

Where To Go Camping Guide



Nawakwa Lodge #3



Heart of Virginia Council #602

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Preface

This guide was created by the Nawakwa Lodge Camping Promotions Committee over the years to provide Scouts within the Heart of Virginia Council with helpful information on where to go camping. This guide also includes information on how to plan and run an outing as well as the various policies for camping set by the BSA. It is intended to keep this document up-to-date but if information is wrong or for other feedback, please email us at CampPromotions@nawakwa.org

This Guide is dedicated in honor of those Arrowmen who have left our physical world.

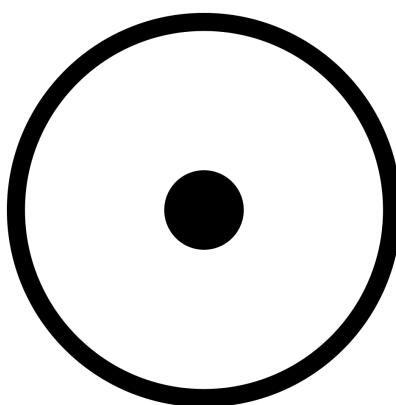


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Welcome

Introduction

Welcome Scouters! Nawakwa Lodge #3 has compiled this Where to Go Camping Guide for every troop in the Heart of Virginia Council with the intention of helping to strengthen the units' camping programs. The guide includes council summer camps, high adventure opportunities, camping locations and much more!

The first section gives information about the Order of the Arrow, followed by a second section giving helpful reminders about the planning of trips and important details about outings. Section three explains possible awards which units can strive to earn. The middle sections are the outing locations, followed by a handy index. Lastly, the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) (GTSS) is included which outlines the BSA rules and policies pertaining to scout outings. If these guidelines are followed, everyone will be safe and have a great experience!

How to use this Guide

The first three sections of this guide contain general information about the OA, outings and awards. The camping, hiking and boating entries have information about contacts, seasons of operations, fees, activities, etc. These locations are in one of these categories: high adventure, commercial campground, state park, national/regional park, Scout BSA camp, or specified camping location. Within these categories, the locations are divided according to a geographical region: Southwestern VA, Shenandoah Valley, Northern VA, Central VA, Tidewater or Bordering VA.

Refer to the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) (GTSS) to verify that your unit is following all BSA regulations. The Scout BSA Handbook for Girls (SBSAHB-G), The Scout BSA Handbook for Boys (SBSAH-B) and Fieldbook (FB) should be used with the Where to Go Camping Guide (WTGCG) to fully prepare for an outing. These references can be obtained from the local Scout Shop. Also check out [The Adventure Plan](#) (TAP).

Section 1: The Order of the Arrow

What is the Order of the Arrow?

The [Order of the Arrow](#), also known as the O.A., is the Scouting's National Honor Society. The purpose of the O.A. is to be an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America through positive youth leadership under the direction of selected capable adults. It fulfills its purpose through recognition, camping, service, and leadership.



Elections

Candidates for membership to the lodge are done within the Scouting unit via an election held by the O.A. election team. Candidates are voted on by ballot and voted only by youth members in the unit. For more details, please refer to the [Guide to Unit Elections](#)

Induction

Once elected, the Scouts and Scouters are candidates for induction into the Order of the Arrow. They are not members until they have successfully completed their Ordeal, and they are inducted into the O.A. Prior to their Ordeal, the candidates may go through a calling-out ceremony, which normally takes place during a campfire at a camporee or at summer camp.



Candidates for induction have one year from the date of their election to attend an Ordeal and to be inducted. The ceremonies through which the candidates pass are conducted in a serious and dignified manner. The induction does not incorporate hazing, and everything done and said has deep meaning.

The Order of the Arrow is not a secret scout organization, and its ceremonies are open to any person with justified interest. Because of an element of mystery in the ceremonies and for the sake of the effect on the candidates, O. A. ceremonies are not held at public gatherings. The ceremonies have been planned so they are not objectionable to any religious group.

After the Ordeal is completed, the candidate is considered a full member of the Order of the Arrow and never has to go through the Ordeal again. However, all members are encouraged to attend the Ordeal weekends to help with the projects, participate in the events, and enjoy the fellowship of the Brotherhood. For more details, see the [Guide to Inductions](#).

Lodge History

Nawakwa Lodge #3, originally named Pamunky Lodge, was chartered on November 25, 1919. The Lodge bore the name of the Pamunky Indians who inhabited the eastern region of Virginia and were part of the Powhatan Confederacy.

In 1930 the Pamunky Lodge was dissolved for internal reasons, but some of the members continued to meet. On December 18, 1944, the Lodge was officially reorganized and rechartered as Nawakwa Lodge. The name "Nawakwa" is from the tongue of the Chippewa tribe and when translated means, "in the middle of the woods," similar to the forester who finds the best timber in the middle of the forest. The raccoon was the totem chosen by the membership and appears on the early issues of the lodge patches. Since 1957, the Lodge totem has been the cardinal.

Nawakwa Lodge has performed countless hours of service to the council camps (formerly Camp Shawondasee and currently Heart of Virginia Scout Reservation) as well as the community. The Lodge has contributed well over 85 years of service to the successful Scouting programs of the Heart of Virginia Council.



Section 2: The Outing

Basic Planning

Ideas

Plans for the trip are not the sole responsibility of the unit leader, but a result of everyone's brainstorming. Some ideas are too far-fetched or inappropriate. The unit leader uses their judgment to find the most practical and exciting outing within the limits of the unit.

Group Discussion

After discussion of what to do, location and length of excursion should be decided. This Guide could be helpful in this decision. If a number of good suggestions are made, a deciding vote may be necessary. If possible, combine the different ideas so that everyone maintains optimum interest.

Maps

Once your unit has decided where to go, contacts should be made and road and trail maps secured. Maps and guidebooks can be obtained from sources listed in Section 6. An index and catalog of published Virginia maps is available free from the US Geological Survey. Leaders should know which quadrangle sections are desired before ordering maps.

Group Organization

Adult Supervision

Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings for [adult supervision](#). There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth. Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, age- and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided. For more details, see the [Youth Protection and Barriers to Abuse FAQs](#).

Scout Organization

Scouts use the [patrol method](#) on outings. The youth should be provided with leadership opportunities and a reasonable share of certain responsibilities. The [duty roster](#) is a blueprint for shared responsibility. In preparation for the main event, during breakout group sessions, buddies are assigned to various tasks to assure their patrol's smooth running and organization

for mealtimes. Everyone has a job to do. For long term camps, responsibilities can change daily after lunch cleanup.

Itinerary

Now that the group structure is organized, the [Itinerary](#) detailed planning comes into play. Everyone concerned with the trip should have accurate information about the location of the group at all times (use [Itinerary Details](#)). Parents, the unit committee, and the local council should be well informed. The trip leaders must have a current [Annual Health and Medical Record](#), and [parental permission](#) for each Scout attending the outing the unit leader should be able to handle emergencies that happen at home and require a return of a member, or emergencies on the trail that require hospitalization. Each person should have full information on what to do if separated from the group. The trip may be planned to meet certain criteria for awards or meet specific rank or merit badge requirements.

Record-Keeping

Complete [record-keeping](#) offers a permanent account of what occurred and when. They provide a historical record of what happened and where you went. They should include expenditures and receipts, which are tallied at the end of each day. Such things as the Budget Work Sheet, and Tour Budget could be kept in a loose-leaf notebook with pages added when necessary. A daily log with photos is an excellent patrol or crew project. Any accidents and subsequent first aid treatment must be reported via the [incident reporting system](#). Outings should be recorded for the [BSA National Outdoor Challenge Unit Award](#)

Financing

When [planning a budget](#), the "Budget Work Sheet" may be helpful in planning of income and expenditures for the trip and deriving a cost per individual. Extra money may be needed for certain contingencies or emergencies, and the extra money can always be refunded. Proper insurance and emergency money must be taken into account in case of accidents. The Unit Money Earning Application must be used to raise funds for the trip outside of council organized fundraisers. These 3 part carbonless forms can be obtained in the council service center lobby. Funds for all anticipated expenses should be on hand before the beginning of the tour.

Insurance and Unauthorized & Prohibited Activities

For details on insurance please check with your local council service center and go to <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss10/>. The Boy Scouts of America's general liability policy provides coverage for a bodily injury or property damage claim that is made and arises out of an official Scouting activity. The [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) contains a listing of [prohibited activities](#). Prohibited activities are not considered official Scouting activities.

Volunteers (registered and unregistered), units, chartered organizations, and local councils are jeopardizing insurance coverage for themselves and their organization by engaging in prohibited activities. Please do not put yourself at risk.

Equipment

Shelter

“Backpackers, kayakers, and bicyclists want shelters that won’t weigh them down but that will stand up to weather. Desert campers need shade and protection from the wind. Mountaineers and winter campers depend on sturdy tents that can withstand wind-driven snow and sleet. There are shelters that will satisfy almost every traveler. Among the options are tarps, bivouac bags, and tents”.



Gear for Cooking, Eating, and Drinking

“Gear for cooking, eating, and drinking depends upon what you intend to cook, eat, and drink. That usually means a cup, bowl, and spoon for each person; a cook kit; and one or more stoves”



What you carry in your head

“The gear and provisions you take along can make your travels easier. More important, though, is the knowledge you have in your head to keep yourself and those with you safe and to appreciate and protect the country through which you travel. Every outdoor experience will add to your storehouse of backpacking know-how. Information found throughout the Fieldbook can guide you in preparing for your journeys and in making the most of your time on the trail” (FB pp 210).

Canoeing Gear

The same personal gear as in backpacking needs to be taken. Two people often need to portage a canoe, so pack so that nothing dangles out. Store all gear in waterproof or plastic bags. Group gear can be put in separate cooking, tentage and food bags so every canoe has a share of gear to guard against complete loss.

Winter Wear

“The key to keeping Warm is the word COLD

Keep COLD to stay warm. COLD might not seem like the key to keeping warm, but it is if you look at it this way:

Keep **C**lean

Avoid **O**verheating

Wear **L**ayers

Stay **D**ry

Remember this key; it will help you learn techniques for staying warm while camping in cold weather". (Okpik pp 29)

Dressing in layers is the best way to keep the body warm in winter. If the central part is not well heated, the body cuts off the heat to the arms and legs. Tight clothing will also cut off circulation and make the bound part cold. Avoid wetness and increase dead air space for winter wear.

HEAD - the head is the best ventilator so keep it covered! The best covering is a hood. Do not use tight fitting caps or hats because they do not provide dead air space and constrict circulation. **DON'T WEAR ANYTHING OVER YOUR NOSE AND MOUTH.** It will keep in warmth until it gets wet, then the face will get cold and potentially frostbite

CENTRAL BODY - it is better to wear many layers of thin clothing than a few layers of heavy clothing, because layers optimize dead air space

HANDS - if the central part of the body is not warm, then the extremities will never be warm. Lined gloves or mittens that cover the wrists are the best hand wear.

