields  
Project COPE, Archery, Rifles

**Yankee Clipper Council**

36 Amesbury Road  
Haverhill, MA 01830  
(978) 372-0591  
<http://www.yccbsa.org>

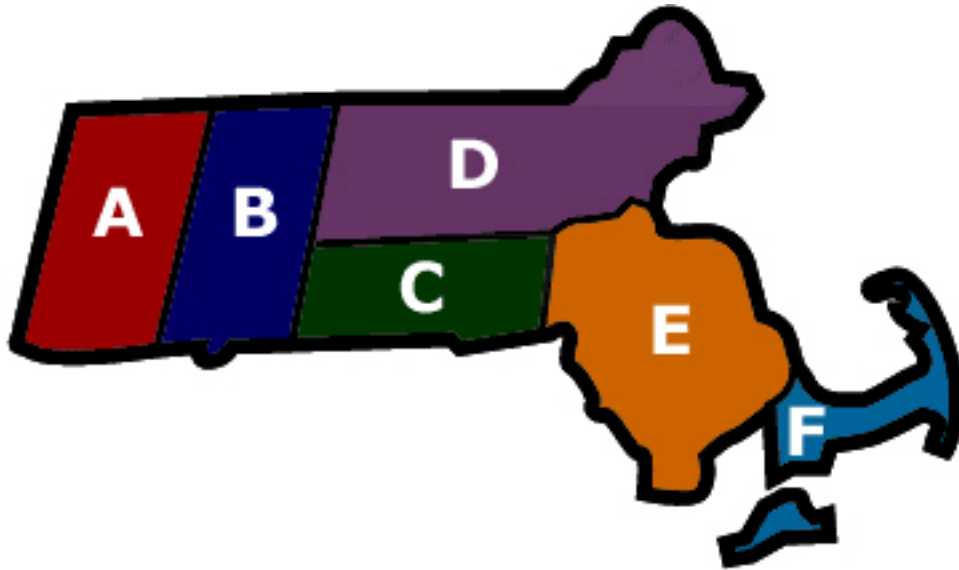
Lone Tree Scout Reservation  
12 West Shore Drive  
Kingston, NH 03848  
(603) 642-4581  
146 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields

Camp Onway  
30 Onway Lake Road  
Raymond, NH 03077  
(603) 895-9048  
110 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields

Camp Wah-Tut-Ca  
Blakes Hill Road  
Northwood, NH 03261  
265 acres  
Pond, Swimming, Boating, Fields

## Massachusetts Privately Owned Campgrounds

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|----------|-----------------------|----------|------------------------|
| <b>A</b> | Berkshire Region      | <b>D</b> | Minutemen Region       |
| <b>B</b> | Pioneer Valley Region | <b>E</b> | Pilgrim Region         |
| <b>C</b> | Sturbridge Region     | <b>F</b> | Cape Cod & The Islands |

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### **The Berkshire Region**

The Berkshire area of Western Massachusetts has much to offer the camper. The majority of the numerous attractions are within easy reach by car. The area offers everything from beautiful scenery (lakes & rivers for boating & fishing; mountains, meadows & woods for hiking of all levels), to museums and other cultural attractions, to great antique & specialty shops (for a break from the woods) and movie theaters. If a departure from campfire cooking is sought, the area restaurants also cover a wide range, from fast food and very casual family-friendly diners right up to romantic, candlelit dinners in historic inns. Four seasons of beauty and recreation. Spring and summer are the seasons for music, outdoor festivals and sports in a setting only nature and history can provide. Fall's magical display covers the hills and valleys in a myriad of colors. In winter, the sparkling white hillside beckons to skiers and winter sports enthusiasts.

#### *The Mohawk Trail*

Take Route 2 from Orange to the New York State border and you will travel the 63-mile stretch known as the Mohawk Trail. It is one of New England's most scenic roads, particularly in foliage season. Originally an Indian footpath, then opened as the first automobile touring road in 1914, the trail follows the Deerfield River through mountain passes, sheer gorges and thick woodlands. Historic markers, antique stores, campgrounds, inns and restaurants are but a few of the Trail's hundred or so attractions. You can fish in the Deerfield River; walk the Bridge of Flowers at Shelburne Falls; view Hail to the Sunrise commemorating the Mohawk Indians; or take back roads to visit the classic New England villages.

**Berkshire Park Camping Area**

P.O. Box 531 Harvey Road  
Worthington, MA 01098  
Phone: (413) 238-5918  
Email: [bpca@erols.com](mailto:bpca@erols.com)  
90 sites

**Bonnie Brae Cabins & Campsites**

108 Broadway Street  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
Phone: (413) 442-3754  
42 sites

**Bonny Rigg Camping Club**

P.O. Box 14  
Chester, MA 01011  
Phone: (413) 623-5366  
210 sites

**Camp Overflow**

P.O. Box 645  
Otis, MA 01253  
Phone: (413) 269-4036  
100 sites

**Country Aire Campground**

P.O. Box 286  
Charlemont, MA 01339  
Phone: (413) 625-2996  
Email: [dfinn@vallinet.com](mailto:dfinn@vallinet.com)  
100 sites

**Fernwood Forest**

P.O. Box 896  
Hinsdale, MA 01235  
Phone: (413) 655-2292  
30 sites

**Laurel Ridge Camping Area**

P.O. Box 519  
Otis, MA 01029  
Phone: (413) 269-4804  
140 sites

**Mohawk Park**

P.O. Box 668  
Charlemont, MA 01337  
Phone: (413) 339-4470  
100 sites

**Mountain View Campground**

Route 8  
Otis, MA 01253  
Phone: (413) 269-8928  
50 sites

**Peppermint Park Camping Resort**

169 Grant Street  
P.O. Box 52  
Plainfield, MA 01070  
Phone: (413) 634-5385  
200 sites

**Prospect Lake Park**

Prospect Lake Road  
North Egremont, MA 02152  
Phone: (413) 528-4158  
120 sites

**Shady Pines Campground**

547 Loop Road  
Savoy, MA 01256  
Phone: (413) 743-2694  
Email: [ShdyPnesCG@aol.com](mailto:ShdyPnesCG@aol.com)  
150 sites

**Summit Hill Campground**

Summit Hill Road  
Washington, MA 01235  
Phone: (413) 623-5761  
98 sites

**Walker Island Camping**

Rt. 20  
Chester, MA 01011  
Phone: (413) 354-2295  
85 sites

## Pioneer Valley Region

In the Northern Pioneer Region, traveling across the Mohawk Trail on Route 2, campers & sports enthusiasts enjoy the Berkshire views, mountains & rivers. At the Southern gateway to the Pioneer Valley, on the banks of the Connecticut River, lies the third largest city in Massachusetts. Springfield, a growing cultural center, rich with respect for history, a flair for festivals and a dedication to the arts. Springfield's modern Civic Center faces Court Square, a bustling plaza surrounding a traditional New England common. Riverside Park, New England's largest amusement park, is across the river in Agawam. In West Springfield, the Eastern States Exposition draws a million people to its annual September fair, and almost as many to the ACC Craft Fair in June.

