

ME-SHE-KIN-NO-QUAH Policy Mountain Bicycle Trail

8 MILES

All cyclists must stay on approved bike paths or camp roads.

This trail was developed so that your unit will have a laid-out area as an aid toward the cycling merit badge. Also, to acquaint your Scout with the history of the Anthony Wayne Reservation area and the history of the Miami Indians and Chief Little Turtle (ME-SHE-KIN-NO-QUAH) after whom this camp is named.

Start of the Trail

The trail starts and ends at the Camp Little Turtle office (see map). Units coming to camp for the day to ride the trail should park in the parking lot across from the office.

ABOUT THE TREKS: These treks were developed so that your unit will have a laid-out area for first and second class hike requirements, and also to acquaint your scouts with the history of Anthony Wayne Reservation.

THE CHALLENGE

In 1970 the Anthony Wayne Council asked the Pokagon-Kekionga Trail Committee to open 3 treks and 1 trail at the Anthony Wayne Reservation. The Trail Committee accepted this challenge. On June 20, 1971, the Trail Committee opened two treks, Pit Lake Trek and Deer Hollow Trek. In 1972 the Committee opened the Mastodon Trek and the Chief Little Turtle Trail. The Trail Committee will lay out, maintain and administer the operation of the treks and trails. Any profit from the sale of patches after maintenance and administration costs will go for needed materials or repairs at camp, thus helping scouts in still another way.

LOCATION OF CAMP

Check map (-) for location of camp.

START OF TRAIL

The treks start and end at the Camp Little Turtle Office (-SEE MAPS-) Units coming to camp for the day to hike the treks should park in the parking lot across from the office.

TRAIL REQUIREMENTS

1. The treks may be ridden or hiked by boy or girl scouts.

All cyclists must stay on approved bike paths or camp roads.

2. Axes and sheath knives ARE NOT PERMITTED on treks. This requirement is for your safety.

3. The requirements in this folder and on the Camp Permit must be met before the trail awards can be rewarded.

4. Units traveling a distance of 250 miles or less from home should have a Local Tour Permit. If the unit is traveling a distance beyond 250 miles they should apply for a National Tour Permit.

5. Fires will be built only in designated areas. Some parts of our property are such that fires will go underground and burn indefinitely **NO SMOKING IN WOODED AREAS.**

6. Swimming will be permitted. The leader in charge must show the Camp Ranger or CampMaster his Safe Swim Defense Certificate, which has been issued at camp the last

several years to troops completing the Safe Swim Defense Instructions. 'The Safe Defense Plan must be followed. Check with the Ranger or Campmaster for a site.

7. The lakes are open for fishing. Everyone over 18 will need a valid Indiana fishing license. Pit Lake is self-contained and on private property - for Pit Lake no license is required.

8. Vehicles are limited to the camp roads and parking area. Do not drive off these roads onto the trails or cross country. Our desire is to maintain a rugged wilderness camp area.

Reservation speed limit is 15 MPH..

9. Check in with the Camp Ranger or Campmaster when arriving and check out when departing. **THIS IS A MUST!**

10. The unit must hike together at all times. Each scout must be within seeing and hearing distance of the unit leader at all times. **STAY TOGETHER.**

11. The Trail and Treks will be closed on Easter weekend, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day or Christmas weekend. Also during hunting season in November, check with the council office for these dates.

CAMP USE PROCEDURE

A. UNITS HIKEING THE TRAIL WHILE IN CAMP.

Units that want to hike the trail while at summer camp can do so at their own convenience. No personal bicycles are allowed in camp during the summer camping season without prior approval of the camp director.

B. UNITS COMING FOR THE DAY TO HIKE THE TRAIL

Obtain a day use permit at Anthony Wayne Area Council, seven days in advance.

C. UNITS THAT ARE CAMPING FOR A SHORT TERM (one, two or three days) Contact seven days in advance:

Anthony Wayne Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

8315 W. Jefferson Blvd.

Fort Wayne, IN. 46804-8302

Phone: 260-432-9593

Fax: 260-436-1824

www.awac.org

Upon receiving your application for Short Term Camp Permit and camping fee, we will return your Short Term Camp Permit. Read the rules on the back of the permit. **UPON ARRIVING** at the camp, present the Short Term Permit the Camp Ranger or Campmaster with your Tour Permit for out-of-council units. The quick way to get a day use or camping permit is to call the Council office ten days before the hike. They will send you the permit form.

