

Scatacook District

Tigers Cubs Leader

“Go See It” Guide



Purpose:

The purpose of this guide is to be a handy reference to Tiger Cub Leaders in the Scatacook District for planning “Go See It” trips. It is organized by Tiger Cub Achievement, and provides information such as place, address, directions, contact information, general information, etc. The Scatacook District encompasses the towns of Bethel, Brookfield, Danbury, New Fairfield, Newtown, Redding, Sandy Hook, Sherman, and Ridgefield. This guide will highlight locations that convenient to all of these communities.

Please note: Although there are many ideas listed here, they are not the only possibilities. You are encouraged to discover places on your own. Use your imagination; it’s fun for you, and enriching for your Tigers. Even though this guide was written for leaders, please feel free to copy it and share it with your Adult Partners to help promote shared leadership.

Summary of Tiger Cub Achievements:

Before we move on to the Go See Its, here is a brief summary of the five Tiger Cub Achievements:

Achievement #1: Making My Family Special

The people who live with us are called our *family*. Most of us also have family members who live in other places. Every family is different, and every family is special. These activities will help you learn more about your family.

Achievement #2: Where I Live

Some people live in big cities. Some live in small cities or towns. The nearest neighbors of some people live miles away on a farm, and some, in an apartment right next door. Wherever you live, the buildings and homes around you and the people who live, work, and play near you are called your *community*. It is important to learn about your community. Communities are stronger when the people who live in them take care of them and are good neighbors to each other. As you learn more about your community, you will be more proud of it and become a better citizen.

Achievement #3: Keeping Myself Healthy and Safe

Staying healthy and safe includes many things. To be as healthy as we can be, it is important to eat good foods, get plenty of sleep, and exercise to keep our bodies strong. We also need to keep our bodies clean and brush our teeth regularly. To be safe, it is important to understand what to do in case of emergencies, and to follow the rules we are taught about how to act when we feel uncomfortable with someone.

Achievement #4: How I Tell It

When we talk with people, we communicate information to them about something we want them to know. We also communicate when we write, draw, sing, dance, or show pictures. We can communicate using our bodies or faces, too, such as when we smile or frown. When you raise your hand in school, you are communicating to your teacher that you want to talk. The number of beads on your Tiger Cub belt totem communicates to people how many Tiger Cub achievement parts you have completed. People also

communicate with telephones and computers and through television, radio, newspapers, magazines, and books.

Achievement #5: Let's Go Outdoors

There is so much to do and learn outdoors! You can have fun exploring nature and looking at trees, flowers, and animals. You can walk, run, play games, and ride a bike. It is even fun to just sit outside and pay attention to all the things going on around you!

Ideas for Go See Its throughout the District

Achievement #1 "Making My Family Special" Go See It:

In some ways, family life was different many years ago. But there were some things that were the same, too. It is interesting to see how people lived years ago. Go to a library, historical society, museum, old farm, or historical building or visit an older person in your community. Discover how family life was the same and how it was different many years ago.

Danbury library

170 Main St. Danbury, CT 06810

Tel: 203-797-4505

Library Hours:

Monday & Thursday: 9:00AM – 8:00PM

Tuesday: 9:00AM – 5:00PM

Wednesday: 1:00PM – 8:00PM

Friday & Saturday: 10:00AM – 5:00PM

Sunday: 1:00PM – 5:00PM

www.danburylibrary.org

Directions

Take I-84 to Exit #5. Turn right (south) to Main Street

1 mile to Library on the right at corner of Main and West Streets

170 Main Street, Danbury, CT 06810

Bethel Public Library

189 Greenwood Ave. Bethel CT 06801

Tel: 203-794-8756

Library Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday: 9:30AM – 8:00PM

Tuesday, Friday & Saturday: 9:30AM – 5:00PM

Sunday (School Year): 1:00PM – 5:00PM

www.biblio.org/bethel

Directions

From Route 84 Westbound: Take Exit 11. At end of exit go to left at light.

Follow to end to Route 25. Go right at light onto Route 25. Go about ½ mile to

light. Go left at light onto Route 302. Follow 8-10 miles into downtown Bethel. Route 302 becomes Greenwood Avenue. **Temporary Library** is at 137 Greenwood Avenue on the right – red brick building. Parking on street or in back of building.

OR take Exit 9 (Hawleyville) from Route 84. Left at end of exit ramp onto Route 25. Proceed ½ mile to junction with Route 6. Right onto Route 6. 1 ½ miles to traffic signal (Old Hawleyville). Left on Old Hawleyville. One mile to Plumtrees Road (2nd 4-way stop). Right on Plumtrees. 2 ½ miles into Bethel. Right at second traffic signal onto Greenwood Avenue (Route 302). **Temporary Library** is at 137 Greenwood Avenue on the right – red brick building. Parking on street or in back of building.

From Route 84 Eastbound: Take Exit 5 and proceed to first traffic signal. Turn right at light onto Main Street (Route 53). Follow Main Street through downtown Danbury. Follow Route 53 signs (you will turn left onto South Street). Continue on Route 53 to junction Route 302. Left onto Route 302 (Greenwood Avenue) for ¾ mile. **Temporary Library** is at 137 Greenwood Avenue on the right – red brick building. Parking on street or in back of building.