### **Barton Cove Campground and Canoe Shuttle Service**

90 Millers Falls Road  
Northfield, MA 01360  
Phone: (413) 863-9300  
31 sites

### **Partridge Hollow Campground**

Munn Road, P.O. Box 41  
Monson, MA 01057  
Phone: (413) 267-5122  
240 sites

### **Prospect Mountain Campground, Inc.**

P.O. Box 323  
1349 Main Road - Rt. 57  
West Granville, MA 01034  
Phone: (413) 357-6494  
Email: dschlos@ct.2nai.net  
155 sites

### **Sodom Mountain Campground**

227 South Loomis Street  
P.O. Box 702  
Southwick, MA 01077  
Phone: (413) 569-3930  
125 sites

### **Southwick Acres Campground**

College Highway  
P.O. Box 273  
Southwick, MA 01077  
Phone: (413) 569-6339  
65 sites

### **Springbrook Family Camping Area**

RFD 1, 32 Tower Road  
Shelburne Falls, MA 01370  
Phone: (413) 625-6618  
98 sites

### **Sunsetview Farm**

Camping Area  
57 Town Farm Road  
Monson, MA 01057  
Phone: (413) 267-9269  
Email: camp@sunsetview.com  
<http://www.sunsetview.com>  
120 sites

### **Traveler's Woods of New England**

Box 88  
Bernardston, MA 01337  
Phone: (413) 648-9105  
85 sites

### **Wagon Wheel Camping Area**

909 Wendell Road  
Warwick, MA 01378  
Phone: (413) 544-3425  
102 sites

### **White Birch Campground**

214 North Street  
Whately, MA 01093  
Phone: (413) 665-4941  
40 sites

### **Windy Acres Campground**

139 South Street  
Westhampton, MA 01027  
Phone: (413) 527-9862  
150 sites

## The Sturbridge Region

The Sturbridge Region spreads east, west and south of Worcester. The gently rolling hills, sparkling lakes, streams, and private camping areas of the region reflect the heritage of central Massachusetts.

Museums, visitor's centers, flea markets, and antique shows will capture your interest. Hiking, fishing, boating, and golf are a few of the sports opportunities open to visitors. Traveling south and east from Rt. I-495 through East Douglas, Webster and Southbridge, the lakes and scenery call to visitors, campers, and sportsman. Old Rt. 20 weaves in and out of historical settings from Worcester, to Sturbridge and west to Brimfield. Connecting Worcester and Douglas is Rt. 146, a beautiful drive, complete with waterfalls & lakes. The beauty of the lake and hill country spreads west of Worcester along Rt. 9 toward West Brookfield and Ware. In the Center of the Region lies Old Sturbridge Village, a four season, living museum of over 40 buildings and 200 acres. Interpreters and guides, dressed in period costumes, from the fields and carry out the daily chores as they would have in the 1800's. Throughout the years, visitors are invited to join the special events, tours and celebrations of this rural New England settlement.

### **Indian Ranch Campground**

Route 16 P.O. Box 1157  
Webster, MA 01570  
Phone: (508) 943-3871  
110 Sites

### **King's Campground**

P.O. Box 302  
Manchaug, MA 01526  
Phone: (508) 476-2534  
120 sites

### **Lake Manchaug Camping**

76 Oak Street  
East Douglas, MA 01516  
Phone: (508) 476-2471  
192 sites

### **Lakeside Resort**

12 Hobbs Avenue  
Brookfield, MA 01506  
Phone: (508) 867-2737  
55 sites

### **Oak Haven Family Campground**

Rt. 19  
Wales, MA 01081  
Phone: (413) 245-7148  
Email: oakhaven@aol.com  
90 sites

### **Outdoor World**

19 Mashapaug Road  
Sturbridge, MA 01566  
Phone: (508) 347-7156  
92 Sites

### **Quinebaug Cove Campsite**

49 E. Brimfield-Holland Rd.  
Brimfield, MA 01010  
Ph: (413) 245-9525  
125 sites

### **Sutton Falls Camping Area**

Manchaug Road  
West Sutton, MA 01590  
Phone: (508) 865-3898  
95 sites

### **The Old Holbrook Place**

114 Manchaug Road  
West Sutton, MA 01590  
Phone: (508) 865-5050  
66 sites

### **The Old Sawmill Campground**

Box 377, Long Hill Road  
West Brookfield, MA 01585  
Phone: (508) 867-2427  
125 sites

### **Village Green**

228 Sturbridge Road  
Brimfield, MA 01010  
Phone: (413) 245-3504  
128 sites

### **Yogi Bear's Sturbridge Jellystone Park**

P.O. Box 600  
Sturbridge, MA 01566  
Phone: (508) 347-2336  
399 sites

## The Minuteman Region

Within about an hour of Boston, this region offers camping amid rolling hills or by the seaside. Whale watches, The Freedom Trail, the Battlefields at Lexington and Concord and Worcester Centrum will bring you back year after year. Rich in the history of whaling, fishing and seafarers, the towns and villages north of Boston offer historical insights and scenic wonders. Routes 1, 1A and 133 take you off the Interstates and into the center of North Shore living. As you head west from Boston, just north of Worcester, you will leave the bustle of the city and find the hidden parks, lakes and reservoirs to enjoy a quiet retreat or pursue your favorite sport. Routes 2, 9, and 20 are the best way to see everything. Staying in one of the private campgrounds in the area gives you the opportunity to have the best of both worlds; a quiet retreat within a comfortable drive of Boston, Worcester and cities of the region.

### **Annisquam Campground**

Standwood Point  
Gloucester, MA 01952  
Phone: (978) 283-2992  
35 sites

### **Black Bear Campground**

54 Main Street  
Salisbury, MA 01952  
Phone: (978) 462-3183  
195 sites

### **Crystal Springs Campground**

P.O.Box 279  
Bolton, MA 01740  
Phone: (978) 779-2711  
200 sites

### **Cape Ann Campsite**

80 Atlantic Street  
West Gloucester, MA 01930  
Phone: (978) 283-8683  
250 sites

### **Howe's Camping**

133 Sherbert St.  
Ashburnham, MA 01430  
Phone: (978) 827-4558  
30 Sites

### **Lamb City Campground**

85 Royalston Road  
Phillipston, MA 01331  
Phone: (800) 292-5262  
150 sites

### **Minuteman KOA**

Box 2122  
Littleton, MA 01460

Phone: (800) 562-7606

### **Pine Acres**

#### **Family Camping Resort**

203 Bechan Road  
Oakham, MA 01068  
Phone: (508) 882-9509  
350 sites  
<http://www.pineacresresort.com>

### **Pout & Trout Family Campground**

94 River Road  
North Rutland, MA 01543  
Phone: (508) 886-6677  
156 sites

### **Powow Cove Campground**

43 Newton Road  
Amesbury, MA 01913  
Phone: (978) 388-4022  
74 sites

### **Rusnik Campground**

Box 5441  
Salisbury, MA 01952  
Phone: (978) 462-9551  
150 sites

### **The Pines**

39 Davis Road  
Ashby, MA 01431  
Phone: (978) 386-7702  
56 sites

### **Wyman's Beach**

Wyman's Beach Road  
Westford, MA 01886  
Phone: (978) 692-6287  
210 sites

## The Pilgrim Region

This region is crowded with activities, scenery and sporting opportunities. From the cosmopolitan Boston to Foxboro's entertainment and down through historic Plymouth toward the Cape Cod Canal, the private campgrounds are as varied as the terrain. Tenting near the water or in the woods; camping near the cultural centers or next to the cranberry bogs. Campers look forward to bike excursions, hiking trails, fishing, boating, horseback riding, historic sightseeing, and more. The Plymouth area and south offers easy access to Plymouth Harbor and the Mayflower II, beaches, whale watch excursions, Plymouth Plantation and tours. Visit the first successful settlement in New England, and tour the historic fishing villages along the south coast of Massachusetts.