Health and Safety

Annual Health and Medical Record

Medical examinations by a physician are required of every participant in any long term event 72 hours or more. Parts A & B are required for all. Part C is the doctor portion. The leaders should make sure that every scout and leader has a current [Annual Health and Medical Record](#) on file with the unit.

Hydration

A ready supply of drinking water is essential, so each person should have a canteen for the trip. Serious illness can result from drinking unpurified water, such as giardia parasite infestation. Recognized purification methods such as boiling, iodine treatment, or filtering should be used in accordance to area



recommendations. Emergency water purification tablets should be carried in each individual's survival kit. (BH pp. 98-99)

Dishwashing and Refrigeration

Dish washing is an easy procedure if the 3 pot method that is explained in the Boy Scout Handbook is used (also refer to the . Someone should be responsible for inspecting all utensils and cooking gear before they are packed away. Coolers should be used for perishable food and kept at below 40 degrees F with the use of ice. All leftover perishable food should be discarded if above 40 degrees F. (SBSAHB-G pp. 308, 301) [Philmont Dish Washing Method](#)



First Aid Kits

First aid kits should be kept well organized and fully stocked. The kit should be in a convenient location and one or more people should be trained in first aid. The BSA has troop, patrol, and individual kits available. (SBSAHB-B pp 108-109)



Wood Tools

All should be properly instructed to handle wood tools, such as with the Totin' Chip. Knives, saws, and axes are useful, but should remain sheathed when not in use. If possible set up an ax yard for safe cutting. No live trees or bushes should be cut. (SBSAHB-B pp 378-386)

Fuels and Fire Prevention

Adult supervision is required when chemical fuels are being used for lighting and cooking. Adult supervision is always advisable when any fires are in use. Fireworks are not allowed. (BH pp. 79-95 and FB pp. 105-119)

[No Personal Firearms at Scouting Activities](#)

The BSA is reinforcing its stance on handguns or other firearms at Scouting activities, with the open or concealed carry of handguns or other firearms.

1. While various state laws may have authorized individual Scouters to legally carry or conceal firearms, they are NOT permitted to carry them while involved in Scouting activities outside of the shooting sports program.
2. This applies to all persons involved in the activity, as the activity should be under the control of an appropriate Scouter. This has not changed.
3. Review the BSA policy in the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) in both the [Shooting Sports section](#) and the [prohibited activity](#) listing.

Activity Planning and Risk Assessment

No organization, including the Boy Scouts of America, can anticipate every possible activity that could be conducted as part of a unit, district, or council event. As such, it is neither the intent nor the desire of the BSA to provide specific guidance on subjects that are not core to the program or part of our literature. For those activities that support the values of the Boy Scouts of America, there are several tools available for participants that will help them plan for a fun and safe tour, activity, or event. Good planning and preparedness prior to executing the activity is key to success. This guide is one of those tools. Other such resources are the Program Hazard Analysis, safety checklists, and the PAUSE card. As you use these tools, reflect on the words of Robert Baden-Powell: *Be Prepared ... the meaning of the motto is that a Scout must prepare himself by previous thinking out and practicing how to act on any accident or emergency so that he is never taken by surprise.*

Program Hazard Analysis

This tool is primarily used for program areas within camps or high-adventure bases. It covers specific risks to the program areas. This tool has a defined way of assessing probability and severity of risks. This tool assesses risks initially, as if there are no protective measures in place, then looks at the risks again with protective measures.

Reference: www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/680-009.pdf

Safety Checklists

These tools are used to inspect a vehicle or a meeting place when you have small events or campouts. Checklists are a “body of knowledge” for running Scouting activities safely. Like an airline pilot who uses a checklist before takeoff, these tools help to make sure critical things are in place in order to conduct a safe Scouting activity. Many safety-related program materials include checklists; Sweet 16 of BSA Safety, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, and Climb on Safely are examples.

Reference: www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/guidelines-policies/

Safety PAUSE

The Safety PAUSE process stresses the importance of a last-minute safety check in the field. By encouraging each Scout or adult leader to pause and reflect on the tasks at hand just before beginning, you have an opportunity to take necessary precautions to prevent any present or potential hazards.

Reference: www.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-046.pdf

Hypothermia

SUMMARY

Hypothermia is an abnormally low body temperature that is dangerous, and potentially fatal if not properly cared for. Hypothermia most often occurs when individuals are exposed to extremely cold temperatures for extended periods of time. However, it can also occur in warmer environments in situations such as wearing wet clothing in windy conditions, becoming chilled from being in the rain for an extended period, or submersion in cold water. Sweating leads to wet clothing, which increases the possibility of becoming chilled. Dressing in layers that are easy to put on or take off will help you to avoid becoming chilled, or becoming too warm and sweating heavily in your clothes. Planning is essential before a trek or outing to make sure you are prepared for possible changes in environmental conditions.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Hypothermia occurs when the body loses heat faster than it can be generated. A person is experiencing hypothermia when the body temperature drops 2 degrees Fahrenheit or more below that individual's normal body temperature. Normal body temperature is usually considered to be 98.6 F (37 degrees Celsius), but many people have a normal body temperature below that level.

Once the body temperature begins to drop, the heart, brain, and other organs start losing the ability to function properly. Left untreated, these vital organs will begin to fail, eventually leading to death. A person experiencing hypothermia often isn't aware of their condition because the onset is gradual and, as hypothermia progresses, they become confused and agitated.

To prevent hypothermia, be aware of your environment and dress accordingly. Cover all exposed skin surfaces possible to help prevent heat loss. Avoid activities and clothing that will cause you to sweat a lot. The combination of wet clothing and cold temperatures will cause more heat loss. Wear multiple layers and stay dry.

Signs/Symptoms of Hypothermia

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- Feeling cold, shivering uncontrollably
- Cool or cold skin on the abdomen, chest, or back
- Presence of the "umbles"
 - Stumbles: loss of control over movement
 - Mumbles: slurred or incoherent speech
 - Fumbles: poor coordination or reaction time
 - Grumbles: change in behavior or attitude
- Fatigue

As hypothermia progresses, the person will exhibit

- Stiff muscles
- No shivering
- Skin that feels ice cold and may appear bluish
- Confusion, agitation, memory loss
- Slow, weak pulse
- Slow, shallow breathing
- Loss of consciousness

What are the risk factors?

- Exhaustion—Lower cold tolerance
- Victims who are very young or old—body's thermoregulation is not at its peak
- Alcohol or drug use—can alter a person's ability to sense a drop in body temperature and keep them from knowing when it's time to get out of the cold or add clothing
- Certain medical conditions—can affect one's ability to regulate body temperature
- Medications—sometimes can affect the ability to regulate body temperature
- Cold, damp weather conditions

Care of Hypothermia

1. Get the victim out of the cold.
2. Remove wet clothing and wrap them up in warm, dry clothes. Add additional layers such as a sleeping bag, blankets, or some form of plastic to hold in body heat.
3. If the victim is conscious and able to swallow, offer warm liquids to drink. DO NOT give alcoholic drinks.
4. Handle them gently. Excessive movements or rough handling can lead to cardiac arrest.
5. Apply warm, dry compresses to the neck, chest, and groin areas. DO NOT apply heat to the arms or legs, as this speeds cold blood back to the heart, lungs, and brain, causing the core temperature to drop even more. This can be fatal.
6. DO NOT apply direct heat as with hot water bottles, a heating pad, or a heating lamp. This extreme heat can cause skin damage, an irregular heart rhythm, or even cardiac arrest.
7. If a person with severe hypothermia who is unconscious seems to not have a pulse or not be breathing, perform CPR. CPR should continue during rewarming. Sometimes, people experiencing hypothermia can be successfully resuscitated.
8. Get emergency care/call 911.

Prevention of Frostbite

- Be aware of the weather conditions you may encounter on your trip.
- Always dress in layers appropriate for the temperature. Make sure that you wear a hat in cold conditions, even while sleeping.
- Limit exposure time when conditions dictate.
- Stay well rested, hydrated, and fed.

- Avoid alcohol.
- Watch for early signs of frostbite in other members of your crew.
- Know your limitations and those of your crew. Don't exceed them.
- Plan your trip based on your entire crew's abilities and preparation, but always have a Plan B just in case.

How does the body lose heat?

- Radiated heat—heat loss through unprotected skin surfaces
- Direct contact—something cold, such as cold water or ground, drawing heat away from the body
- Wind—carries body heat away from the skin surface
- Evaporation—sweat evaporating from the skin's surface, which can cause heat loss

RESOURCES

- *Boy Scout Handbook*—First Aid chapter
- *Wilderness First Aid Emergency Care in Remote Locations* (4th edition), Chapter 15. Jones & Bartlett Learning, 2015.
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention—Hypothermia
- Mayo Clinic—Hypothermia

Aquatics Safety

All swimming activities in Scouting is to be conducted according to the [Safe Swim Defense](#). Any activity using canoes, rafts, sailboats, motorboats, rowboats, tubes, or other watercraft, must follow [Safety Afloat](#) standards.

Transportation

It is essential that adequate, safe, and responsible transportation be used for all Scouting activities. Because most accidents occur within a short distance from home, safety precautions are necessary, even on short trips. All drivers should be familiar with the Driver's Pledge.

Effective September 1, 2015, the use of 15-passenger vans manufactured before 2005 will no longer be allowed in connection with Scouting programs and activities. Any 2005 or later 15-passenger vans may be used if equipped with Electronic Stability Control and seat belts for all passengers including the driver. This applies to all vehicles, regardless of ownership.

Goodwill Ambassadors

Regulations

Upon the arrival at an overnight group campsite, whether a park, Scout camp, youth hostel, military installation, YMCA, YWCA, or college, the tour leader's number one responsibility is to check with the person in charge and request a copy of the rules and regulations. Leaders should familiarize all the members of the group with these rules. Leaders should remind the group that they are ambassadors of goodwill for their community and the Scouting movement. This includes wearing the [Scout uniform properly](#), especially in the public eye.

Souvenirs

Leaders should remind the group that picking up "souvenirs" that are not free or not purchased is theft. Provide them with opportunities to buy small items such as postcards, pennants, or patches. Swapping and patch trading is fine; it can be a means of building friendships. Remember Adults are limited to patch trading with other adults and youth with other youth.

Outdoor Ethics

The terms [Leave no Trace](#) and [Tread Lightly](#) are some of the many terms applied to the type of camping which is the simple extension of good Scout camping. Which all fall under [Outdoor Ethics](#). Fundamental to a successful minimum impact camping program is an educated and dedicated wilderness user. All Units should have a youth who is in the position of [Outdoor Ethics Guide](#).