From Lower Fairfield County: Take Route 58 North into Bethel. Turn left onto Route 302 (Greenwood Avenue). Proceed 1 ½ miles. **Temporary Library** is at 137 Greenwood Avenue on the right – red brick building. Parking on street or in back of building.

OR, take Route 53 (Grassy Plain Road) to junction with Route 302. Right on Route 302 for ¾ mile. **Temporary Library** is at 137 Greenwood Avenue on the right – red brick building. Parking on street or in back of building.

Brookfield Library

182 Whisconier Rd. Brookfield CT 06804

Tel: 203-775-6241

Library Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday: 11:00AM – 8:00PM

Wednesday: 11:00AM – 5:00PM

Friday & Saturday: 10:00AM – 5:00PM

Sunday: 1:00PM – 5:00PM

www.brookfieldlibrary.org

Directions:

From Route 7/202 North or South:

Follow Route 7/202 North or South until it intersects with Route 25 in Brookfield. Turn onto Route 25 South. The Library is approximately 1.5 miles from this intersection, on the right side of Route 25.

From I-84 Westbound:

Take Exit 9 (Route 25). At bottom of the ramp, turn right onto Route 25 North and follow for approximately 4 miles, to the intersection of Routes 25 and 133 (double traffic lights). The Library is 2/10 of a mile North of this intersection on the left (just past the Old Town Hall, Hegarty Realtors and St. Paul's Episcopal Church).

From I-84 Eastbound:

Take Exit 9 (Route 25). At bottom of ramp, turn left onto Route 25 North and proceed as above.

New Fairfield Free Public Library

2 Brush Hill Road New Fairfield, CT 06812

Tel: 203-312-5679

Library Hours:

Monday & Friday: 1:00PM – 9:00PM

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 10:00AM – 5:00PM

Wednesday: 10:00AM – 9:00PM

Sunday (School Year): 1:00PM – 4:00PM

www.libct.org/newfairfieldpl

Directions:

Via I-84 Westbound: Take Exit 6. At bottom of ramp, turn right. At traffic light, turn left onto Route 37N. Stay on this road for 5 miles. At traffic light at the junction of Routes 37 and 39, turn left onto Route 39S. Library is first building on right.

Via I-84 Eastbound: Take Exit 5 and go straight through stop sign. At the bottom of the hill, go through light onto North Street. Proceed on North Street. At the 4th light, turn left onto Route 37N. Stay on this road for 5 miles. At traffic light at the junction of Routes 37 and 39, turn left onto Route 39S. Library is first building on right.

Newtown (Cyrenius H. Booth) Library

25 Main Street

Newtown, CT 06470

Tel: (Reference Dept.) 203-426-8552; (Adult Circulation) 203-426-4533; (Children's Dept) 203-426-3851

Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 10:00AM – 8:00PM

Friday: 12:00PM – 5:00PM

Saturday: 10:00AM – 5:00PM

Sunday: 1:00PM – 5:00PM (Closed Summer Sundays)

www.biblio.org/chbooth

Directions

From I-84: Take Exit 10 off of Interstate 84. Turn right at exit ramp if coming westbound, or turn left at exit ramp if coming eastbound. Follow Church Hill Road (also known as Route 6) into Newtown. Go straight at two traffic lights until you come to the flagpole in the middle of the road. This is the intersection of Church Hill Road and Main Street. Turn left at the flagpole. The library is the second building on the right. There is street parking as well as parking in the back of the building. The main entrance is in back, off the parking lot. For handicapped parking turn right into driveway south of building.

From Bethel: Follow Route 302 east into Newtown. At the traffic light with Main Street (also known as Route 25) turn left. The library is on the left after the police station and before the flagpole. There is street parking as well as parking in the back of the building. For handicapped parking turn left into driveway south of building.

From Brookfield and Danbury: Follow Route 25 south into Newtown. You will come to the flagpole in the middle of the road. The library is the second building on the right. There is street parking as well as parking in the back of the building. For handicapped parking turn right into driveway south of building.

From Monroe: Follow Route 25 north into Newtown. The library is on the left after the police station and before the flagpole. There is street parking as well as parking in the back of the building. For handicapped parking turn left into driveway south of building.

Ridgefield Public Library

472 Main Street

Ridgefield, CT 06877

Tel: 203-438-2282

Library Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday: 10:00AM – 6:00PM

Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00AM – 9:00PM

Saturday: 9:00AM – 5:00PM

Sunday (September – May): 1:00PM – 5:00PM

www.biblio.org/rdgfld

Directions :

The Library is located at 472 Main Street (Route 35), the corner of Main and Prospect Streets, as shown as a black square on the map. The parking lot may be accessed either from Main Street or from the Webster Bank parking lot on Prospect Street.

Redding Library (Mark Twain Library)

The Mark Twain Library
P.O. Box 1009
Redding, CT 06875

Tel: 203-938-2545

The Mark Twain Public Library is located at the corner of Route 53 and Diamond Hill Road in (best little town in Connecticut), Redding.

Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 10:00AM – 7:00PM

Friday & Saturday: 10:00PM – 5:00PM

Sunday: 1:00PM – 5:00PM (Closed Memorial Day – Labor Day)

www.marktwainlibrary.org



Via I-95 or Merritt Parkway (West):

Take Route 7 North (Exit 15/I-95 or Exit 39/Merritt) for approximately 10 miles.

Turn right onto Route 107/57 in Georgetown; follow Route 107 for about 5 miles to intersection with Route 53.