### **Boston Hub Campground**

1095 South Street, Box 505  
Wrentham, MA 02093  
Phone: (508) 384-8930  
135 sites

### **Canoe River Campground**

137 Mill Street  
East Mansfield, MA 02031  
Phone: (508) 339-6462  
120 sites

### **Circle C.G. Farm Adult Family Campground & RV Park**

131 North Main Street  
Bellingham, MA 02019  
Phone: (508) 966-1136  
Email: cgfarmcamp@aol.com  
150 sites

### **Ellis Haven Family Campground**

531 Federal Furnace Road  
Plymouth, MA 02360  
Phone: (508) 746-0803  
299 sites

### **Forge Pond Campground**

62 Forge Road  
Assonet, MA 02702  
Phone: (508) 644-5701  
65 sites

### **Indianhead Resort**

Rt. 3A, 1929 State Road  
Plymouth, MA 02360  
Phone: (508) 888-3688  
200 sites

### **Maple Park Family Campground**

RFD 1,  
Wareham, MA 02538  
Phone: (508) 295-4945  
400 sites

### **Normandy Farms Campground**

72 West Street  
Foxboro, MA 02360  
Phone: (508) 543-7600  
400 sites

### **Outdoor World**

P.O. Box 217  
Rochester, MA 02772  
Phone: (508) 763-5911  
170 sites

### **Pinewood Lodge Campground**

190 Pinewood Road  
Plymouth, MA 02360  
Phone: (508) 746-3548  
140 sites

### **Plymouth Rock KOA Kampground**

438 Plymouth Street, Box 616  
Middleboro, MA 02346  
Phone: (508) 947-6435 (info)  
Phone: (800) 562-3046 (reservations)  
276 sites

### **Sandy Pond Campground**

Bourne Road  
South Plymouth, MA 02360  
Phone: (508) 759-9336  
Cabins For Rent  
125 sites

### **Shady Acres**

P.O. Box 128  
South Carver, MA 02366  
Phone: (508) 866-4040  
127 sites

### **Westport Camping Grounds**

346 Old County Road  
Westport, MA 02790  
Phone: (508) 636-2555  
100 sites

## Cape Cod & The Islands

Cape Cod is a four season playground, where fishing, horseback riding, bicycle touring, boating and beautiful beaches fill the day several months of the year. Twenty-two private campgrounds, from full facilities or primitive tenting along the National Seashore, make the Cape a camper's paradise. Martha's Vineyard is a ferry ride to a charming island resort with two private campgrounds. Discover Indian summer on the Cape. From September through the beginning of November, sunny warm days linger on the Cape, and most of the summer attractions are still open. There will be fall festivals, cranberry harvest celebrations and fairs. Although the summer crowds are gone, the atmosphere and beauty remain, as the pace slows for fall on beautiful Cape Cod. The Cape is divided into three parts. The Upper Cape runs from the Cape Cod Canal east to Hyannis, and includes Falmouth, Bourne and Sandwich. The Middle Cape, from Hyannis to Orleans, retains the country flavor on its northern coast, while the southern coast is more developed. The Outer Cape, the north-south forearm, includes the National Seashore, small villages and Provincetown. From the northeast, Rt. 3 and the Sagamore Bridge bring visitors across the canal to Route 6 & 6A traveling the Cape on its northern side along Cape Cod Bay. Approaching from the south/east, over the Bourne Bridge, Rt. 28 heads south toward Falmouth and then east along the south coast of Nantucket Sound.

### **Atlantic Oaks Campground**

Rte 6 RR2  
Eastham, MA 02642  
Phone: (508) 255-1437  
Email: nussdorf@ma.ultranet.com  
100 sites

### **Bass River Trailer Park**

Rt. 28  
Bass River, MA 02664  
Phone: (508) 398-2011  
125 sites

### **Bay View Campgrounds**

260 MacArthur Blvd.  
Bourne, MA 02532  
Phone: (508) 759-7610  
<http://www.bayviewcampground.com>  
425 sites

### **Campers Haven LTD.**

184 Old Wharf Road  
Dennisport, MA 02639  
Phone: (508) 398-2811  
Email: camphavn@capecod.net  
265 sites

### **Cape Cod Campresort**

176 Thomas Landers Road  
East Falmouth, MA 02536  
Phone: (508) 548-1458  
<http://www.resortcamplands.com>  
100 sites

### **Coastal Acres Resort, Inc.**

P.O. Box 593  
Provincetown, MA 02657  
Phone: (508) 487-1700  
114 sites

### **Dunes's Edge Campground, Inc.**

P.O. Box 875 Rt. 6  
Provincetown, MA 02657  
Phone: (508) 487-9815  
100 sites

### **Dunroamin' Trailer Park**

5 John Ewer Road RR #3  
Sandwich, MA 02563  
Phone: (508) 477-0541  
64 sites

### **Grindell's Ocean View Park**

61 Old Wharf Road  
Dennisport, MA 02639  
Phone: (508) 398-2671  
160 sites

### **Horton's Camping Resort**

Box 308M S. Highland Road  
North Truro, MA 02652  
Phone: (508) 487-1220  
200 sites

### **Martha's Vineyard Family CG**

P.O.Box 1557 Edgartown Road  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
Phone: (508) 693-3772  
Email: campmvfc@capecod.net  
180 sites

