

Camp Wilderness History Project

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Boardman Outpost Site / Sawmill

Location: 47.10247216523091, -94.923128953479



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Questions we have - do you know anything?

- What else do you know?

Beginning in the late 1940s, during the early development of our camp, this area was used as an outpost site for the more experienced scouts that came here. There was a well (now removed and capped) and an outhouse which has been moved several times. At this time it has no pit underneath. It is a very peaceful place to set up camp. But, the early history of this site gets more interesting. Turn on your imagination and let it wander. Take a quantum leap back to around 1904, over 100 years ago, to see what was here. The clearing is much larger, Boardman Lake has an unobstructed view but it is full of logs. You could almost walk across the lake on them. In the distance to the south end is a huge pile of sawdust 15 to 20 feet high. Noise...a sawmill, steam driven. Turn around, it is right there. To the east a crew cabin and workshop. To the north a small storage cellar. And beyond are railroad tracks with spurs running by the sawmill and west to Crescent Lake. (Refer to diagrams for building placement)

The sawmill was operational until about 1910 when usable trees became scarce. Steel tracks were taken up and used at other sites or recycled for the war effort.

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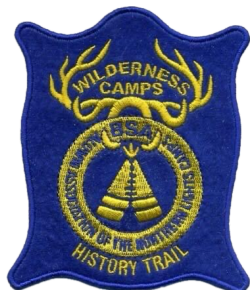
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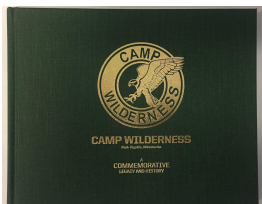
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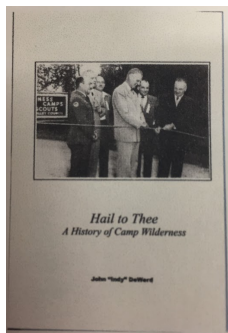
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