Continue on Route 53 for about 3/4 mile. Library is at the corner of Route 53 and Diamond Hill Road.

Via Merritt Parkway (East):

Exit 45 (Black Rock Turnpike, Route 58) Follow Route 58 for about 10 miles; turn left at Cross Highway; go 2 miles to Route 107; follow Route 107 to Route 53; turn right. Library is at the corner of Route 53 and Diamond Hill Road.

From Hartford: Take Exit 5 from Route I-84. Follow Route 53 South for approximately 10 miles. Library is at the corner of Route 53 and Diamond Hill Road - before the intersection of Routes 53 and 107.

Sherman library

Routes 37 and 39,
1 Sherman Center
P.O. Box 40
Sherman, CT 06784
(860) 354-2455

Library Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday: 11:00AM – 6:00PM

Thursday: 11:00AM – 7:00PM

Saturday: 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Sunday: Closed

www.biblio.org/sherman**Danbury Museum and Historical Society**

43 Main St. Danbury
203-743-5200
www.danburyhistorical.org

The Danbury Museum and Historical Society, Inc. was formed in 1947 to acquire, preserve, exhibit and interpret New England's past; focusing particularly on the heritage of Danbury. Situated in downtown Danbury, the museum preserves the John and Mary Rider House (c. 1785), the Dodd Hat Shop (c. 1790), the Marian Anderson Studio, and the Charles Ives Birthplace. Huntington Hall, a modern exhibit building, contains the museum offices and a research library. Much of its collection was acquired during the extensive travels of wealthy industrialist John Fanton and his second wife Laura Scott. The many artifacts they brought back from Europe, Asia, and the Americas were initially exhibited in a museum which opened in their home on Deer Hill Avenue in 1921 following their deaths.

The Danbury Museum and Historical Society has evolved out of efforts to preserve endangered historic properties. One of the city's oldest structures, the Rider House on Main Street, would have been demolished in 1941 to make way for a gas station had it not been for the intervention of concerned citizens (including the Mary Wooster DAR Chapter). After raising money to purchase this property, these citizens founded the Danbury Historical and Arts Center.

When a merger was formed in 1947 between the Scott-Fanton Museum and the Danbury Historical and Arts Center, the collection was transferred to the Main Street property. During the 1950's and 60's, the museum acquired the John Dodd Shop, the

Ward House, the Charles Ives birthplace and erected Huntington Hall where many of its exhibits have been displayed.

In recent years the museum has concentrated more on highlighting and preserving local history and on providing a rich diversity of programs: the annual Charles Ives celebrations, History in the Making summer activities for children, displays of children's art, Women in Danbury History, the Danbury in World War II display, and the Hydro on the Housatonic exhibit to name a few.



John Dodd Hat Shop



[Charles Ives Birthplace](#)



Schoolhouse



John/Mary Rider House

Ridgefield Historical Society

4 Sunset Lane

Ridgefield, CT 06877

Tel: 203-438-5821

The Ridgefield Historical Society

- encourages historic preservation,
- collects and catalogues documentary materials,
- provides a database of information about town history,
- creates publications and exhibits,
- records and transcribes oral histories, and
- offers workshops and assistance to those interested in local history.

The society's headquarters is the 275- year- old Scott House, whose renovation and restoration was completed in September 2002. The house at 5 Sunset Lane includes a large fireproof and waterproof archival room, a "vault" with special equipment to control the humidity and temperature for fragile documents.

The headquarters also features a reception and reference room, where the public can access a database of history materials held town wide. There is also a meeting room, a library, a project room, the town historian's office, a cataloguing area, and a kitchenette. The society welcomes volunteers to assist with its work, which will include preparing for the celebration of Ridgefield's 300th anniversary in 2008.

The society also welcomes members and donors to support its efforts.

The Ridgefield Historical Society is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 5, and Wednesdays from 9 to 5.

The headquarters is at 4 Sunset Lane, just off Grove Street. Grove Street runs between Route 35, Danbury Road, and Prospect Street.

www.ridgefieldhistoricalsociety.org

Brookfield Museum and Historical Society
165 Whisconier Rd,

PO Box 5231, Brookfield, CT 06804
Tel (203) 740-8140 Fax (203) 748-7419

P.O. Box 5231
Brookfield, CT. 06804
Tel: (203) 740-8140

The Brookfield Historical Society, founded in 1968, is the only organization in town whose purpose is to preserve our town history. We believe that significant facts, documents and artifacts must be preserved, documented and made part of the town's permanent heritage. Thus the purpose of The Brookfield Historical Society is to collect the history of Brookfield and make it available, educational, and interesting to all.

Achievement #2 “Where I Live” Go See It:

Every community has many people who help you if you are hurt or in trouble. There are also people who help during emergencies, such as a fire or a bad storm. Many of these people teach us how to help keep accidents from happening and teach us what we should do if there is an emergency. Two kinds of community helpers are police officers and firefighters.

Visit a police station or fire station. Ask someone who works there how he or she helps people in your community.

Contact your local police or fire station to arrange a tour. Most are very accommodating to youth organizations.

Bethel

Fire Dept:

36-38 South St. 203-794-8521 or 59 Stony Hill Rd. 203-794-8526

Police Dept:

49 Plumtrees Rd. 203-743-5500

Brookfield

Fire Dept:

Pocono Rd. 203-775-1882

Police Dept:

63 Silvermine Rd. 203-775-2575

Danbury

Fire Dept:

New St. 203-796-1550

Police Dept:

120 Main St. 203-797-4644

New Fairfield

Fire Dept:

Company A 203-312-5729

There are also Squantz and Ball Pond sub-stations.