Outdoor Ethics Guide

- The outdoor ethics guide helps the troop plan and conduct an outdoor program that emphasizes effectively practicing the principles of outdoor ethics.
- The guide works to help Scouts improve their outdoor ethics decision-making skills to minimize impacts as they participate in outdoor activities.
- They support Scouts who are working to complete the relevant requirements for the Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class ranks.

Units should follow these guidelines to help conserve our natural resources. (FB pp. 117-139)

[Leave No Trace Guidelines](#)

Principles of Leave No Trace* The principles of Leave No Trace are a product of the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics. This organization teaches people of all ages how to enjoy the outdoors responsibly and is the most widely accepted outdoor ethics program used on public lands. Adopted in 1993 by the BSA, in its simplest form, Leave No Trace is about making good decisions to protect the world around you—the world we all enjoy. The BSA, a partner of the

Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics since 2005, is one of the organizations that can offer the Leave No Trace Master Educator and Leave No Trace Trainer courses to its members.

Plan Ahead and Prepare

Know the regulations and special concerns for the area you will visit.

Prepare for extreme weather, hazards, and emergencies.

Schedule your trip to avoid times of high use.

Visit in small groups when possible. Consider splitting larger groups into smaller groups.

Repackage food to minimize waste.

Use a map and compass to eliminate the use of marking paint, rock cairns, or flagging.

Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

Durable surfaces include established trails and campsites, rock, gravel, dry grasses, and snow.

Protect riparian areas by camping at least 200 feet from lakes and streams.

Good campsites are found, not made. Altering a site is not necessary.

In popular areas:

- Concentrate use on existing trails and campsites
- Walk single file in the middle of the trail, even when wet or muddy.
- Keep campsites small. Focus activity in areas where vegetation is absent.

Dispose of Waste Properly

Pack it in, pack it out. Inspect your campsite and rest areas for trash, leftover food, and litter.

Deposit solid human waste in catholes dug 6 to 8 inches deep, at least 200 feet from water, camp, and trails. Cover and disguise the cathole when finished.

Pack out toilet paper and hygiene products

To wash yourself or your dishes, carry water 200 feet away from streams or lakes and use small amounts of biodegradable soap. Scatter strained dishwater.

Leave What You Find

Preserve the past: Examine, but do not touch, cultural or historic structures and artifacts.

Leave rocks, plants, and other natural objects as you find them.

Do not build structures or furniture, or dig trenches.

Minimize Campfires

Campfires can cause lasting impacts to the backcountry. Use a lightweight stove for cooking and enjoy a candle lantern for light.

Where fires are permitted, use established fire rings, fire pans, or mound fires.

Keep fires small. Use only sticks from the ground that can be broken by hand.

Burn all wood and coals to ash, put campfires out completely, then scatter cool ashes.

[Respect Wildlife](#)

Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach them.

Never feed animals. Feeding wildlife damages their health, alters, natural behaviors, and exposes them to predators and other dangers.

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 winter.

[Be Considerate of Others](#)

Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience.

Be courteous. Yield to other users on the trail.

Step to the downhill side of the trail when encountering pack stock.

Take breaks and camp away from trails and other visitors.

Let nature's sounds prevail. Avoid loud voices and noises.

Tread Lightly Guidelines

[Tread Lightly!](#) is a national nonprofit organization with a mission to promote responsible outdoor recreation through ethics education and stewardship. Tread Lightly!'s goal is to balance the needs of people who enjoy outdoor recreation with the need to maintain a healthy environment. Initially focused on motorized and mechanized use in the backcountry, Tread Lightly! principles can be applied in all outdoor settings.

T - ravel responsibly

R - espect the rights of others

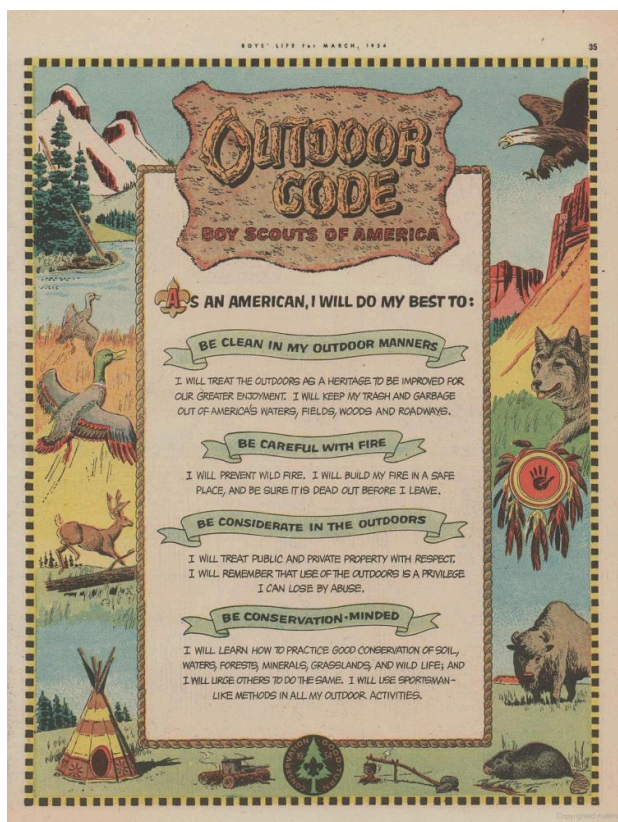
E - ducate yourself

A - void sensitive areas

D - o your part

The BSA especially emphasizes following Tread Lightly! principles with its mechanized and motorized programs such as all-terrain vehicles and motorized watercraft.

The Outdoor Code



The Backpacker's Scout Law

A Scout is...

Trustworthy

The experienced Scout respects the restrictive policies on wilderness usage necessary for the preservation of vital natural resources and observes them with care.

Loyal

The experienced Scout, proud of their troop, conducts themselves on a wilderness trek in such a way that will bring credit to themselves, their troop, and the Scout movement.

Helpful

The experienced Scout looks for opportunities to coach the novice hiker, explain wilderness rules of behavior to those who show little understanding, and assist the hike leader to the best of their ability.

Friendly

The experienced Scout appreciates the wilderness as a pleasant gift to all who experience it, and tries to enhance this experience through the exchange of greetings, amenities, and information with others on the trail.

Courteous

The experienced Scout recognizes the value of harmony and solitude in wilderness camping and employs the consideration for others to ensure a memorable experience for all.

Kind

The experienced Scout understands the delicate balance among the life-support forms that comprise the wilderness and does their best to preserve them.

Obedient

The experienced Scout, aware of the detailed pre-trip planning, training, and preparation, follows their hike leader with assurance and knows better than to hinder and embarrass others with rag-chewing.

Cheerful

The experienced Scout recognizes that from trailhead to trip's end there are certain tasks that must be done, and they accept them willingly as a part of the total experience.

Thrifty

The experienced Scout understands that their food and equipment are limited and costly, but replaceable, while the wilderness, at once rugged yet delicate, is irreplaceable, so they take great care to avoid the waste or destruction of either.

Brave

The experienced Scout appreciates the fact that a wilderness trip will test their stamina and ability, but they are also keenly aware that wilderness use policies will continually test their courage to make the correct decisions rather than taking the easy way out.

Clean

The experienced Scout realizes the importance of personal cleanliness, but more significantly they also realize the importance of clean trail habits and continually endeavors to pack out more than they packed in.

Reverent

The experienced Scout, with each of their senses, recognizes the majesty of the wilderness, and through this magnificence the presence of God's infinite wisdom they are attuned to this splendor and strives for total harmony with their environment.

A Scout is Reverent - [Religious Resources](#)

Scouting activities should be planned with the approval of the parents and the religious leaders and should not interfere with the Scouts' religious obligations. When traveling, leaders should arrange to attend religious services en route or conduct Scout Vespers on the trail.

[Cheerful Service to God - A General Guide to Interfaith Services](#)**[Celebrating Eagles](#)****[Living the Scout Law](#)****[Look in the Mirror](#)****[Thankfulness for America](#)****[Lessons from American Indians](#)****[The Arrow](#)****[Walking with God](#)**

Section 3: Awards

Merit Badges and Youth Awards

Advancing in rank and earning merit badges is another important consideration for the planning of outings. The Boy Scout Handbook and other merit badge pamphlets can be used to see specific requirements for advancement. Some trails have patches or medals available upon their completion; even the smallest award may provide encouragement for Scouts.

[The Historic Trails Program Award](#)

[The 50-Miler Program Award](#)

Section 4: Reference Literature

Books, Websites and other Publications

- *Appalachian Trail Guide to Shenandoah National Park*, Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, 2016, 15th ed.
- *Boy Scout Handbook*, Boy Scouts of America, 2019, 14th ed.
- *Fieldbook*, Boy Scouts of America, 2014, 5th ed.
- [American Red Cross First Aid Manuals and other training manuals](#)
- [Appalachian Trail Conservancy](#)
- [Backpacking in the National Forest Wilderness](#), US Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Washington DC 20250

Contacts for Information

- [American Camping Association](#), 500 State Road 67, North Martinsville, IN 46151-7902
- [Recreation.gov](#)
- [Directory of Historical Societies. American Association for State and Local History](#), 30 Bromley Road Pittsford, NY 14534
- [Directory of National Wildlife Refuges](#), US Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Washington, DC 20240
- [Potomac Appalachian Trail Club](#), 1718 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036 or 118 Park St., SE, Vienna, VA 22180 (703)242-0315 for info, (703)242-0965 for hikes
- [National Park Service](#), Box 37127, Washington DC 20013-7127
- [National Park Find a park](#)
- [Virginia Tourism Corporation](#), 901 E. Cary St., Suite 900, Richmond, VA 23219

Maps

- [USGS Store](#)
- [Appalachian Trail Conservancy](#)

Section 5: Camping Locations

National High Adventure Bases

1. [FLORIDA NATIONAL HIGH ADVENTURE SEA BASE](#)

73800 Overseas Highway, Islamorada, FL 33036
(305) 664-4173

In the heart of the fabulous Florida Keys, on a sub-tropical island, 75 miles south of Miami, you'll find SEA BASE, home of the Florida National High Adventure program The Sea Base is scouting's most complete aquatic facility offering sailing, motor boating, canoeing, deep sea fishing, SCUBA diving, lobstering, and beach combing You can explore the vast ecosystem of the Florida Keys and get a fish-eye view of oceanography and marine biology



2. [NORTHERN TIER NATIONAL HIGH ADVENTURE PROGRAMS](#)

PO Box 509, Ely, Minnesota 55731
(218) 365-4811

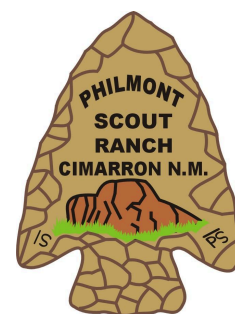
Come with Northern Tier on an unforgettable journey through the heart and soul of our CANOE COUNTRY. From May through September, Northern Tier takes pride in offering Scouts the world's best canoeing You'll explore the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (Minnesota) and Quetico Provincial Park (Ontario) by canoe, stopping along its shores to fish these pristine waters then set up camp and sleep under the stars December through March. The OKPIK winter camping program provides an introduction to the other side of the beautiful northwoods OKPIK features snow camping, skiing, snowshoeing, and winter ecology



3. [PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH](#)

17 Deer Run Rd, Cimarron, NM 87714
(575) 376-2281

Explore the Philmont high country on a 7 day or 12-day BACKPACKING EXPEDITION and other adventures. Experience the thrill of climbing mountains over two miles high. Learn technical rock climbing, archeological excavation techniques, and blacksmithing. Relieve the by-gone days of the Old West as you ride a western saddle horse, learn the ways of the mountain men, pack burros, and pan for gold in a clear mountain stream. Discover the wonder of Scouting's Paradise as over 500,000 Scouts, Explorers, and leaders have since 1938.