COURTESY - UNIT LEADER - Troops arriving on Friday night must arrive before 10:00 p.m. If later arrival is necessary, call the camp and make arrangements. (260) 475-5079 or (260) 316-2171 Notify the camp if you need to cancel out. Notification must be before stated arrival time. The Anthony Wayne Area Council or the Pokagon-Kekionga Trails Committee is not responsible for any damages to any personal bicycle resulting from its use on the Reservation property. The Campmaster, Camp Ranger, Camp Director, or an official of the Anthony Wayne Area Council may restrict the use of bicycles in camp at their discretion.

Vehicles are limited to the camp roads and parking areas. Do not drive off these roads onto trails or cross-country. Our desire is to maintain rugged wilderness camp areas.

Reservation speed limit is 15 M.P.H. The unit must ride together at all times. Each Scout must be in seeing and hearing distance of the Unit Leader at all times. **STAY TOGETHER!**

Cycling Safety

Helmets and clothing: All cyclists must wear a properly sized and fitted helmet approved by either the Snell Memorial Foundation of the American National Standards Institute (ANASI). Layer your clothing for warmth on cool days so you can avoid chilling or overheating. Cover up for sun protection on clear days.

Buddy-up: When using the trail, a buddy system must be used.

Speed: Maintain control of speeds at all times. Approach turns in anticipation of someone around the bend.

Yield: Yield right-of-way to hikers. Greet them in a normal voice well in advance when approaching from behind.

Erosion: Stay on trail and avoid trampling vegetation. Minimizing erosion by not short-cutting.

Report: Report incidents of trail impasse (trees down, erosion, etc.) to Camp Master, Camp office or Trail Committee.

Avoid: Skidding down slopes. If your wheels spin riding up steep slopes, dismount and push the bike, instead of causing trail damage.

Supervision

All activities on this trail must be supervised by a mature and conscientious adult at least 21 years old and who understands and knowingly accepts responsibility for the safety of the children in his or her care, who is

experienced with the skills and equipment involved in the activity, and who is committed to compliance with these BSA. All Participants should know, understand, and follow the rules and procedures for safe biking, and all participants should constitutionally and carefully follow all directions from the adult supervisor. Biking is strenuous. Long treks and hill climbing should not be attempted without training and preparation. For Scouting activities, all participants must present evidence of fitness assured by a complete health history from a physician, parent, or legal guardian. The adult supervisor should adjust all supervision, discipline, and protection to anticipate any potential risks associated with individual health conditions. In the event of any significant health conditions, proof of an examination by a physician should be required by the adult leader.

Trail Marking

The trail is marked with the signs pictured below. The signs are painted brown and yellow. The trail starts and ends at the Camp office (see map). By using the map and markers you should have a good trail ride. Trail is 10 miles long.

Bicycles

The Trail Committee does not supply bicycles. Each group must supply their own bicycles. Units at summer camp may utilize the available camp bicycles. Contact the Scout office or Camp office for more information.

TRAIL AWARDS

Hikers completing the Trail & Trek requirements are entitled to wear the patches. There are NO trail fees. Check trail application for prices and address to order awards.

For awards write:

POKAGON-KEKIONGA TRAIL, INC.

PO BOX 6

Pleasant Lake In

46779

Phone: (260) 667-1321

During summer camp, contact the camp office for awards or go to the Trading post. There is no trail fee. Trail awards are purchased on a voluntary basis.

ANTI-LITTER REQUIREMENT

The fact is that litter is unsightly, is a health and safety hazard and contributes to pollution. The Pokagon-Kekionga Trail Committee is making an Ant-litter Project part of the requirements for these treks. Each unit is to pick up litter (paper, cans, etc.) as they hike the treks. If the trails or treks are clean, take time out to pick up litter around the parking area, lakes, or in the camping areas - LOOK FOR IT - As your unit checks out the Camp Ranger or Campmaster, show him the litter so he can sign your application. Units in summer camp should check out the litter with the camp office. We suggest each unit have a plastic garbage bag for litter. We ask each unit to take about a half hour on the project. Units in summer should check out the liter in summer camp office