Police Dept:

New Fairfield is served by State Police Troop A. It is recommended that you visit one of the other nearby departments such as Brookfield, or Danbury. If you wish to contact the State Police:

Troop A. 203-312-5701

Newtown

Fire Dept:

203-270-4200

Police Dept:

203-270-4255

Redding

Fire Dept:

186 Black Rock Tpke. 203-938-2520

306 Umpawaug Rd. (W. Redding) 203-938-2518

6 Portland Ave. (Georgetown) 203-544-8899

Police Dept:

203-938-2564

Ridgefield

Fire Dept:

6 Catoonah St 203-431-2724

Police Dept:

76 East Ridge Rd. 203-431-2729

Sherman

Fire Dept:

860-354-9273

Police Dept:

Sherman is served by Resident State Trooper. It is recommended that you visit one of the other nearby departments such as Brookfield, or Danbury.

Achievement #3 “Keeping Myself Healthy and Safe” Go See It:

It is fun to play games and to take part in sports. It is also good exercise, which helps to keep your body healthy. Some games and sports are for one person, and sometimes people play games or sports on teams. You will have fun watching other people play games or showing what they can do. Understanding the rules of the game or sport you are watching makes it a lot more fun.

Learn the rules of a game or sport. Then, go watch an amateur or professional game or sporting event.

Many of the local High Schools have sport events on weekends (or weekday evenings) that are open to the public. You can contact your local High School Physical Education department for a schedule of events.

Bethel High School: 203-794-8600 (Administrative Office)

Brookfield High School: 203-775-7352 (Athletic Director)

Danbury High School: 203-797-4853 (Athletic Office)

New Fairfield High School: 203-312-5850 (Athletic Director)

Newtown High School: 203-426-7646 (school office)

Joel Barlow High School (Redding): 203-938-2508

Ridgefield High School: 203-431-2882 (Athletics)

There are also some “minor league” professional teams within a short driving distance:

Bridgeport Bluefish:



www.bridgeportbluefish.com

877-462-5837 or 203-345-4800

Bridgeport Sound Tigers:



www.soundtigers.com
203-334-4625



DANBURY WESTERNERS  [com](http://www.danburywesterners.com)

www.danburywesterners.com
203-744-3718 (Martin Medford, President)

Achievement #4 “How I Tell It” Go See It:

When people want to communicate with hundreds or thousands of people at the same time, they may use a television or radio broadcast, or they may write their message in a newspaper, book, or magazine.

Visit a television station, radio station, or newspaper office. Find out how people there communicate with others.

Danbury News-Times
333 Main St. Danbury
www.newstimes.com
203-744-5100

The Newtown Bee
5 Church Hill Rd. Newtown
www.thebee.com
203-426-3141

The Ridgefield Press
16 Baily Ave. Ridgefield
www.TheRidgefieldPress.com
203-438-6544

WDAQ-FM (98Q)
198 Main St. Danbury
www.98q.com
203-744-4800

WRKI-Fm (I95)
1004 Federal Rd. Brookfield
www.i95rock.com
203-775-1212

Comcast Cable Television
5 Shelter Rock Road, Danbury
203-792-0900

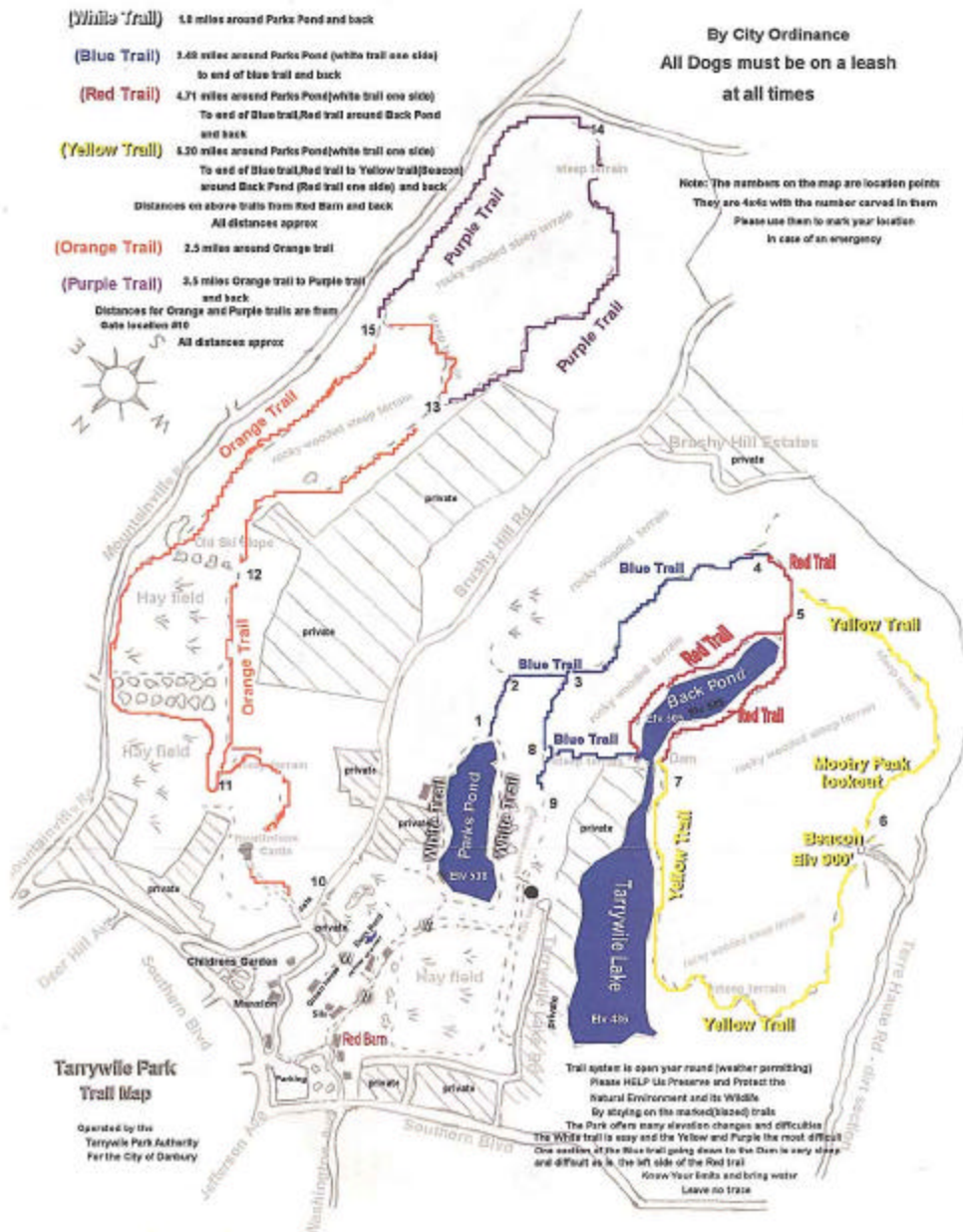
Although there are no network television stations in the area, Comcast offers Public Access programming services and has production studios which can be toured.