4. SUMMIT BECHTEL RESERVE HIGH ADVENTURE BASE

2550 Jack Furst Dr, Glen Jean, WV 25846

(304) 465-2800

Situated in the wilds of West Virginia, The Summit Bechtel Reserve is a training, Scouting, and adventure center for the millions of youth and adults involved in the Boy Scouts of America and anyone who loves the outdoors. The Summit Bechtel Reserve is also home to the National Scout Jamboree and the Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base. The 24th World Scout Jamboree took place at the Summit.



Facts on Virginia

Location: Roughly triangular in shape, Virginia is a South Atlantic state, bound by the Atlantic Ocean, Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and North Carolina. The Old Dominion has 112 miles of Atlantic Ocean coastline and 230 miles of Chesapeake Bay coastline.

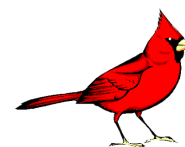


Area: Virginia has a surface area of 40,817 square miles. This includes 1037 square miles of inland waters, but excludes the Chesapeake Bay. Virginia is 36th in size among the 50 states.

Climate: Generally moderate, the climate in Virginia ranges from mild to hot in the summer, and, from moderate in the east and south, to very cold in the mountainous regions in the winter. Average rainfall 42"; average annual snowfall is 20". The year round average temperature is 57 degrees. Seasonally, the temperature average for the summer is in the 80's, and for winter, the 40's.

State Flower: The American Dogwood (*Cornus florida*) became Virginia's state flower in 1918. Adorning the state with a magnificent cape of white and pink blossoms each spring, the dogwoods are in full bloom around May 1.

State Bird: The Cardinal (*Richmondena cardinalis*) was designated Virginia's official state bird in 1950. This brilliantly colored bird was known as the "Virginia Nightingale" in 18th Century England.



Divisions: The State is divided into five main geographic regions: Southwestern Virginia, the Shenandoah Valley, Northern Virginia, Central Virginia, and the Tidewater Region. The camping locations are classified according to these regions under the following headings: Commercial Campgrounds, Virginia State Parks, National and Regional Parks, and Scout BSA Camps.

Commercial Campgrounds

The following list of 72 campgrounds are privately owned areas that are often used by vacationers. These sites are often equipped for RV's and may have cabins or other quarters. Some of these areas have special group rates and camping areas. Few have isolated primitive sites, but tents can be used. It is recommended that contacts be made with these campgrounds well in advance for reservations and complete details on fees.

Southwest Virginia

5. [BREAKS INTERSTATE PARK CAMPGROUND](#)

627 Commission Circle, Breaks, VA 24607; Phone: (276) 865-4413 x3201 or 3202
122 Sites-109E-93W-36S. Nature Trail, store; Playground, swimming area, boating, fishing, dump station, LP Gas, Pets allowed on Leash, Laundry. Open: Apr. 1-Oct. 31.

6. [FORT CHISWELL RV CAMPGROUND, INC.-GOOD SAM PARK](#)

312 Fort Chiswell Rd, Max Meadows, VA 24360; Phone: (276) 637-6868
88 Sites. Heated Pool; Cable TV, Dump Station; Playground; Trout Pond; 12,000 Sq Ft Pav with 165 Tables; Store; Pets allowed on Leash; Game Room; Laundry. Open: Year Round.

7. [GATEWOOD PARK](#)

200 Campground Rd, Pulaski, VA 24301; Phone: (540) 230-2023
400 acres of mountain land with a 162 acre lake surrounded by Jefferson National Forest. 40 Sites-40E-40W. Nature Trail; Store; Playground; Fishing: Boating: Dump Station; Pets allowed on Leash. Open: 1st wknd in Apr. to last wknd in Oct.

8. **INTERSTATE OVERNIGHT PARK**

Christiansburg, 24073 2705 Roanoke St. 30 mi W of Roanoke; 1/2 mi. E of Exit 118,1-81; On US 11 & 460, look for signs. Phone: (703)382-1554.25 Sites-25E-25W-25S. Reservations Accepted, Swimming: Boating, Fishing, Dump Station, LP Gas, Pets on Leash, Laundry. Open: Year Round.

9. LEE HIGHWAY CAMPGROUND

Bristol, 24203 2671 Lee Hwy PO Box 607. Behind Helms Plaza on Lee Hwy, in city limits of Bristol, VA, off 1-81 b/w Exits 3 & 4. Phone: (703)669-3616 or (703)669-2612. 19 Sites-19E-19W-19S. Dump Station, Pets allowed on Leash, Reservations Accepted, store, Fishing. LP Gas, Laundry. Open: Year Round.

10. WYTHEVILLE KOA

231 KOA Rd, Wytheville, VA 24382; Phone: (276) 228-2601
103 Sites-82E-82W-285 Nature Trail, Reservations Accepted, Recreational Building, Store, Playground; Swimming, Fishing; Dump Station, LP Gas, Pets on Leash, Laundry Open: Year Round.

Shenandoah Valley

11. CANDY HILL CAMPGROUND

165 Ward Ave, Winchester, VA 22602; Phone: (540) 662-8010 / (800) 462-0545
100 Sites-100W-100E-53S. Nature Trail, Reservations Accepted, Recreation Building, Dump Station, Swimming, Fishing, Store; Playground, LP Gas, Laundry. Open: Year Round (Full Service Mar-Oct).

12. THE COVE CAMPGROUND

980 Cove Rd, Gore, VA 22637; Phone: (540) 858-2882
125 Sites-20E. Nature Trail, Reservations Accepted, Playground, Swimming, Fishing, Boating, Dump Station, Pets allowed on Leash, Picnic Shelter; Volleyball; Target Ranges. Open: Apr. 18-Nov. 29, weekends only in off season.

13. ENDLESS CAVERNS CAMPGROUNDS

1800 Endless Caverns Rd, New Market, VA 22844; Phone: (540) 896-2283
100 Sites-100E-23W. Reservations accepted; playground; swimming, boating, fishing; Dump Station; LP gas; Pets on leash; Ice; laundry. Open: Year Round Self Contained

14. LURAY KOA

Front Royal, 22630 PO Box 274 S 340; 1 mi. S of N entrance to Skyline Dr. Phone: (703)635-2741; (800)248-0828. 150 Sites-100E-100W-100S. nature trail; recreation building; playground, boating; dump station, Pets on Leash; reservation Accepted; Store; swimming; Fishing; LP Gas; Laundry; Mini Golf; Waterslide; Hot Tub. Open: Mar. 1-Nov. 15.

15. JAMES RIVER RECREATION AREA

Natural Bridge Station, 24579. PO Box 266. 4.5 mi. E of Natural Bridge: Take Rt 759 from Rt. 130 across James River & left on 782 to campground. Phone: (703)291-2727. 150 Sites-150W-150E-80S. Nature Trail; Reservation Accepted; Recreation Building; Store; Playground; Swimming; boating; Fishing, Dump Station, LP Gas; Laundry. Open: Jan-Dec.

16. [NATURAL CHIMNEYS REGIONAL PARK](#)

94 Natural Chimneys Ln, Mt. Solon, VA 22843; Phone: (540) 350-2510
120 Sites-120E-120W. Dump Station; Swimming; Playground, Showers, Hiking & Biking trails; Pets on Leash. Open: Mar. 1 - Oct. 31, Nov.-Feb. Self Contained w/o Water

17. [ORKNEY SPRINGS CAMPGROUND](#)

Orkney Springs, 22845 H C 65, Box 1. T-81 to Mt. Jackson Exit 273, E on Rt. 292 to Rt. 11; Right (S) on Rt. 1] to Rt. 263; Turn Right (W) on Rt. 263 for 12 mi. to Orkney Springs: At Post Office Turn Left on Rt. 610 for 2/10 mí, Campground on Left. Phone: (703)856-2585. 30 Sites-24E-24W-15S. Nature Trail; Reservation Accepted; Recreation Building, Store; Playground; Swimming; Boating, fishing, Dump Station; LP Gas, Pets on Leash; Laundry. Open: Year Round

18. TWIN RIVERS CAMPGROUND

203 Riverside Dr Front Royal, VA 22630. PO Box 1541 Phone: (703) 636-5887

19. [SHENANDOAH ACRES FAMILY RESORT](#)

348 Lake Rd, Stuarts Draft, VA 24477; Phone: (540) 337-CAMP
150 Sites-100E-100W. Nature Trail; Reservation Accepted; Recreation Building; Store, Playground; Swimming; Boating, Fishing, Dump Station; LP Gas, laundry. Open: Mar. 15-Nov. 15.

20. [HARRISONBURG/SHENANDOAH VALLEY KOA](#)

12480 Mountain Valley Rd, Broadway, VA 22815; Phone: (540) 896-8929 / (800) 562-5406
150 Sites-132E-132W-349. Reservation Accepted Recreation Building; Store; Playground, Swimming; Fishing; Dump Station, LP Gas; Pets on Leash, Laundry. Open: Mar. 15- Nov. 1.

21. [STOKESVILLE PARK](#)

464 Stokesville Rd. Mt. Solon, VA 22843; Phone: (540) 421-4957
88 Sites-54E-38W-17S. Nature Trail; Reservation Accepted; Store; pavement; Playground; Boating; Swimming; Fishing, Dump Station; LP Gas; Pets on Leash, Laundry. Open: Year Round.

22. [WALNUT HILLS CAMPGROUND](#)

484 Walnut Hills Rd, Staunton, VA 24401; Phone: (540) 337-3920

125 Sites-108E-108W-35S. Reservation Accepted; Recreation Building; Store; Playground; Swimming; Fishing, Dump Station; LP Gas, Pets on Leash; Nature Trail; Laundry. Open: Feb. 15 - Dec. 1.