### **Maurice's Campground, Inc.**

RR 2 Box 1  
Wellfleet, MA 02667  
Phone: (508) 349-2029  
240 sites

**North of Highland Camping Area**

Box 297  
North Truro, MA 02652  
Phone: (508) 487-1191  
237 sites

**North Truro Camping Area**

Highland Road  
North Truro, MA 02652  
Phone: (508) 487-1847  
350 sites

**Otis Trailer Village Johns Pond  
Campground**

Box 586  
Falmouth, MA 02541  
Phone: (508) 477-0444  
90 sites

**Peters Pond Park**

Box 999  
Sandwich, MA 02563

Phone: (508) 477-1775  
452 sites

**Shady Knoll Campground**

1709 Rte 6A  
Brewster, MA 02631  
Phone: (508) 896-3002  
Email: nussdorf@ma.ultranet.com  
100 sites

**Sippewissett Campgrounds-Cabins**

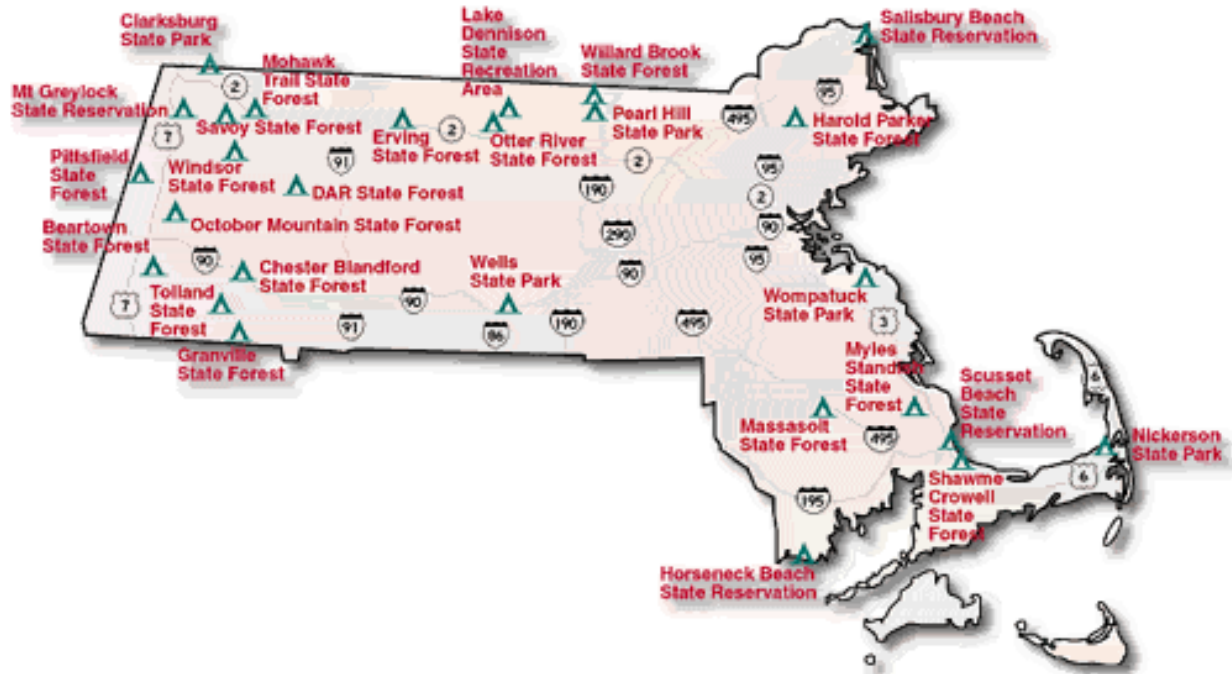
836 Palmer Avenue  
Falmouth, MA 02540  
Phone: (508) 548-1971  
120 sites

**Sweetwater Forest**

P.O.Box 1797  
Brewster, MA 02631  
Phone: (508) 896-3773  
250 sites

# Massachusetts State Parks & Other Public Campgrounds

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## CAMP Massachusetts

The Department of Environmental Management has created a new and improved Campground Reservation System. It is called CAMP Massachusetts. Reservations may be made via telephone, at 1-877-I-CAMP-MA (1-877-422-6762), or via the World Wide Web at <http://www.reserveamerica.com>. Reservations may be made as early as six months prior to the date of your arrival and as late as two days before your arrival. You can also make camping reservations for several dates at one time. However, reservations will be limited to 14 cumulative days in any one park between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Credit card payments will be accepted. The call center is open Monday - Friday, 9 am to 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 9 am to 5 p.m.

## Berkshires Region

### Beartown State Forest

P.O. Box 97, 69 Blue Hill Road, Monterey, MA 01245  
(413) 528-0904 (12,000 acres)

Camping Services and Amenities: 12 campsites. Unimproved toilets, picnic tables and fireplaces available.  
Camping Season: Mid-May to Columbus Day. Limited availability Columbus Day to mid-May. Activities: Picnicking, non-motorized boating, boat ramp, canoeing, fishing, hiking, hunting, swimming, and walking trails.

**Clarksburg State Park**

Middle Road, Clarksburg, MA 01247

Call (413) 664-8345 summer months (413) 442-8928 mid-October-mid-April (368 acres)

Camping Services and Amenities: 44 campsites. Flush toilets, showers, picnic tables, and fireplaces available. Camping Season: Mid-May to Labor Day (to Columbus Day in year 2000). Activities: Picnicking, non-motorized boating, canoeing, fishing, hiking, swimming, and walking trails.

**D.A.R. State Forest**

Route 112, Goshen, MA

Mailing Address: 555 East St., Williamsburg, MA 01096

(413) 268-7098 (1,740 acres)

Camping Services and Amenities: 52 campsites. Flush toilets, showers, picnic tables, and fireplaces available. Group Camping: one site. Accommodates 75-person maximum. Wheelchair Access: Accessible toilets shower, hiking, canoeing. Camping Season: May 1 to Columbus Day. Activities: Picnicking, non-motorized boating, boat ramps, canoeing, fishing, hiking trails, interpretive programs, swimming, and walking trails.

**Granville State Forest**

323 West Hartland Road, Route 57, Granville, MA 01034

(413) 357-6611 (2,397 acres)

Camping Services and Amenities: 22 campsites with flush toilets, showers, picnic tables, fireplaces, and water available. Camping Season: May 1 to Columbus Day. Activities: Picnicking, fishing, hiking, hunting, mountain biking, and walking trails.

**Mohawk Trail State Forest**

P.O. Box 7, Route 2, Charlemont, MA 01339

(413) 339-5504 (6,853 acres)

Camping Services and Amenities: 56 campsites. Flush toilets, accessible restrooms, showers, picnic tables, and fireplaces available. Cabins: six sites. Four cabins accommodate four people or one family; two cabins accommodate three people. Group Camping: 1 site, 50 person maximum. Camping Season: Cabins, year-round; Campsites, mid-April to mid-October. Activities: Canoeing, picnicking, fishing, hiking, hunting, interpretive programs, and swimming. Cabins: Year-round.

**Mt. Greylock State Reservation**

P.O. Box 138, Route 7, Lanesborough, MA 01237

(413) 499-4262 (12,500 acres)

Camping Service and Amenities: 35 campsites. Non-flush toilets, picnic tables, and fireplaces available. No showers. Group Camping: 5 sites. Accommodates 25-person maximum. Camping Season: Memorial Day to mid-October. Activities: Picnicking, hiking, historic site, hunting, mountain bikes (limited), visitor's center, interpretive programs and scenic vistas.

**October Mountain State Forest**

Woodland Road, Lee, MA 01238

(413) 243-1778 (16,127 acres)

Camping Services and Amenities: 46 campsites. Flush toilets, showers, picnic tables, fireplaces, and dumping station available. Camping Season: Mid-May to mid-October. Activities: Non-motorized boating, canoeing, fishing, hiking, hunting and walking trails.

**Pittsfield State Forest**

Cascade Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201

(413) 442-8992 (13,000 acres)

Camping Services and Amenities: 31 campsites. Flush and non-flush toilets, picnic tables, and fireplaces available. No showers. Group Campsites: two sites. Accommodates 20 and 50 person maximum. Reservations required. Camping Season: Mid-May to mid-October. Limited availability mid-October to mid-May Activities: Picnicking, non-motorized boating, canoeing, fishing, hiking, hunting, interpretive programs, swimming, and walking trails.

**Savoy Mountain State Forest**

260 Central Shaft Road, Florida, MA

North Adams, MA 02147

Call (413) 664-9567 summer months

(413) 663-8469 year-round (11,118 acres)

Camping Services and Amenities: 45 campsites. Flush toilets, showers, picnic tables, and fireplaces available. Cabins: four sites. Accommodates four people. Group camping: one site. Accommodates 30-person maximum. Camping Season: Cabins, year-round; Campsites, Memorial Day to mid-October.