Achievement #5 “Let’s Go Outdoors” Go See It:

Walking is great exercise, and it is fun to be outdoors. When you walk, you see more things in the outdoors than you do if you go fast on a bicycle or in a car or bus. Take a hike with your den.

Although you can hike virtually anywhere, the best hikes are taken on hiking trails which are properly maintained and cared for. The following is a list of some the better trails in the area.

Tarrywile Park – 70 Southern Blvd. Danbury



There are a number of trails with varying degrees of difficulty. There are also places to picnic, and a fishing pond.

Directions:

From I 84

Take I-84 East or West to Exit 3. (Route 7 South - Danbury Airport).
Take 2nd right for Danbury Airport.
At light at end of ramp, turn left.
At next light, take left onto Wooster Heights.
Go 9/10ths mile and turn right onto Southern Blvd.
Go 6/10ths mile and Southern Blvd. will make a sharp right turn.
The Park & Mansion entrance is 100 yards beyond this turn on the right.

From Route 7 North from Norwalk

Take exit for Danbury Airport.
At light at end of ramp, turn right onto Wooster Heights.
Go 8/10ths mile and turn right onto Southern Blvd.
Go 6/10ths mile and Southern Blvd. will make a sharp right turn.
The Park & Mansion entrance is 100 yards beyond this turn on the right.

From City Center Danbury

Take Main Street south towards Rogers Park and War Memorial.
At intersection of Main and South Streets, the War Memorial will be straight ahead.
Take a right turn at the light onto South Street.
Take first left turn onto Mountainville Avenue.
Go 3/10ths mile and bear right onto Southern Blvd.
Go 4/10ths mile and the Park & Mansion entrance is on the left.

Bear Mt. Park

17 Bear Mountain Road. Danbury

Directions: In order to get to Bear Mountain (it seems there are many Bear Mountains in New England) take exit 6 off I-84 and proceed north on Rt. 39 passed all the shopping centers. (From Exit 6 to Bear Mountain Rd is about 2.8 miles) Go past the commercialized district and eventually passed the federal prison which begins the more rural part of northern Danbury. About a 1/4 mile past the prison entrance is Bear Mountain Rd...you'll see a sign for Bear Mt. and JFK Trail. 1/2 mile up Bear Mountain Rd is the entrance to Bear Mountain Reservation. There is a nice paved lot with picnic benches and plenty of parking.

The John F. Kennedy Hiking Trails at Bear Mountain Reservation were dedicated on May 23, 1987 by James E. Dyer, Mayor of Danbury. It is a cooperative project for outdoor recreation by the Land & Water Conservation Fund. The Reservation is looked after by the State of Connecticut, Department of Interior, National Parks Service, and the Danbury Parks & Recreation.

There are 3 letter boxes hidden on the trails. Finding them makes for a fun adventure, but keep in mind that it covers between 2 and 3 miles of trails, and takes about 2 hours to cover. Keep in mind that this may be a bit much for Tigers. If you wish to attempt all or part of it, the directions are below (bring a compass if you wish to follow the bearings given).

Once you have parked your car on the paved parking lot, proceed to the gate and message board. On the message board you will find the park rules, a topographical map of the reservations, and most importantly a map for you to take on your quest. (*I highly recommend you take a copy of the map as there will be several places it may prove helpful*)

Pass gate to the right of the message board. As you get onto the trail, on your left you will pass the stone walls of an old barn that was torn down several years ago. Continue down the trail keeping the meadow to your right.