23. WILDWOOD CAMPGROUND

Naola, 24574. Rt. 2, Box 400. On VA Scenic Byway Rt. 130 b/w Natural Bridge and Lynchburg 1-81 to Exit 217 W to US 11; S on US 11 to Rt. 655; turn left. From Natural Bridge, 13 mi. E on Rt. 130 E. Phone: (804) 299-5228. 75 Sites-58E-58W-27S. Nature Trail; Recreation Building(2); Reservation Accepted, Playground; Swimming, Store; Boating, Stocked Lake Fishing; Dump Station; LP Gas, Pets on Leash; Laundry Open: Year Round.

24. YOGI BEAR'S JELLYSTONE PARK CAMP RESORT

Luray, 22835. PO Box 191. B/w Luray Caverns & Skyline Dr on US 211. Phone: (703)743-4002
180 Sites. 113E-113W-45S. Nature Trail; Recreation Building; Playground; Boating, Dump Station; Pets on Leash; Reservation Accepted; Store, Swimming, Fishing, LP Gas; Laundry Open: Mar. 15-Nov. 15.

Northern Virginia

25. [AQUIA PINES CAMPGROUND](#)

3071 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Stafford, VA 22554; Phone: (540) 659-3447
120 Sites-104E-104W-54S. Swimming; Store, Playground, LP Gas, Recreation Room; Pavement; Mini Golf. Open: Year Round.

26. [BULL RUN REGIONAL PARK](#)

7700 Bull Run Dr, Centreville, VA 20121; Phone: (703) 631-0550
150 Sites-90E. Swimming, Store; Showers, Laundry, Dump Station, Playground; Nature Trail; Reservation Accepted; Frisbee, Trap & Sporting Clay Courses, Indoor Archery Range, Mini Golf, Picnic Shelters & Tables. Open: Mid Mar. to Nov. 30.

27. [FREDERICKSBURG/WASHINGTON D.C. SOUTH KOA](#)

7400 Brookside Ln, Fredericksburg, VA 22408-8856; Phone: (540) 898-7252 / (800) 562-1889
115 Sites-63W-63E-31S. Nature Trail; Reservation Accepted; Boating; Dump Station; LP Gas; Laundry, Swimming; Store; Playground; Fishing, Recreation Room; Pavement; Kamping Cabins, Laundry; Guided Tours and Shuttles to Washington, DC Open: Year Round.

28. [HILLWOOD CAMPING PARK](#)

14280 Gardner Manor Place Gainesville, VA 20155; Phone: (703) 754-6105
135 Sites-135E-135W-135S. Nature Trl*, Recreation Building; Playground, Store; Pets on Leash; Reservation Accepted; Swimming; Fishing, LP Gas; Laundry. Open: Year Round.

29. LEE HALL FARM CAMPSITES

Hague, 22469. PO Box 81. From Fredericksburg or 301 take Rt. 3 E thru Montross, then 202 E to the campground. Phone: (804)472-2742. 56 Sites-48E-48W. Nature Trail; Reservation Accepted; Recreation Building, Store, Playground; Swimming, Boating; Fishing(fresh water); Dump Station; Pets on Leash; Laundry. Open: Apr. 1 - Oct. 31.

30. MONROE BAY CAMPGROUND

1412 Monroe Bay Circle, Colonial Beach, VA 22443; Phone: (804) 224-7418
240 Sites-240E-240W-95S. Nature Trail; Playground; Store; Swimming; Boating, Fishing, Dump Station; LP Gas, Pets on Leash Laundry Open: Apr. 1-Oct. 1.

31. POHICK BAY REGIONAL PARK

6501 Pohick Bay Dr, Lorton, VA 22079; Phone: (703) 339-6104
150 Sites-100E. Nature Trail, Store, Swimming, Boating, Fishing; Dump Station, Pets on Leash; 18 Hole Golf Course, Mini & Frisbee Golf, Laundry. Open: Year Round.

32. PRINCE WILLIAM TRAVEL TRAILER VILLAGE

16058 Dumfries Road, Dumfries, VA 22025; Phone: (703) 221-2474 / (888) 737-5730
80 Sites-80E-72W-29S. Nature Trail; Playground; Dump Station, Pets on Leash; Reservation Accepted; Swimming; LP Gas, Laundry. Open: Year Round

33. YOGI BEAR'S JELLYSTONE PARK

Haymarket, 22069. 14004 Shelter Ln. 35 mi. W of Washington, DC From 1-66, Exit 40; go 4 mi. Non US 15. right on 234 for 100 yd.; left on Shelter Ln (Rt. 601) 1.3 mi. Phone: (703)734-7944.
175 Sites-125W-125E-20S. Recreation Building, Playground; Dump Station; Pets on Leash; Reservation Accepted: Store: Swimming, Fishing: LP Gas, Laundry. Open: Year Round, Winter Facilities Limited,

Central Virginia

34. AMELIA FAMILY CAMPGROUND

9720 Military Rd, Amelia Court House, VA 23002; Phone: (804) 561-3011
75 Sites-65W-65E-35\$. Nature Trail; Store: Recreation Building: Fishing; Reservation Accepted: Playground; Swimming; Boating; Dump Station(2); LP Gas, Pets on Leash; Laundry Open: Year Round.

35. AMERICAMPS, RICHMOND-NORTH "BEST HOLIDAY TRAV-L-PARK"

11322 Air Park Rd, Ashland, VA 23005; Phone: (804) 798-5298
145 Sites-115E-115W-95S. Store; Reservation Accepted; Recreation Building, Playground; Swimming; LP Gas, Dump Station; Pets on Leash; Laundry. Open: Year Round.

36. BOWLING GREEN CAMPGROUND

1960 Three Springs Rd, Bowling Green, KY 42104; Phone: (270) 843-1919 / (800) 562-2458

100 Sites-80W-80E-27S. Store; LP Gas, Laundry, Snack Bar, Recreation room, Playground, Lounge; Camper Cabins, Swimming, Boating, Fishing, Trailer Rentals, Activities, Mini Golf. Open: Year Round.

37. CHARLOTTESVILLE YOGI BEAR'S JELLYSTONE PARK

Greenwood, 22943. Rt. 1, Box 275. 1/2 mi W of 1-64 on Rt 250; Crozet Exit 107; 13 mi. W of Charlottesville: 7 mi. E of Skyline Dr. Phone: (703)456-6409.95 Sites-90E-90W-30S. Reservation Accepted; Recreation Building; Store; Swimming; Dump Station; Metered LP Gas; Pets on Leash, Laundry; Travel Trailer Rental; Senior Discount; Original Activities. Open Year Round

38. CHARLOTTESVILLE KOA

3825 Red Hill Rd, Charlottesville, VA 22903; Phone: (434) 296-9881 / (434) 296-9881
90 Sites-50E-65W-25S Nature Trail; Reservation Accepted; Recreation Building; Store; Playground; Swimming; Boating; Fishing; Dump Station; LP Gas, Pets on Leash; Camping Cabins; Laundry. Open : Mar 15- Nov. 15.

39. CHICKAHOMINY RECREATIONAL PARK

Lanexa, 23089. 13501 Campground Rd. From Richmond, T-64 E to Exit 214: Rt. 155 S to Rt. 60 E Follow Signs. From VA Beach; 1-64 W to Exit 227 Rt. 30 S to Rt. 60 W Follow Signs. Phone: (804)966-2582.350 Sites-250E-300W-50S. Nature Trail; Reservation Accepted; Recreation Building; Store; Playground, Swimming; Boating, Fishing; Dump Station, LP Gas, Pets on Leash; Laundry; Horseback riding. Open: Mar. 1- Dec. 1 (Self Contained Year Round).

40. CHRISTOPHER RUN CAMPGROUND

6478 Zachary Taylor Hwy, Mineral, VA 23117; Phone: (540) 894-4744
200 Sites-180E-180W-100S. Nature Trail, Recreation Building, Playground, Dump Station; Boating; Pets on Leash; Reservation Accepted, Store; Swimming; Fishing; LP Gas; Camper Cabins; Horseback Riding; Gas Tanks on Water; Boat Ramps, Golf Nearby, Bluegrass Festivals, Laundry. Open: Apr. 1-Oct. 31.

41. COZY ACRES CAMPGROUND

2177 Ridge Road, Powhatan, Virginia 23139; Phone: (804) 598-2470
75 Sites-75E-75W-28S. Nature Trail, Reservation Accepted, Recreation Building; Store; Playground, Swimming, Fishing, Dump Station; Pets on Leash; Laundry. Open: Apr. 1 - Dec. 1. Reservation Accepted: Store; Swimming.

42. PARAMOUNT'S KINGS DOMINION CAMPGROUND

Doswell, 23047 Rt 2, Box 57. Rt 30 at 1-95, Exit 98 Host Campground of Paramount's Kings Dominion Theme Park. Phone: (804)876-5355. 240 Sites-200E-200W-945. Nature Trail; Recreation Building; Playground; Reservation Accepted; Store; Swimming, Dump Station; LP Gas; Pets on Leash; Laundry. Open: Mar. 1-Oct. 16.

43. [PICTURE LAKE CAMPGROUND](#)

7818 Boydton Plank Rd, Petersburg, VA 23803; Phone: (804) 861-0174
 175 Sites-175E-175W-100S. Nature Trail; Reservation Accepted; Swimming; Store; LP Gas; 2
 Pavement; Recreation Room; Laundry; Pets on Leash; Dump Station, Playground, Fishing;
 Boating. Open: Year Round.

44. [SHENANDOAH HILLS CAMPGROUND](#)

110 Campground Lane, Madison, VA 22727; Phone: (540) 948-4186
 90 Sites-E-W-S. Nature Trail; Reservation Accepted; Recreation Building, Store, Playground,
 Swimming; Boating, Fishing, Dump Station, LP Gas, Pets on Leash; Laundry. Open: Year
 Round.

45. [SMALL COUNTRY CAMPGROUND](#)

4400 Byrd Mill Road, Louisa VA 23093; Phone: (540) 967-2431
 155 Sites-65W-65E-75S. Nature Trail; Reservation Accepted; 25 Acre Lake; Pavement;
 Swimming; Playground. Ballfields, Hayrides, Animal Area: Dump Station(2), LP Gas, Laundry,
 Fishing, Store; weekend Entertainment. Open: Year Round.

46. [WOODBOURNE KOA KAMPGROUND](#)

New Kent, 23124 Rt. 1, Box 120 From Richmond & 1-95 Take 1-64 E to Bottom's Bridge (Exit
 205), then VA 249 E 4 mi. to SR 612, N 4 mi. to SR 606 & 619. Phone: (804)932-4776. 135
 Sites-125W-125E-13S. Swimming; Store; Playground, Nature Trail; Recreation Room, Laundry;
 Camper Cabin. Open: Mar. 15-Nov. 15.