Activities: Picnicking, non-motorized boating, boat ramp, canoeing, equestrian trails, fishing, hiking trails, hunting, interpretive programs, mountain bikes, scenic area and swimming.

**Tolland State Forest**

P.O. Box 342, 410 Tolland Road, East Otis, MA 01029

(413) 269-6002 (4,893 acres)

Camping Services and Amenities: 92 campsites. Flush toilets, showers, picnic tables, fireplaces, and dump station available. Group Campsites: five sites. Accommodates 5-15 person maximum at each site. Camping Season: Mid-May to mid-October. Activities: Picnicking, motorized and non-motorized boating, boat ramp, canoeing, fishing, hiking, hunting, interpretive programs, swimming, and walking trails.

**Windsor State Forest**

River Road, Windsor, MA 01270

Call (413) 684-0948 summer months

(413) 442-8928 mid-October-mid-April. (1,743 acres) Camping Service and Amenities: 24 campsites. Non-flush toilets, water, picnic tables, and fireplaces available. No showers. Group Camping: 1 site.

Accommodates 25-person maximum. Reservations required. Camping Season: Memorial Day to Columbus Day. Activities: Picnicking, hiking trails, hunting, scenic area, swimming, and walking trails.

**Connecticut River Valley Region****Erving State Forest**

200 East Main St., Route 2A, Erving, MA 01344

(978) 544-7745 summer months

(978) 544-3939 year-round (4,479 acres)

Camping Service and Amenities: 29 campsites. Picnic tables, fireplaces, and non-flush toilets available. No showers. Camping Season: Mid-May to Columbus Day. Activities: Picnicking, motorized and non-motorized boating, boat ramp, canoeing, fishing, hiking trails, hunting, interpretive programs, swimming, and walking trails.

**Central Region****Lake Dennison State Recreation Area**

Rt. 202, Winchendon, MA 01475

Mailing Address: Otter River State Park, New Winchendon Rd.,

Baldwinville, MA 01436

(978) 939-8962 (9,400 acres)

Camping Service and Amenities: 151 campsites. Flush toilets, showers, picnic tables, fireplaces, and dumping station available. Camping Season: Memorial Day to Columbus Day; Activities: Picnicking, non-motorized boating, boat ramp, canoeing, fishing, hiking trails, hunting, interpretive programs and swimming.

**Otter River State Forest**

Route 202, Templeton, MA 01436 (978) 939-8962 (12,788 acres) Camping Service and Amenities: 83 sites. Flush toilets, showers, picnic tables, and fireplaces available. Group Camping: 2 sites. Accommodates 15-25 person maximum each. Camping Season: Memorial Day to Labor Day. Activities: Picnicking, fishing, hiking trails, hunting, interpretive programs, swimming, and walking trails.

**Wells State Park**

Off Rt. 49, Sturbridge, MA  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 602, Sturbridge, MA 01566  
(508) 347-9257 (1,470 acres)  
Camping Services and Amenities: 60 campsites. Flush toilets, showers, picnic tables, fireplaces, and dumping station available. Camping Season: May 1 to mid-October. Activities: Motorized (limited) and non-motorized boating, boat ramp, canoeing, fishing, hiking, hunting, interpretive programs and swimming.

**Pearl Hill State Park**

New Fitchburg Road, West Townsend, MA 01474  
Mailing Address: Willard Brook State Forest,  
Route 119, West Townsend, MA 01474  
(978) 597-2850 summer months  
(978) 597-8802 year-round (1,000 acres)  
Camping Services and Amenities: 50 campsites. Flush toilets, showers, water, picnic tables, and fireplaces available. Camping Season: Memorial Day to Columbus Day. Activities: Picnicking, fishing, hiking trails, swimming, and walking trails.

**Willard Brook State Forest**

Route 119, West Townsend, MA 01474  
(978) 597-8802 (2,380 acres)  
Camping Service and Amenities: 21 campsites. Flush toilets, picnic tables, and fireplaces available. No showers. Camping Season: May 1 to Labor Day. Activities: Picnicking, fishing, hiking trails, hunting, swimming, and walking trails.

**Northeast Region****Salisbury Beach State Reservation**

Beach Road, Route 1A, Salisbury, MA 01952  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5303, Salisbury, MA 01952  
(978) 462-4481 (520 acres)  
Camping Services and Amenities: 483 campsites. 324 electrical hookups. Flush toilets, showers, water, picnic tables, fireplaces, pavilion (capacity over 100), and dumping station available. All sites have water hookups. Camping Season: Mid-April to mid-October. Self-contained vehicles available mid-October to mid-April. Activities: Picnicking, motorized and non-motorized boating, boat ramp, fishing, hunting, interpretive programs, playground, and swimming.

**Greater Boston Region****Boston Harbor Islands State Park**

Grape and Bumpkin Islands  
Primary access to the islands for campers is from Hingham  
(617) 223-8666  
Wilderness Camping Area (195 acres)  
Camping Services and Amenities: 20 campsites. Access by Private boat or ferry. Bring your own stove, water, etc. Group Camping: 2 sites. Camping Season: Memorial Day - mid October. Activities: Boating, canoeing, fishing, interpretive programs, picnicking and hiking.

**Harold Parker State Forest**

1951 Turnpike Road, North Andover, MA 01845-6326

(978) 686-3391 (3,500 acres)

Camping Service and Amenities: 91 campsites. Flush toilets, showers, picnic tables, fireplaces, and dumping station available. Group Camping: 1 site. Accommodates 50 person maximum. Camping Season: Mid-April to Columbus Day. Activities: Picnicking, canoeing, equestrian trails, fishing, hiking trails, hunting (limited), interpretive programs, swimming, and walking trails.

**Wompatuck State Park**

Union Street, Hingham, MA 02043

(781) 749-7160 summer months

(781) 749-7161 year-round (3,500 acres)

Camping Services and Amenities: 450 campsites. 140 electric hookups. Flush toilets, showers, picnic tables, water, fireplaces, and dumping station available. Camping Season: Mid-April to mid-October. Activities: Bicycling, non-motorized boating, boat ramp, equestrian trails, fishing, hiking trails, hunting, interpretive programs, and walking trails.

**Southeast Region****Horseneck Beach State Reservation and Campground**

P.O. Box 328, Westport Point, MA 02791

(508) 636-8817 seasonal (537 acres)

(508) 636-8816 year-round

Camping Services and Amenities: 100 campsites. Flush toilets, showers, water, picnic tables, fireplaces, and dumping station available. Camping Season: Memorial Day to Columbus Day. Activities: Picnicking, motorized and non-motorized boating, boat ramp, fishing, hunting, interpretive programs and swimming.

**Massasoit State Park**

1371 Middleboro Ave. East Taunton, MA 02718

(508) 822-7405 (1,500 acres)

Camping Services and Amenities: 120 campsites. 77 electrical hookups. 24 water hookups. Flush toilets, showers, picnic tables, fireplaces, and dumping station available. Camping Season: Mid-April to Columbus Day. Activities: Picnicking, non-motorized boating, boat ramp, canoeing, fishing, hiking trails, hunting, interpretive programs, swimming, and walking trails.