Soon you will come to several 6x6's that have been laid across the trail. To your right you will come to a second meadow. Continue on the Red Blazed Trail until you pass a stream and come to a fork in the trail. You will notice both trails are marked with red blazes. Continue on the Red Blazed Trail at a bearing of 165°.

As you follow the Red Blazed Trail, on your left you will come to a rock wall with a birch tree that has six trunks. In front of you will be the "Upper Meadow". Follow the trail heading east taking you to the far right corner of this meadow. Notice all the young white birch that border the meadow.

When you reach the back right corner of the meadow, you will be faced with a choice of direction. To the right is the White Blazed Trail. To the left is the Red & White Blazed Trail. You want to head left on the Red & White Blazed Trail.

As you walk through the young white birch you will notice a woodpecker's feast. Shortly after you will come to a tree that marks the four way intersection of both the White and Red Blazed Trails. Continue heading North on the White Blazed Trail.

You will leave the birch trees and head back into the meadow for a short time before the trail bends back into the woods. Be careful to stay on the White Blazed Trail. Cross over a rock wall and then bear right over a second rock wall. You will be faced with a fork in the trail. To the right is the White Blazed Trail. To the left is the Violet Blazed Trail. Before making this decision rest on the large flat rock that splits the trail.

Follow the Violet Blazed Trail up the side of the mountain. As you near what looks like the summit the trail turns NNE. Shortly after there is a split in the trail. Follow the Yellow Blazed Trail keeping the mountain to your right.

When you reach "Bear Mountain Peak" take a moment to enjoy the view through the

trees. Find the largest of the boulders (the one you can see under) and face due North. Take 34 steps to a boulder with a fallen tree behind it. It is here that you will find Bear Mountain State Park Letterbox #1 hidden under two slabs of stone. Carefully stamp in and re-hide the letterbox before continuing on your quest.

Continue on the Yellow Blazed Trail taking time to catch occasional glimpses of Candlewood Lake. As you follow the Yellow Blazed Trail you will come to a rock face with a large stone bearing the Violet Blazed Trail marker. At this boulder, head South on the Purple Blazed Trail.

When you come to a "T" in the trail you have come to the end of the Violet Blazed Trail. Follow the White Blazed Trail at 140°. At yet another split in the trail you have come to the end of the White Blazed Trail and must follow the Red Blazed Trail at 210°.

Soon you will come across a stream that spills into Candlewood Lake. Continue on the Red Blazed Trail past an intersection with the Blue Blazed Trail. Shortly you will come to a wonderful view of the Candlewood Lake with a rock face that is perfect for taking a rest. When you have found your strength, continue on the Red Blazed Trail.

Eventually you will come to an intersection with the Green Blazed Trail. Take a right and follow this trail a short ways. Within moments you will come to an intersection with the Blue Blazed Trail. Using your compass, look in the direction of 320° to a dead tree stump up in the rock. It is here that you will find Bear Mountain State Park Letterbox #2 in a cleft behind the tree stump. Carefully stamp in and re-hide the letterbox before continuing on your quest.

Retrace your steps on the Green Blazed Trail until you have returned to the Red Blazed Trail. To your right, continue down the Red Blazed Trail. You will come to an intersection with the Orange Blazed Trail. Bear left staying on the Red Blazed Trail. A few paces later you will come to a second intersection with the Orange Blazed Trail. Bear right on the Red Blazed Trail.

You will see a huge boulder to your right as the Red Blazed Trail bends to the North. As you head up the hill you will come to an intersection where the Red Blazed Trail heads NW and an unmarked trail to the NE. Continue on the Red Blazed Trail.

60 steps later you will find another intersection with an unmarked trail. Go right on the Red Blazed Trail heading North. A short distance later you will come to an intersection with the Yellow Blazed Trail. Stay straight on the Red Blazed Trail. A few paces after this intersection you will see a fallen oak tree with a large boulder behind it.

Continue on the Red Blazed Trail. Pass a short rock wall on your left. Pass through another rock wall. Pass a pile of rocks on the right. Pass through another stone wall. Finally you will have come to the intersection of the Red Blazed Trail and a small trail from the "Upper Meadow". On the right you will see milkweed. Look up to your right at 50°. You will see a white birch. At its base you will find Bear Mountain State Park

Letterbox #3 under a slab of stone. Carefully stamp in and re-hide the letterbox before returning to your car.

Continue on the Red Blazed Trail until you come to an intersection you should recognize. Bear Left and head back to your car. Return the map before leaving.

Webb Mountain Park

Monroe, Fairfield County, CT

Directions:

Take the Merritt Parkway and get off at 49 for Route 25 north. Turn right on Route 111 (Monroe Turnpike). Turn right onto East Village Road in East Village. (Turn left onto Webb Street and keep going straight on Old Fish House Road to get to Webb Mt. Park.)

Another parking area is on Thoreau Drive where there is limited parking. Instead of turning left onto Webb Street, go down farther and turn left onto Longfellow Road; drive 1.1 mile and turn left onto Bryant Lane; drive .1 mile and turn right onto Thoreau Drive; drive .3 of a mile and park near where you see the blue trail markers on the left side of the road, just before the home at #182 Thoreau Drive. (You hike north to Webb Mountain.)

Trails:

This is an out-and back trail. It goes way past Webb Mountain Park, going 5.33 miles in all. You can turn around any time you get tired.