47. [YOGI BEAR'S JELLYSTONE PARK-APPOMATTOX](#)

Appomattox, 24522. PO Box 478 On Rt. 460, 6 mi. W of Appomattox or 9 mi. E of Lynchburg.
 Phone: (804)993-3332. 117 Sites-109W-90E-33S. Reservation Accepted; Recreation Building;
 Playground; Paddle & Row Boating; Dump Station, Pets on Leash; Store; Swimming; Fishing,
 LP Gas, Laundry. Open: Year Round.

48. [YOGI BEAR'S JELLYSTONE PARK-EMPORIA](#)

2940 Sussex Drive, Emporia, VA 23847; Phone: (434) 634-3115 / (800) 545-4248
 85 Sites-75E-75W-43S Reservation Accepted; Recreation Building; Store; Playground,
 Swimming; Dump Station; LP Gas; Pets on Leash; Laundry. Open: Year Round

Tidewater Region**49. [ANVIL CAMPGROUND](#)**

5243 Mooretown Road, Williamsburg, VA 2318; Phone: (757) 565-2300
 65 Sites-51E-51W-35S. Nature trail, Recreation Building; Playground; Boating; Dump Station;
 Pets on Leash; Reservation Accepted; Store; Swimming; Fishing; LP Gas, Laundry. Open: Year
 Round.

50. [BEST HOLIDAY TRAV-L-PARK](#)

1075 General Booth Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA 23451; Phone: (757) 425-5117
 1000 Sites-700E-1000W-170S. Nature Trail; Reservation Accepted; Recreation Building;
 Store(3); Playground (6); Swimming: Boating; Fishing; Dump Station; LP Gas, Pets on Leash;
 Laundry. Open: Year Round.

51. [CHERRYSTONE FAMILY CAMPING RESORT](#)

1511 Townfield Drive, Cape Charles, VA 23310; Phone: (757) 331-3063
 704 Sites-636W-636E-353S. 3 Pools, Reservation Accepted; Camping Cabins, Trailer & Tent
 Rentals; Store, Playground, Nature Trail; LP Gas, Boating, Fishing, Recreation Room, Laundry.
 Open: Year Round.

52. COLONIAL CAMPGROUND

Williamsburg, 23188. 4712 Lightfoot Road. 1-64 W to Exit 234B & 1-64 E to Exit 234. 206
 Sites-1896-189E-61S. Recreation Building: Playground; Boating; Dump Station, Pets on Leash,
 Reservation Accepted; Store: Swimming: Fishing: LP Gas, Laundry. Open: Year Round.

53. THE CROSS RIP LTD.

Deltaville, 23043. Box 362. Phone: (804)776-932442 Sites-22W-22E, Reservation Accepted;
 Laundry; LP Gas, Pets on Leash, Dump Station; Camper Cabins, Swimming; Fishing, Boating.
 Open: May-Sep.

54. [DAVIS LAKES AND CAMPGROUND](#)

200 Byrd Street, Suffolk, VA 23434; Phone: (757) 539-1191
 275 Sites-225W-225E-1625 Nature Trail; Recreation Building, Reservation Accepted,
 Swimming; Playground; Boating, Dump Station, Pets on Leash, Store, Fishing; LP Gas; Laundry
 Open: Year Round

55. DAVIS MOBILE HOME AND RV PARK

Newport News, 23605 5991 Jefferson Ave. 1-64, Exit 263 on 258 to Jefferson Ave; Left; 3/10 mi.
 on Right. Phone: (804)244-5030. 44 Sites-E-W-S. Full Hook-ups; 28 Ft. Average Width: Some
 Shaded Paved Roads, Self Contained Units Only, No Tents; Pay Phone; Reservation Accepted;
 Laundry; Dump Station; LP Gas, Pets on Leash, swimming, Boating; Fishing. Open: Year
 Round

56. FIRST SETTLER'S CAMPGROUND OF WILLIAMSBURG

Williamsburg, 23187 PO Box 3507 3 mi from Williamsburg on SR 31. Phone: (804)229-4900.
 200 Sites-165E-165W-72S. Nature Trail: Reservation Accepted: Recreation Building, Store:
 Playground; Swimming, Boating; Fishing: Dump Station; Pets on Leash; Laundry. Open: Apr. 1
 Nov.

57. [INDIAN COVE RESORT](#)

1053 Sandbridge Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456; Phone: (757) 426-2601
 379 Sites-379E-379W-280S. Nature Trail; Boating; Swimming; Fishing; Recreation Building,
 Store; Playground; Dump Station; Pets on Leash; LP Gas, Laundry. Open: Year Round. *
 Private Campground, Membership Only.

58. JAMESTOWN BEACH CAMPSITES

Williamsburg, 23187 PO Box CB Intersection of Rt. 31 S and 614. 3.5 mi from Williamsburg,
 directly across from Jamestown Festival Park on James River. 10 Min. to Historic Area & Busch
 Gardens. Phone: (804)229-7609, Reservation: (800)446-9228. 600 Sites-400E-400W-400S.
 Wooded Sites; Nature Trail: Reservation Accepted; Recreation Building, Playground,
 Swimming; Boating; Fishing, Dump Station; LP Gas; Pets on Leash; Laundry. Open: Year
 Round.

59. KIN KAIT CAMPGROUND

Williamsburg, 23188, 559 Rochambeau Dr. 5 mi. W of Williamsburg on T-64 & Lightfoot Exit
 (234A going W; 234 going E), then 137 E 1/4 mi. on Rochambeau Dr. Phone: (804)565-2010.
 50 Sites-20E-20W-14S. Nature Trail; Reservation Accepted; Playground, Store; Swimming;
 Boating, Fishing, Dump Station, LP Gas; Pets on Leash; Laundry. Open: Mar. 15. Nov. 15.

60. NEW POINT CAMPGROUND

846 Sand Bank Rd, New Point, VA 23125; Phone: (877) 681-9597
 275 Sites-275E-275W-275S. Pool; Store; Playground; Nature Trail; Planned Activities; LP Gas;
 Gas for Boats, Boating; Fishing, Recreation Room; Laundry, Mini Golf, Church Services. Open:
 Apr. 1- Oct. 31.

61. NEWPORT NEWS PARK CAMPSITES

2400 Washington Ave, Newport News, VA 23607; Phone: (757) 888-3333 / (800) 203-8322
 188 Sites-149E-77W. 40 mi. of Nature Trail: Reservation Accepted: 5.10; Recreation Building,
 Store, Playground, Swimming; Boating, Fishing, Dump Station; LP Gas, Pets on Leash;
 Laundry. Open: Year Round.

62. NORTHWEST RIVER PARK

1733 Indian Creek Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23322; Phone: (757) 382-6411
 763 acres of woods & marshes b/w Northwest River. Indian Creek and Smith Creek with a lake
 and ponds. 72 Sites-44E-8W. Nature Trail(6 mi.); Store (Ltd.); Playground; Boating, Fishing,
 Dump Station; Pets on Leash; Laundry. Open: Year Round.

63. OUTDOOR WORLD WILLIAMSBURG

4301 Rochambeau Dr, Williamsburg, VA 23188; Phone: (877) 570-2267
 186 Sites-185E-185W-1055. Nature Trail; Recreation Building, Store, Playground, Swimming;
 Boating; Fishing, Laundry; Indoor/Outdoor Pool; Jacuzzi; Weight Rm. Open: Year Round private
 Campground, Membership Only

64. [PORTSMOUTH SLEEPY HOLE PARK](#)

Suffolk, 23435 4700 Sleepy Hole Rd Off Hwy 17 near Godwin Bridge. Follow Hwy, signs to Portsmouth Park. 50 Sites-22W-22E. Nature Trail: Playground: Boating: Dump Station; Pets on Leash; Swimming, Fishing; LP Gas, Laundry. Open: Year Round.

65. [RIVERSIDE CAMP NO. 2](#)

715 Riverside Dr, Lanexa, VA 23089; Phone: (804) 966-5536
33 Sites-33E-33W-28S. Store, Recreation Room: Swimming: Boating: Fishing. Open: Apr. 1-Oct. 31.

66. [SILVER BEACH CAMPING](#)

Jamesville, 23398 PO Box 55 30 mi N of Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel on Rt 13 or 72 mi. S of Salisbury. MD. on Rt. 13. 8 mi. W on Rt. 183 from Exmore. VA Phone: (804)442-6107: (800)253-0546, 150 Sites-50W-50E-155. Reservation Accepted; Nature Trail, Playground, Boating, Dump Station, Pets on Leash; Swimming; Fishing: LP Gas. Open: Apr. 1- Nov. 1.

67. [SURFSIDE AT SANDBRIDGE](#)

3665 Sandpiper Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456; Phone: (757) 721-2020
175 Sites-175E (20 to 30 Amps)-175W(Free Pump Station). Nature Trail; Recreation Building: Playground: Boating; Dump Station; Pets on Leash; Reservation Accepted, Store: Swimming; Fishing: LP Gas; Laundry. Open: Apr. 1- Oct. 31.

68. [TOM'S COVE PARK](#)

PO Box 122, 8128 Beebe Rd, Chincoteague, VA 23336; Phone: (757) 336-6498
900 Sites-800E-800W-400S. Reservation Accepted w/ deposit; Recreation Building, Store, Playground; Swimming; Boating; Fishing; Dump Station, LP Gas; Pets on Leash; Laundry. Open: Feb. 1- Nov. 30.

69. [VIRGINIA BEACH CAMPGROUND KOA](#)

1240 General Booth Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA 23451; Phone: (757) 428-1444 / (800) 562-4150
450 Sites-325E-400W. Reservation Accepted: Recreation Building: Store, Playground; Swimming; Boating, Fishing, Dump Station, LP Gas, Pets on Leash; Laundry. Open: Mar. 1 - Nov. 30.

70. [WILLIAMSBURG KOA KAMPGROUND](#)

4000 Newman Road, Williamsburg, VA 23188; Phone: (757) 565-2907 / (800) 562-1733
150 Sites-140E-140W-56S. Nature Trail, Reservation Accepted;
Recreation Building; Store, Swimming; Boating: Fishing, Dump Station, Metered LP Gas, Pets on Leash, Laundry. Playground, Free Van Service, Heated Pool, Camping Cabins with A/C & Heat. Open: Mar. 1 - Nov. Ts.

Bordering Virginia

71. [CHERRY HILL PARK](#)

9800 Cherry Hill Road, College Park, MD 20740; Phone: (301) 937-7116
400 Sites-330E-330W-330S. Reservation Accepted; Recreation Building; Store; Playground, Dump Station; Pets on Leash; Fishing; Swimming; LP Gas; Laundry. Open: Year Round.

Virginia State Parks

The following is a listing of 37 State Parks and other State Areas 18 of the parks have campgrounds (not all primitive) and additional information is listed accordingly. Calls should be made for directions, fees, and reservations.