**Myles Standish State Forest**

P.O. Box 66, Cranberry Road, South Carver, MA 02366

(508) 866-2526 (14,615 acres)

Camping Services and Amenities: 475 campsites. Flush toilets, showers, picnic tables, fireplaces, and dumping station available. Group Camping: 5 sites. Each accommodates 50 person maximum. Camping Season: Mid-April to Columbus Day. Self-Contained Vehicles: 40 sites available from November 1 to April 15. Activities: Picnicking, bicycling, motorized (no gas-powered engines) and non-motorized boating, boat ramp, canoeing, fishing, hiking trails, hunting, interpretive programs, swimming, and walking trails.

**Nickerson State Park**

3488 Main Street, Route 6A, Brewster, MA 02631-1521

(508) 896-3491 (1,955 acres)

Camping Services and Amenities: 418 campsites. Flush toilets, accessible rest rooms, showers, picnic tables, fireplaces, and dumping station available. Group Camping: 2 sites, each accommodates a 30 person maximum. Camping Season: Year-round. Activities: Picnicking, bicycling, motorized and non-motorized boating (no gas-powered engines), boat ramp, canoeing, fishing, hiking, interpretive programs, swimming, and walking trails.

**Scusset Beach State Reservation**

140 Scusset Beach Road, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532  
(508) 888-0859 (380 acres)

Camping Services and Amenities: 103 campsites. 98 with electric hookups and shared water hookups. Flush toilets, showers, dumping station, picnic tables, and fireplaces available. Safari Camping: Available for clubs. Self-contained units only. 100 unit maximum. Camping Season: Mid-April to mid-October. Self-Contained Vehicles: All sites available year-round. Activities: Picnicking, bicycling, fishing, hunting, interpretive programs, swimming, and walking trails.

**Shawme Crowell State Forest**

P.O. Box 621, Route 130, Sandwich, MA 02563  
(508) 888-0351 (742 acres)

Camping Services and Amenities: 285 campsites. Flush toilets, showers, dumping station, picnic tables, and fireplaces available. Camping Season: Year-round. Activities: Bicycling, hiking trails, hunting, walking trails and day-use privileges at Scusset Beach State Reservation.

**Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve/Washburn Island**

149 Waquoit Highway, Rte 28, Falmouth, MA 02536  
(508) 457-0495

Wilderness Camping Area, Washburn Island (353 acres)

Camping Services and Amenities: 9 campsites. Access only by private boat or rental. Bring your own stove, water, etc. Group Camping: 2 sites. 25 person maximum. Camping Season: March - mid October. Activities: Boating, canoeing, fishing, interpretive program, walking. No open fires.

## High Adventure Opportunities

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The Boy Scouts of America operates 3 high adventure areas on a national level. Each area features programs built around the unique features of the area. They are the Philmont Scout Ranch, Florida Sea Base and Northern Tier High Adventure Programs. Trips at these bases are available to local units, council contingents, individual Scouts, and members of the Order of the Arrow participating in special high adventure / service programs at Philmont and Northern Tier.

The Northeast Region of the Boy Scouts of America operates the Adirondack Adventure Area, in upstate New York.

In addition, some Councils offer high adventure programs based from their local Boy Scout camps.

### **National and Regional High Adventure Programs**

For real excitement beyond your council, it's hard to beat the national high-adventure bases of the Boy Scouts of America. Designed for older Boy Scouts and Explorers, each base offers the training, equipment, and support you need to set out on wilderness treks that challenge your skills, strength, and willpower. To get information on these national bases, send a letter to:

Boy Scouts of America  
Attn: High Adventure Base Information Request  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

#### **Philmont Scout Ranch**

Cimarron, NM 87714  
(505) 376-2281

Explore the rugged high country of northern New Mexico on a backpacking trek, as a member of a conservation crew, or on an advanced wilderness adventure. Covering more than 137,000 acres of mountains, forests, prairies, and streams, Philmont is an inspiring backpacker's paradise. Staffed camps in the backcountry offer program opportunities including rock climbing, blackpowder rifle shooting, living history, horseback riding, archeology, conservation, and many others.

#### **Florida National High Adventure Sea Base**

P.O. Box 858  
Islamorada, FL 33036  
(305) 664-4173

During voyages aboard watercraft and sailboats, you can explore the clear waters of the Florida Keys and Bahamas. Snorkel and SCUBA dive amid pillars of coral surrounded by brilliantly colored tropical fish. Explore a primitive island, search for the wreckage of old ships, cast your bait for sailfish in the Gulf Stream waters, practice windsurfing, and study the marine life of North America's only living coral reef.

#### **Northern Tier National High Adventure Program**

P.O. Box 509  
Ely, MN 55731  
(218) 365-4811

The Sioux and Chippewa once traveled this northern lake country. French-Canadian trappers followed, their canoes heavily laden with furs. Headquartered in the beautiful Lake Superior-Quetico Provincial Park boundary waters of Minnesota and Ontario, and in northern Wisconsin, the Northern Tier offers wilderness canoeing expeditions and programs featuring sailing, fishing, and winter camping.

**Adirondack Adventure Area**

Northeast Region BSA

P.O. Box 350

Dayton, NJ 08810

(201) 821-6500

The scenic mountains, swift streams, and still lakes of Adirondack State Park provide plenty of challenges for high- adventure trekkers. More than six million acres of scenic wilderness are available for backpacking, canoeing, fishing, whitewater rafting, and a variety of other activities offered at several Scout camps located in the Adirondack Mountains. An association of 17 Boy Scout councils has developed and operated this unique program.

**New England Councils that offer High Adventure-style programs:**

- Daniel Webster Council: Mead Wilderness Base
- Nashua Valley Council: Wanocksett high adventure program
- Connecticut Rivers Council: Workcoeman high adventure program
- Connecticut Yankee Council: Deer Lake high adventure program
- Housatonic Council: high adventure backpacking
- Katahdin Area Council: Maine High Adventure Area / Matagamon
- Pine Tree Council: Okpik winter camping, sea kayaking
- Boston Minuteman Council: Parker Mountain high adventure base
- Cape Cod and Islands Council: sea kayaking and island biking / boating trips

# Wilderness Ethics

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## **The Outdoor Code**

As an American, I will do my best to -

### **BE CLEAN IN MY OUTDOOR MANNERS.**

I will treat the outdoors as a heritage. I will try to improve it for others and myself. I will keep my trash and garbage out of America's waters, fields, woods, and roadways.

### **BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE.**

I will prevent wildfire. I will build my fire in a safe place and be sure it is out before I leave.

### **BE CONSIDERATE IN THE OUTDOORS.**

I will treat public and private property with respect. I will remember that use of the outdoors is a right that I can lose by abuse.

### **BE CONSERVATION-MINDED.**

I will learn how to practice good conservation of soil, waters, forests, minerals, grasslands, wildlife, and energy. I will urge others to do the same.

## **The Wilderness Pledge**

Through good camping and hiking practices, I pledge myself to preserve the beauty and splendor of America's wilderness, primitive and backcountry areas.

I commit myself to:

- Set a personal example in following the Outdoor Code.
- Train those I lead in the skills and attitudes needed to protect and preserve wilderness for future generations.
- Assure that parties of which I am a part observe the hiking and camping standards that will "leave no trace" of our passing.