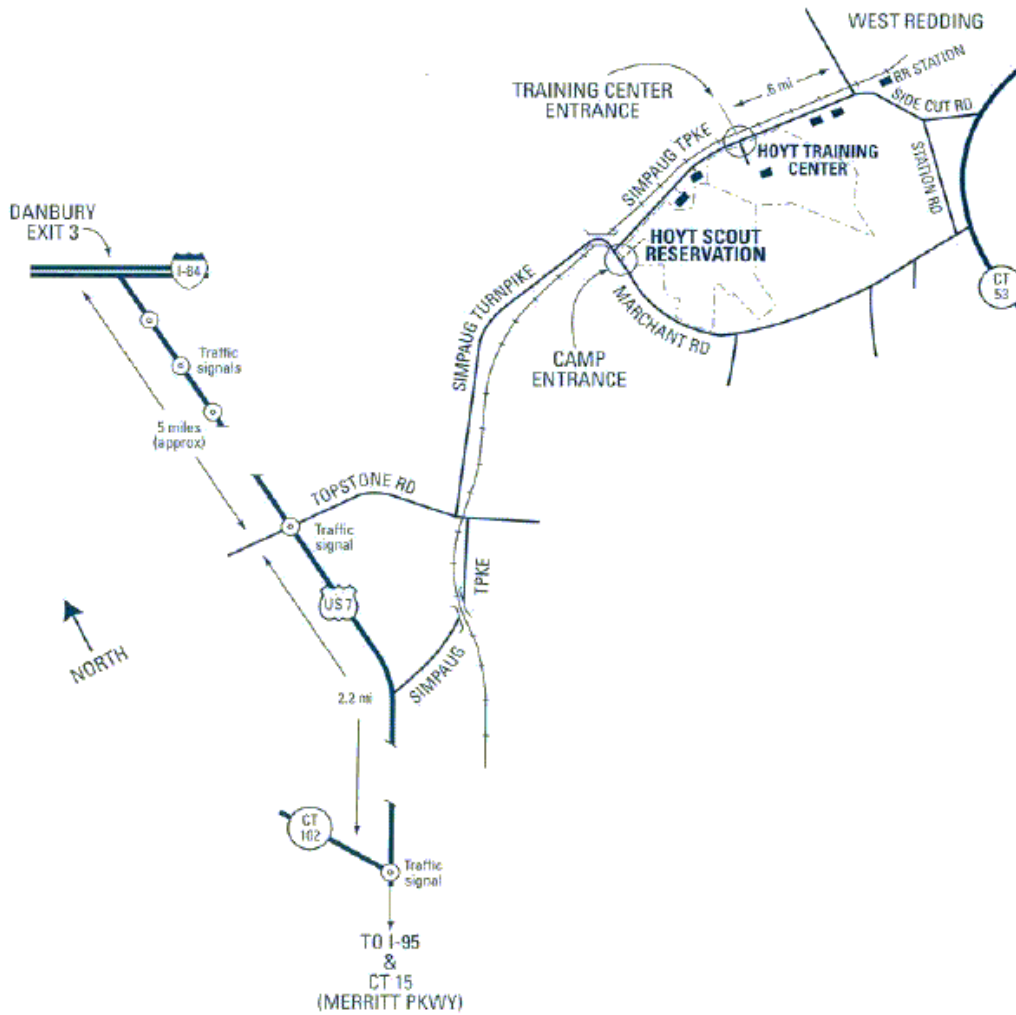
The Paugussett Trail heads through Webb Mountain Park after going through Indian Well State Park. Head east and turn left down an embankment between houses. After crossing a brook you are in Webb Mountain Park. You will cross trails red, yellow, yellow again, red, and then a brook. Crossing the park road you ascend climbing a one-hundred foot ledge. There is a view of the Stevenson Dam and Lake Zoar. At 2.26 miles the trail reaches a parking area on Route 34.