Southwest Virginia

1. [BREAKS INTERSTATE PARK](#)

627 Commission Circle, Breaks, VA 24607; Phone: (276) 865-4413 x3201 x3202
SC, Dump Station, Shower; picnic, hiking Trail, Nature Trail, Swimming; Boating, Fishing, Rental Horses, V Cent. Open: Apr. 30- TBA

2. [CLAYTOR LAKE STATE PARK](#)

6620 Ben H. Bolen Dr, Dublin, VA 24084; Phone: (540) 643-2500
SC, Dump Station, Shower; picnic, hiking Trail, Nature Trail, Swimming; Boating, Fishing, Rental Horses, V Cent. Open: Apr. 30- TBA

3. [FAIRY STONE STATE PARK](#)

967 Fairystone Lake Dr, Stuart, VA 24171; Phone: (276) 930-2424
SC, Dump Station, Shower; picnic, hiking Trail, Nature Trail, Swimming; Boating, Fishing, Rental Horses, V Cent. Open: Apr. 30- TBA

4. [GRAYSON HIGHLANDS STATE PARK](#)

829 Grayson Highland Ln, Mouth of Wilson, VA 24363; Phone: (276) 579-7092
SC, Dump Station, Shower; Picnic, Hiking Trail, Nature Trail; Fishing, Store; V Cent. Open: May 21-TBA

5. [HUNGRY MOTHER STATE PARK](#)

2854 Park Blvd, Marion, VA 24354; Phone: (276) 781-7400
SC, Dump Station; Shower; Picnic; Hiking Trail; Nature Trail, Swimming; Boating, Fishing, Rental Horses, V Cent. Open: May 21. TBA

6. [NATURAL TUNNEL STATE PARK](#)

1420 Natural Tunnel Pkwy, Duffield, VA 24244; Phone: (276) 940-2674
 SC, Dump Station, Shower, Picnic, Hiking Trail; Nature Trail; Swimming (pool); fishing; V Cent
 Open: May 21- TBA

7. [WILDERNESS ROAD STATE PARK](#)

8051 Wilderness Rd, Ewing, VA 24248; Phone: (276) 445-3065
 PC (hike in); Picnic, Hiking Trail; Nature Trail; Fishing; V Cent; environmental Ed Center. Open:
 Primitive year round

8. [NEW RIVER TRAIL STATE PARK](#)

116 Orphanage Dr, Max Meadows, VA 24360; Phone: (276) 699-6778
 SC, Dump Station; Shower; Picnic; Hiking Trail; Nature Trail, Swimming; Boating, Fishing,
 Rental Horses, V Cent. Open: May 21. TBA

Shenandoah Valley**9. [DOUTHAT STATE PARK](#)**

14239 Douthat State Park Rd, Millboro, VA 24460; Phone: (540) 862-8100
 SC; Dump Station; Shower, Picnic; Hiking Trail; Nature Trail, Swimming; Boating, Fishing, Store;
 V Cent, Environmental Ed Center Open: Mar 13- TBA

10. [GOSHEN PASS NATURAL AREA PRESERVE \(DOUTHAT\)](#)

The preserve borders the northeast bank of the Maury River where it runs through Goshen Pass. State Route 39 is on the opposite side of the Maury. The southernmost corner of the preserve is about 2.5 miles northwest of Rockbridge Baths. To reach the trailhead parking area near the northwest corner of the preserve take I-81 to I-64 (exit 191) near Lexington. Go 0.5 mile to Route 11 north (Exit 55). Bear right at the end of the ramp onto Route 11 and go 0.1 mile to the first traffic light. Turn left onto State Route 39 west. Go 15.4 miles and turn right on the gravel road that leads into the parking area. This gravel road is unmarked and is 1.7 miles north of the VDOT rest area near the middle of Goshen Pass.

(540) 265-5234 / (804) 786-7951

Northern Virginia**11. [SKY MEADOWS STATE PARK](#)**

11012 Edmonds Ln, Delaplane, VA 20144; Phone: (540) 592-3556
 PC (hike in); Picnic, Hiking Trail; Nature Trail; Fishing; V Cent; environmental Ed Center. Open:
 Primitive year round

12. [LEESYLVANIA STATE PARK](#)

2001 Daniel K. Ludwig Dr, Woodbridge, VA 22191; Phone: (703) 730-8205

SC, Dump Station, Swimming; Boating; Fishing; V Cent. Open: May 21

13. [LAKE ANNA STATE PARK](#)

6800 Lawyers Rd, Spotsylvania, VA 22551; Phone: (540) 854-5503

SC, Dump Station; Shower, Picnic; Hiking Trail; Swimming; Boating; Fishing; V Cent. Open: May 21

14. [SHENANDOAH RIVER STATE PARK](#)

350 Daughter of Stars Dr, Bentonville, VA 22610; Phone: (540) 622-6840

SC, Dump Station; Picnic; Hiking Trail; Swimming; Boating; Fishing; V Cent. Open: May 21

15. [SEVEN BENDS STATE PARK](#)

2111 South Hollingsworth Road, Woodstock, VA 22664; Phone: (540) 622-6840

SC, Dump Station; Picnic; Hiking Trail; Swimming; Boating; Fishing; V Cent. Open: May 21

16. [MASON NECK STATE PARK](#)

7301 High Point Rd, Lorton, VA 22079; Phone: (703) 339-2385

SC, Dump Station; Picnic; Hiking Trail; Swimming; Boating; Fishing; V Cent. Open: May 21

17. [WIDEWATER STATE PARK](#)

101 Widewater State Park Road, Stafford, VA 22554; Phone: (540) 288-1400

SC, Dump Station; Picnic; Boating; Fishing; V Cent. Open: May 21

Central Virginia/Southern Virginia

18. [BEAR CREEK LAKE STATE PARK](#)

22 Bear Creek Lake Rd, Cumberland, VA 23040; Phone: (804) 492-4410

SC, Dump Station; Shower; Picnic, Hiking Trail, Nature Trail, Swimming, Boating; Fishing Open: May 21- TBA

19. [HOLLIDAY LAKE STATE PARK](#)

2759 State Park Rd, Appomattox, VA 24522; Phone: (434) 248-6308

SC, Dump Station; Shower, Picnic; Hiking Trail; Swimming; Boating; Fishing; V Cent. Open: May 21- TBA

20. [OCCONEECHEE STATE PARK](#)

1192 Occoneechee Park Rd, Clarksville, VA 23927; Phone: (434) 374-2210

SC; Dump Station; Picnic, Hiking Trail; Boating, Fishing Open: Apr. 30- TBA

21. [POCAHONTAS STATE PARK](#)

10301 State Park Rd, Chesterfield, VA 23832; Phone: (804) 796-4255

SC; Dump Station, Shower, Picnic, Hiking Trail: Boating, Fishing. V Cent Open: Apr 30- TBA

22. SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE STATE PARK

1235 State Park Rd, Huddleston, VA 24104; Phone: (540) 297-6066

PC; Dump Station; Picnic; Hiking Trail; Nature Trail, Swimming, Boating: Fishing, V Cent Open: Mar 21- TBA

23. STAUNTON RIVER STATE PARK

1170 Staunton Trail, Scottsburg, VA 24589; Phone: (434) 572-4623

SC, Dump Station, Shower; Picnic, Hiking Trail; Nature Trail, Swimming (pool); Boating; Fishing; Store; V Cent Open: Mar 21- TBA

24. TWIN LAKES STATE PARK

788 Twin Lakes Rd, Green Bay, VA 23942; Phone: (434) 392-3435

SC; Dump Station, Shower, Hiking Trail, Bike Trail; Nature Trail; Swimming; Boating, Fishing Open Mar. 28-TBA

Tidewater Region

25. CHIPPOKES PLANTATION STATE PARK

695 Chippokes Park Rd, Surry, VA 23883; Phone: (757) 294-3728

SC; Dump Station; Shower; Picnic; Hiking Trail, Bike Trail; Swimming, Fishing Open: Apr. 3- TBA

26. FALSE CAPE STATE PARK

(757)426-7128. PC (hike in); Hiking Trail, Bike Trail; Nature Trail; Fishing, Environmental Ed Center. Open: Primitive year round

27. KIPTOPEKE STATE PARK

3540 Kiptopeke Dr, Cape Charles, VA 23310; Phone: (757) 331-2267

(757)331-2267. SC; Dump Station; Shower; Picnic; Hiking Trail, Bike Trail; Swimming, Fishing Open: Apr. 3- TBA

28. WESTMORELAND STATE PARK

(804)493-8821 SC; Dump Station; Shower, Picnic; Hiking Trail, Nature Trail, Swimming (pool); Boating, Fishing, Store; V Cent; Open: Apr 30- TBA

29. YORK RIVER STATE PARK

(757)566-3036 SC; Dump Station; Shower; Picnic; Hiking Trail, Bike Trail; Swimming, Fishing Open: Apr. 3- TBA

National and Regional Parks

Information about each National Park campground can be received by calling the numbers listed. Primitive camping in the backcountry in some areas is by permit only. There are no fees for permits, which may be obtained at the park entrance, but it is better to get them in advance. Camping in standard camping sites often requires reservations. Park fees and use of open fires should be confirmed before planning the trip.

Southwest Virginia

1. [CUMBERLAND GAP NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK](#)

91 Bartlett Park Rd, Middlesboro, KY 40965; Phone: (606) 248-2817

By reservation ONLY, Bike Trail, Hiking Trail, Picnic, Showers, V Cent.

2. [JEFFERSON NATIONAL FOREST](#)

-CAVE SPRINGS REC AREA (703)328-2931

-HIGH KNOB REC AREA (703)328-2931

-MOUNT ROGERS REC AREA (703)783-5196

-NORTH FORK OF POUND REC AREA (703)328-2931

-WHITE ROCKS REC AREA (703)552-4641

Shenandoah Valley

3. [BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY](#)

199 Hemphill Knob Rd, Asheville, NC 28803; Phone: (828) 348-3400

-ROANOKE MOUNTAIN (703)982-6490

4. [GEORGE WASHINGTON NATIONAL FOREST](#)

P.O. Box 233, Harrisonburg 22801 (703)433-2491 Reservation avail, Fishing, Hiking Trail,

Picnic, Nature Trail, Shower, Swimming, V Cent

-CAMP ROOSEVELT REC AREA (703)984-4101

-ELIZABETH FURNACE REC AREA (703)984-4101

-HIDDEN VALLEY REC AREA (703)839-2521

-HONE QUARRY REC AREA (703)828-2591

-LAKE MOOMAW NORTH REC AREA (703)839-2521

-LAKE MOOMAW SOUTH REC AREA (703)926-2214

-SHERANDO LAKE REC AREA (703)261-6105

-TODD LAKE REC AREA (703)828-2591

5. [GRAND CAVERNS REGIONAL PARK](#)

5 Grand Caverns Dr, Grottoes, VA 24441

Phone: (703) 249-5705



Pool, Hiking Trail, Cycling Trail, Fishing, Picnic Areas, Shelters.