# The Seven Principles of Leave No-Trace Camping

(as published by Leave No Trace Inc. [www.lnt.org](http://www.lnt.org))

## 1. Plan Ahead and Prepare

- Know the regulations and special concerns for area you'll visit
- Prepare for extreme weather, hazards, and emergencies
- Schedule your trip to avoid times of high use
- Visit in small groups. Split large parties into groups of 4-6
- Repackage food to minimize waste
- Use a map and compass to eliminate the use of marking paint, rock cairns or flagging

## 2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

- Durable surfaces include established trails and campsites, rock, gravel, dry grasses or snow.
- Camp at least 200 feet from lakes and streams
- Good campsites are found, not made
- Concentrate use on existing trails or campsites
- Walk single file in the middle of a trail, even when wet or muddy
- Keep campsites small
- In pristine areas disperse use to prevent the creation of campsites and trails
- Avoid places where impacts are just beginning

## 3. Dispose of Waste Properly

- Pack it in, pack it out
- Bury human waste 6-8 inches deep and at least 200 feet from water, camp and trails
- Wash yourself or dishes at least 200 feet from streams and lakes
- Use biodegradable soap.
- Strain dishwater and pack out food scraps

## 4. Leave What You Find

- Preserve the past. Examine but do not remove historic artifacts
- Leave rocks and plants as you found them
- Do not build structures, furniture, or dig trenches

## 5. Minimize Campfire Impacts

- Use a lightweight stove for cooking and a candle lantern for light
- Use only established fire rings, fire pans or mound fires where permitted
- Keep fires small. Only use sticks from the ground that can be broken by hand
- Burn all wood and coals to ash, put out fires completely, then scatter cold ashes

## 6. Respect Wildlife

- Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach
- Never feed animals. Feeding wildlife damages their health and alters natural behaviors
- Protect wildlife, and your food by storing rations and trash securely
- Control pets at all times, or leave them at home
- Avoid wildlife during sensitive times, mating, nesting, raising young, or in winter

## 7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

- Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience
- Be courteous Yield to other users on the trail
- Step to the downhillside of the trail when encountering pack animals
- Take breaks, and camp away from trails and other visitors
- Let nature's sound prevail. Avoid loud voices and noises

## Leave No Trace Philosophy and Practice

The Boy Scouts of America and the Order of the Arrow have a long history of commitment to sound camping practices. The terms "no trace", "low impact", and "minimum impact" are some terms applied to the type of camping which is a simple extension of the often heard phrase "take only pictures, leave only footprints, kill nothing but time." This commitment involves learning how to conserve our camping areas and reducing our impact upon the land through intelligent conservation practices. Individuals do make a difference.

There are many conservation practices which can result in reducing the impact on the land. In general, think in a low impact mentality. Try to be quiet, courteous, and thoughtful of others. Conserve for others and for the wilderness itself. Support the Outdoor Code and BSA wilderness ethics and ideals.

When hiking, follow trails - do not cut switchbacks, do not disturb trail signs and do not disturb artifacts or wildlife. When camping, camp only in designated sites. Pick one of the least used campsites avoiding sleeping in fragile meadows. Do not ditch tents since this is a primary cause of erosion in campsites. Gas stoves should be used whenever possible but if a fire is necessary, keep it small with a fire-ring no larger than an arm's length circle. Use only dead and downed wood for fires and when done with a fire, make sure it is dead out. Always check to see that a fire is out by using your hands in the firelay. All trash and unburned garbage should always be removed from the firelay.

Water is a vital and sometimes scarce resource. Care must be taken to conserve and preserve the purity of this resource. All washing (dishes, clothes, self, teeth) should be done at a central area (called a sump). This concentrates the impact of this water use in one area. A sump may be constructed by collecting a small pile of rocks and placing them away from camp. These rocks are then scattered far from camp when leaving the campsite. In dealing with sanitation, latrines should be used whenever available. In the absence of a latrine, a "cat hole" may be dug 6-8" deep at a site at least 200 feet from water, camp or trail. The waste and paper is buried in the hole using as little paper as possible. Keep the cat hole in the 6-8" depth range so that biologically active soil will assure the speedy decomposition of human waste.

Concerning garbage, any unburnable trash and garbage must be packed out. If possible, burnable trash should be packed out - thus eliminating the need for a fire. If you elect to burn your trash, it should be thoroughly burned with all unburned remnants being removed and packed out.

As stated above, there are many techniques for reducing the impact we make upon the land with some concentrating the impact in small areas such as sumps and fire-rings and others spreading the impact over a wide area to dissipate the impact on the land.

Tents, clothing, and other equipment should be of a color that will blend into the environment. Earth tones, rust, and green are preferred. Red, yellow, orange, and blue are too conspicuous. The idea is for a hiker to pass your camp and not notice it. In some wilderness areas -- the Adirondacks, for example -- brightly colored tents are not discouraged as campers are monitored by aircraft and bright gear is easy to spot. Check the local standards for the area visited.

Party size should be limited for a hiking group. In some wilderness areas, the maximum size of a party is limited to as few as six persons. A small group will allow cross-country trails to recover, reduce trampling in the campsite area, produce minimum impact on the land, and be less obvious to other campers and disruptive of wildlife.

Meadows and grassy areas are fragile environments that are easily damaged by campers. Small forested ridges are preferred campsites. The camp will be warmer, less subject to insect pests, and less obvious to other campers.

The Boy Scouts of America policy on chemical fuels states that lighting and refueling of gasoline and liquid-fueled lanterns and stoves must be done under the supervision of, or by, a responsible adult who is knowledgeable in safety precautions and their use. The key words are "adult supervision."

The recommended maximum stay in one campsite is 4 days -- less is even better. This will assure that grasses and plants are not trampled beyond recovery and that the soil is not compacted.

Rocks are not needed to contain a fire if the ground has been suitably prepared. Smoke-stained rocks are unsightly. If a fire pit is dug, carefully preserve the sod and subsoil. When moving camp, drench the coals with water, remove them from the pit, and scatter them in the woods or high grass where they will not be seen. Fill the pit with its original subsoil and replant the sod. Scatter ground litter over the area to further disguise its location.

Camping at least 200 feet from trails, lakes, streams or meadows will assure that fragile environments are protected, wildlife have access to water, and the campsite is not obvious to others.

Fish entrails should be buried in the latrine or burned in the fire. If returned to a fresh water lake or stream, they are more likely to befoul the water than to serve as food for other fish. On the other hand, crabs, sharks and bottom feeding fish in the ocean will quickly use entrails as food.

If trails are muddy, it is best to wait until they dry out. In no case should a new trail be established. this can lead to a network of parallel trails which is most damaging to the environment.

All flowers, plants, rock samples, and other natural features should be left for the enjoyment of others. If flowers are picked or plant samples collected, seeds will not form and the plants will not reproduce themselves.

The idea is to "leave no trace." Even a woodpile in a primitive site violates that principle. Leftover wood should be scattered conveniently in a realistic manner – the next camper will probably find it. In an established site, it is a courtesy to leave a supply of wood for the next party.

Most typical Scout and Explorer camp activities are not appropriate for wilderness or backcountry camping. Special training may be needed. Most Scouts and Explorers will need to be conditioned to except and enjoy a wilderness or backcountry experience. The traditional vigorous camp activities are best reserved for the Boy Scout camp or youth camping areas in state or national parks and forests.

Repackaging food can save weight, space, and the need for packing out bulky containers.