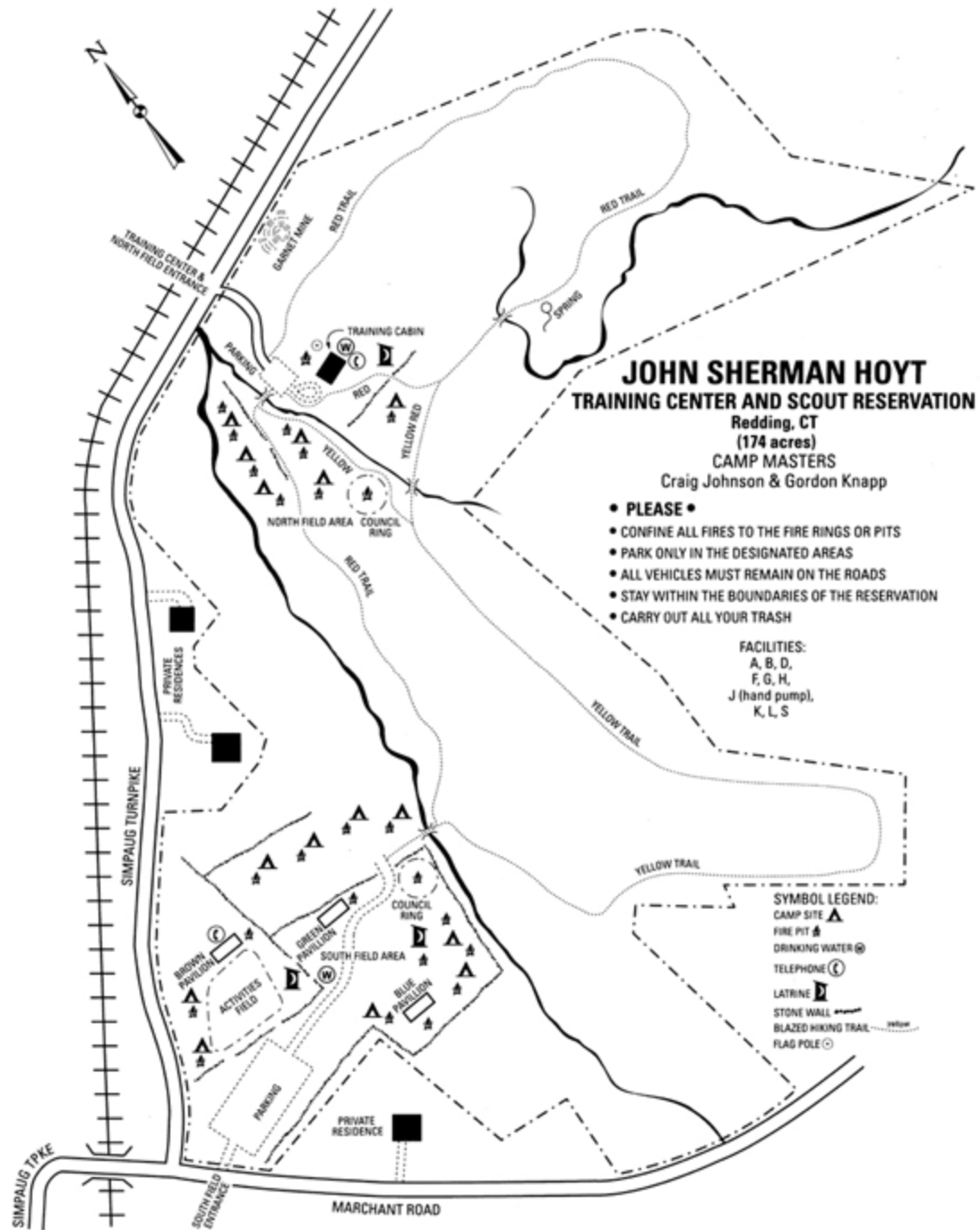
Or you can park outside the gate where there is a kiosk with a detailed map showing all the trails in the park. Pick up the red trail that in a hemlock grove parallels the brook for quite a ways. A yellow trail loop goes off on the right (and will return to the same start if you stick to it). Staying on the trail, the orange trail starts on the right also. It returns to the red trail as the red trail crosses over the brook and heads uphill to a beautiful picnic area planted with lots of conifer trees, spruces and white pines. If you walk to the edge of the cliff, you can look down upon the railroad tracks. Heading farther north you can see the Housatonic River.

Hoyt Scout Reservation

It is located at the intersection of Simpaug Turnpike and Marchant Road in West Redding. It is accessible from Routes 7 and 53, as shown on the map below. There are several good hiking trails, as well as excellent camping facilities as indicated on the camp map on the next page.

Directions:





JOHN SHERMAN HOYT
TRAINING CENTER AND SCOUT RESERVATION
 Redding, CT
 (174 acres)
 CAMP MASTERS
 Craig Johnson & Gordon Knapp

- PLEASE •
- CONFINE ALL FIRES TO THE FIRE RINGS OR PITS
- PARK ONLY IN THE DESIGNATED AREAS
- ALL VEHICLES MUST REMAIN ON THE ROADS
- STAY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE RESERVATION
- CARRY OUT ALL YOUR TRASH

FACILITIES:
 A, B, D,
 F, G, H,
 J (hand pump),
 K, L, S

- SYMBOL LEGEND:**
- CAMP SITE ▲
 - FIRE PIT ♁
 - DRINKING WATER @
 - TELEPHONE ☎
 - LATRINE 🚻
 - STONE WALL [dashed line]
 - BLAZED HIKING TRAIL [dashed line]
 - FLAG POLE 🚩

Devil's Den in Weston

The charcoal makers who once toiled in the vicinity believed a hoof-like mark made in a rock was the footprint of the devil, hence the Den's name. But this Nature Conservancy property is really a place of beauty and ideal for family hikes. There are more than enough trails to trek and things to see in Fairfield County's largest preserve, known formally as the Lucius Pond Ordway Devil's Den Preserve. The Den consists of more than 1,746 acres containing some 20 miles of trails that wind through and over almost every kind of terrain typical to southwestern Connecticut. Maps as well as a self-guided tour booklet are available at the Pent Road parking area; all hikers should sign in for safety. Programs and hikes are created and managed by the New Canaan Nature Center in a project called "The Nature Initiative at Devil's Den." Scout and school vacation programs are now also offered in addition to family and adult hikes, bird walks, night hikes, etc.

Details

Devil's Den is reached via Godfrey Road (off either Route 53 or 57) to Pent Road in Weston. There are also trails that go into the preserve from Dayton Road in Redding. To register for programs at Devil's Den & The Nature Education Initiative at Devil's Den, please call (203) 966-9577. Program listings are at www.newcanaannature.org. The Nature Conservancy site with information on the Den is at <http://nature.org>.