6. [JEFFERSON NATIONAL FOREST](#)

210 Franklin Rd, SW Roanoke 24001

Phone: (703) 982-6270, (800) 446-9670

705,000 acres of Camping, Hiking Trail, Fishing, Hunting.

-CAVE MTG REC AREA (804)291-2188

7. [NATURAL CHIMNEYS REGIONAL PARK](#)

94 Natural Chimneys Lane, Mt. Solon, VA 22843

Phone: (703) 350-2510

Picnic shelters, Pavilions, Swimming Pool.

(540)245-5727, (540) 350-2510 (seasonal)



8. [SKYLINE DRIVE / SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK](#)

Rte 4, Box 348, Luray (703) 999-2266 C, Fishing, Hiking Trail, Picnic, V Cent.

Backcountry permits required (write for one)

-BIG MEADOWS LODGE (540)999-2266

-DICKEY RIDGE VISITOR CENTER (540)999-2243

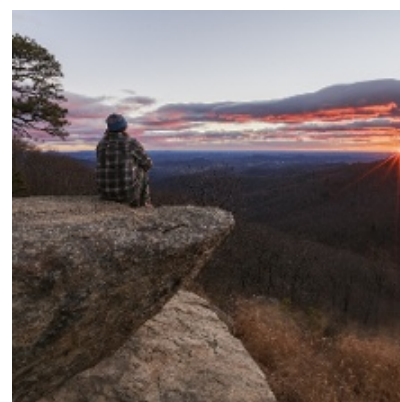
-LEWIS MOUNTAIN REC AREA (540)999-2243

-LOFT MOUNTAIN REC AREA (540)999-2243

-MATHEWS ARM REC AREA (540)999-2243

-PANORAMA (540)999-2265

-SKYLAND LODGE (540)999-2211



Northern Virginia

9. [BULL RUN REGIONAL PARK](#)

7770 Centreville Rd, Centreville 22020

(703) 631-0550

Campground, Trails, Swimming (pool), skeet, trap, sporting clays, indoor archery

10. [OCCOQUAN REGIONAL PARK](#)

(703) 690-2121

11. [POHICK BAY REGIONAL PARK](#)

6510 Gunston Rd, Lorton 22079

(703) 339-6104

Campground, golf, sailboat rentals

12. [PRINCE WILLIAM NATIONAL FOREST & PARK](#)

P.O. Box 209, Triangle 22172

(703) 221-7181

Camping, Bike Trail, Fishing, Hiking Trail, Picnic, V Center. Backcountry permits required.

13. [CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK](#)

P.O. Box 4, Sharpsburg, MD 21782

(301) 739-4200

Camping along towpath, Hiking, Biking, Canoeing, Picnic, Fishing, V Center.

Central Virginia

14. [APPOMATTOX COURTHOUSE NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK](#)

(804) 352-8987

15. [RICHMOND NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK](#)

(804) 226-1981

16. [BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY](#)

2551 Mountain View Rd, Vinton 24179

(703) 982-6213 Camping, Fishing, Hiking Trail, Picnic, V Center.

-OTTER CREEK REC AREA (804)299-5941

-PEAKS OF OTTER LODGE (703)586-1081

Tidewater Region

17. [GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHPLACE NATIONAL MONUMENT](#)

1732 Popes Creek Rd, Colonial Beach, VA 22443

(804) 224-1732 x227

18. [JAMESTOWN-COLONIAL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK](#)

P.O. Box 210, Yorktown, VA 23690

(757) 898-3400

19. [YORKTOWN-COLONIAL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK](#)

P.O. Box 210, Yorktown, VA 23690

(757) 898-3400

20. [ASSATEAGUE ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE](#)

7206 National Seashore Ln, Berlin, MD 21811

(410) 641-1441

Camping, Backcountry Hike or Canoe in, Hiking Trail, V Cent. Open May 15-Sept 30

21. [CHINCOTEAGUE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE](#)

(804)336-6122

Scout BSA Camps

Most councils operate their own camps for short and long term camping and will accept reservations from Troops outside their areas on a space available basis. Arrangements should be made in writing before the planned trip.

Southwest Virginia

1. [BLUE RIDGE SCOUT RESERVATION](#)

Blue Ridge Mountain Council
P.O. Box 7606, Roanoke, VA 24019
(703) 265-0656



Shenandoah Valley

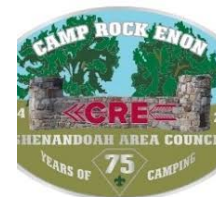
2. [CAMP SHENANDOAH](#)

Stonewall Jackson Area Council
P.O. Box 813, Waynesboro, VA 22980
(703) 943-6675



3. [CAMP ROCK ENON](#)

107 Youth Development Ct, Winchester, VA 22602
(703) 662-2551



Central Virginia

4. [HEART OF VIRGINIA SCOUT RESERVATION](#)

The Heart of Virginia Council Scout Reservation is located in Goochland County, VA, and consists of 710 acres of forested land with three lakes. The Scout Reservation is divided into three different camps - Camp T. Brady Saunders (the week long summer camp) and Camp S. Douglas Fleet (the weekend or short term camp and day activity camp in the summer), The Cub Scout Adventure Camp - our Cub Scout Resident Camp. These three camps share many facilities by design, but they are distinctively different by program use. Campsites and camp canoes can be rented out - click [here](#) to reserve camp or canoes. Heart of VA Council Scout Reservation 1699 Maidens Rd, Maidens, VA 23102-9704



Bordering Virginia

6. CAMP KOOTAGA

(Parkersburg Area) Allohak Area Council
79 Camp Kootaga Rd. Walker, WV 26180 (304) 628-3766



7. CAMP BARNHARDT

Central North Carolina Council
P.O. Box 250, Albemarle, NC 28002 (704) 982-0141



8. BROAD CREEK MEMORIAL SCOUT RESERVATION

Baltimore Area Council
701 Wyman Park Drive, Baltimore, MD 21222-2899
(301) 338-1700
Susquehanna River Trek, C.O.P.E., Science and Energy Camp,
Fishing, Aquatics (3 pools), shooting sports, merit badges, etc.



9. CAMP POTOMAC

Potomac Council, P.O. Box 212, Cumberland, MD 21501-0212
(301) 729-1300
First year camper programs, merit badges, aquatics, shooting sports, rock climbing/rappelling, horseback riding, mountain biking



10. RODNEY SCOUT RESERVATION

Del-Mar-Va
801 Washington St, Wilmington, DE 19801
(302) 652-3741



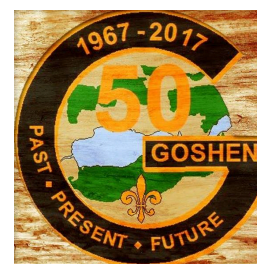
11. SINOQUIPE SCOUT RESERVATION

Mason Dixon Council
1200 Crestwood Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21742-2133
(301) 739-1211



12. GOSHEN SCOUT RESERVATION

National Capital Area Council
340 Millard Burke Memorial Hwy
Goshen, VA 24439
(301) 530-9360
First year camper program, merit badges, aquatics, shooting sports,
Science and Energy camp, C.O.P.E., river tubing, hikes, canoeing,
Lenhok'sin High Adventure (caving, rock climbing, kayaking)



Specific Camping Locations

These locations may be on Scout Camp property, in State Parks, or in National Forests which are already mentioned in the Guide. However, the Specified Camping Locations have more exact information about the location and use of the camping area.

Central Virginia

1. [CAMP T BRADY SAUNDERS](#) + [CAMP S. DOUGLAS FLEET](#) + [CUB ADVENTURE CAMP](#)

1723 Maidens Rd., Maidens, VA 23102

(804) 355-4306

Reservations: <https://campreservation.com/602/Camps>

Setting: Wooded area (share 720 acres with Camp T. Brady Saunders)

Season: May 31-Sept 1 use under limitations by Summer Camp (make prior arrangements with the Program Director)

Facilities:

> [Camp S Douglas Fleet](#) - Primitive Camping, Shot Gun Range, Rifle Range, Archery Range, Climbing Tower, High Low Ropes Course (Project COPE), and Aquatics Area (Swimming)

> [Camp T Brady Saunders](#) - STEM Center, Waterfront (iceberg climbing wall), Fishing Dock, Handicraft, Outdoor Skills, Ecology Building, Wet Willy Water Slide, Gaga Pit, Shooting Sports Area, C.O.P.E. Course, Disc Golf Course

> [Cub Adventure Camp](#) - Fort, Campfire Amphitheater, Handicraft Building, Nature Lodge, Castle Pool, BMX course, Mine Shaft, Archery Range, Rock Throwing Range, Aspen Wall

Water Availability: yes (picnic area, ranger house)

Latrines: yes with water if weather permits

Fireplaces: no, but open fires allowed

Firewood: yes, deadfall

Shelters: one large open picnic shelter

Miles from Richmond: about 27

Topographic Maps: Perkinsville Quadrangle

2. [CAMP EAGLE POINT \(BUGGS ISLAND\)](#)

3984 Taylor Ferry Rd., Boynton, VA 23917

(804) 355-4306

Reservations: <https://campreservation.com/602/Camps>

Setting: 120 acre wooded area on Kerr Reservoir, Mecklenburg County

Season: All Year (Both Short-Term and Long-Term over 48 hours)

Facilities:



-Camping Area 1: on eastern point, C, one picnic shelter, two latrines, up to 4 units, vehicle access

-Camping Area 2: middle point, C, one picnic shelter, no latrines, two units, vehicle access

-Amphitheater near sites 1 and 2, waterfront access, swim

Water Availability: yes at public boat launch just beyond entrance

Topographic Maps: on Tungsten Quadrangle, Boydton Quad and John H Kerr Dam Quad useful

3. **ALBRIGHT SCOUT RESERVATION**

11301 Trents Bridge Rd., Chesterfield, VA 23838

(804) 355-4306

Reservations: [Click here](#)

Setting: 568 acre wooded area on Council-owned land in Chesterfield County on Lake Chesdin

Season: All year round for short term camping

Facilities: Primitive Camping, Fishing, Waterfront area, vehicle access

Water Availability: yes, pump near fence

Latrines: Seven operating latrines (2 more are currently under construction)

Fireplaces: Only in existing fireplaces

Firewood: yes, deadfall

Shelters: Yes (Shelters at selected campsites and other locations must be reserved)

Topographic Maps: Sutherland Quadrangle



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Leader's Guide - Contact the Heart of Council Leadership Center to obtain a current copy. Call 804-355-4306.

[Heart of Virginia Our Steps in Time Historical Hike](#)