When horses or pack animals are met on the trail, hikers should step off to the lower side of the trail, stand still, and talk quietly while the riders and animals pass. If the hiker moves to the lower side of the trail, the horse is less likely to spook. If the horse should become frightened, a hiker on foot has less trouble maneuvering than the rider may have in controlling the mount. This is particularly important for pack trains where animals may be tied together. If one animal is spooked over the edge of the trail, it can drag the others with it.

Each wilderness area may have specific rules for its use and permits are sometimes required for entry. Rules may vary widely from one wilderness area to another. Permits are often required to assure that campers understand the rules and that the number of parties in the area can be kept within reasonable limits. Be sure to check on rules and the need for permits well in advance of the trip. this will avoid the disappointment of being turned away at the trail's roadhead.

# Camping Awards

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## National Camping Award

### *Suggestions*

- Show a camp promotion slide presentation or videotape.
- Plan the outline of your outdoor program for the next twelve (12) months by referring to the Boy Scout Programs Helps through the Patrol Leaders' Council with the advice and support of the Troop Committee.
- Check your plan carefully with the council planning calendar of Scouting events and the schedule of school, public, and religious holidays in your community.
- Use *Campways Tours and Expeditions*, No. 3734, as a guide for planning and executing tour camps and long trips.
- Take advantage of local council assistance in camping such as movies, slides, equipment, printed materials, and training helps.
- Organize the troop committee according to *Fair Way Camping Promotion Charts*, No. 3698, to assure every Boy Scout the opportunity to have a year-round outdoor program.

### *Requirements*

#### 1. Patrol Activities

Each patrol of the troop participated in at least three of the following activities during the last 12 months:

- Held a day hike
- Did a conservation project
- Attended a Scout retreat
- Conducted a project for anniversary month
- Conducted a father-and-son campout
- Attended a Klondike derby

#### 2. Short-Term Camp

All patrols in the troop were represented in four or more short-term campouts during the past 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.

### *Procedures:*

1. Keep a record in the camping log in the Troop Record Book of all camping and outdoor activities.
2. Fill out the application on the National Camping Award page of the Troop Record Book and send it to your council service center when the requirements for 1 year have been completed. Suggest time that you would like to have recognition items ready for presentation.
3. The twelve-month period may cover a calendar year, a charter year, or any other 12-month period predetermined by your Patrol Leaders' Council.

## **Historic Trails Award**

The Historic Trails Award is a special opportunity. The requirements are listed in the 1995-97 Boy Scout Requirements book on page 134 (1995 edition).

To earn the award, members of your unit must plan and participate in a historic activity. A unit historic activity requires members to:

1. Locate a historic trail or site and study information relating to it. (The information may be obtained from an adult historic society, public library, or people living near the trail or site.)
2. Hike or camp 2 days and 1 night along the trail or in the vicinity of the site.
3. Cooperate with an adult group such as a historic society to restore and mark all or part of this trail or site. (This may be done during the hike or overnight camp.) Or cooperate with such a group to plan and stage a historic pageant, ceremony, or other public event related to this trail or site - such an event should be large enough to merit coverage by the local press.
4. Your unit leader must then file the Historic Trails Award application with your local council service center.

The recognition is a distinctive embroidered or leather emblem suitable for wear on a jacket, pack or other piece of camping gear.

## **50 Miler Afoot / Afloat**

The 50-Miler Award is a special opportunity. The requirements are listed in the 1995-97 Boy Scout Requirements book on page 133 (1995 edition).

The 50-Miler Award is presented to each qualifying individual for satisfactory participation in an approved wilderness trip. In order to qualify for the award the group of which the individual is a member must fulfill all of the following requirements.

1. Make complete and satisfactory plans for the trip, including the possibilities of advancement.
2. Cover the wilderness trail or canoe or boat route of not less than 50 consecutive miles; take a minimum of 5 consecutive days to complete the trip without the aid of motors. (In some areas pack animals may be used.)
3. During the time on the trail or waterway, complete a minimum of 10 hours each of group work on projects to improve the trail, springs, campsite, portage, or wilderness area. If, after checking with recognized authorities, it is not possible to complete 10 hours each of group work on the trail, a similar project may be done in the unit's home area. (There should be no unauthorized cutting of brush or timber.)
4. Unit or tour leader must then file the 50-Miler Award application, with the local council service center. This application gives additional details about planning the trip.

The recognition is a distinctive embroidered or leather emblem suitable for wear on a jacket, pack or other piece of camping gear.

## Leave No Trace Awareness Award

As leaders in camping, the Order of the Arrow is committed to the principles of Leave No Trace – being able to fully enjoy the outdoors while minimizing our impact on it. The combined effect of millions of outdoor enthusiasts can damage the wilderness that we all enjoy. As a group that has always loved the haunts of nature, the Order of the Arrow is taking the lead in promoting the values of Leave No Trace.

Leave No Trace is based on seven wilderness principles:

1. Plan ahead and prepare
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces
3. Dispose of waste properly
4. Leave what you find
5. Minimize campfire impact
6. Respect wildlife
7. Be considerate of other visitors.

There are recognitions available for Scouts and Scouters who learn and apply Leave No Trace principles. Completing the following requirements allows a Scout or Scouter to wear the Leave No Trace Awareness Recognition.

### **For Scouts and Venturers:**

1. Recite and explain the principles of Leave No Trace.
2. On three separate camping/backpacking trips demonstrate and practice the principles of Leave No Trace.
3. Earn the Camping and Environmental Science merit badges, or do No. 3 under the Scouter requirements.
4. Participate in a Leave No Trace related service project.
5. Give a 10-minute presentation on a Leave No Trace topic approved by your Scoutmaster.
6. Draw a poster or build a model to demonstrate the differences in how we camp or travel in high-use and pristine areas.

### **For Scouting and Venturing Leaders:**

1. Recite and explain the principles of Leave No Trace.
2. On three separate camping/backpacking trips demonstrate and practice the principles of Leave No Trace.
3. Share with another Scout leader your understanding of the Camping and Environmental Science merit badges.
4. Actively assist a Scout in planning, organizing, and leading a service project related to Leave No Trace.
5. Assist at least three Scouts in earning the LNT Awareness Award.
6. Plan and conduct a LNT awareness for Scouts or an interested group outside of Scouting.

*Application forms for camping awards are available from your council service center, or electronically via the Internet or CD-ROMs.*

## Tour Permit Applications

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Tour permit applications go here in the printed version of this book. For the online version, use the Adobe PDF versions of the Local Tour Permit and the National Tour Permit included on this CD-ROM on on this Website.

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Thank you for reading, and hopefully using, this Where to Go Camping Guide. Our goal is to provide the best possible resource we can for our fellow Scouts in the New England area. To that end, we'd appreciate knowing about any corrections that need to be made, suggestions for improvement, or any other feedback that you'd care to offer. All feedback will be reviewed objectively by the WTGC Guide committee, and possibly included in a future revision of this book.

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Thank you for your feedback! Use additional sheets if necessary.

# Submission Form for Suggested Camping Areas

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**Reproduce this sheet locally as needed. Multiple submissions are encouraged!**

Do you know of a camping site that other Scouts might enjoy visiting? Your favorite places could be included in the next version of our Where to Go Camping Guide! Please complete this form to the best of your ability and submit it to the address listed above.

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