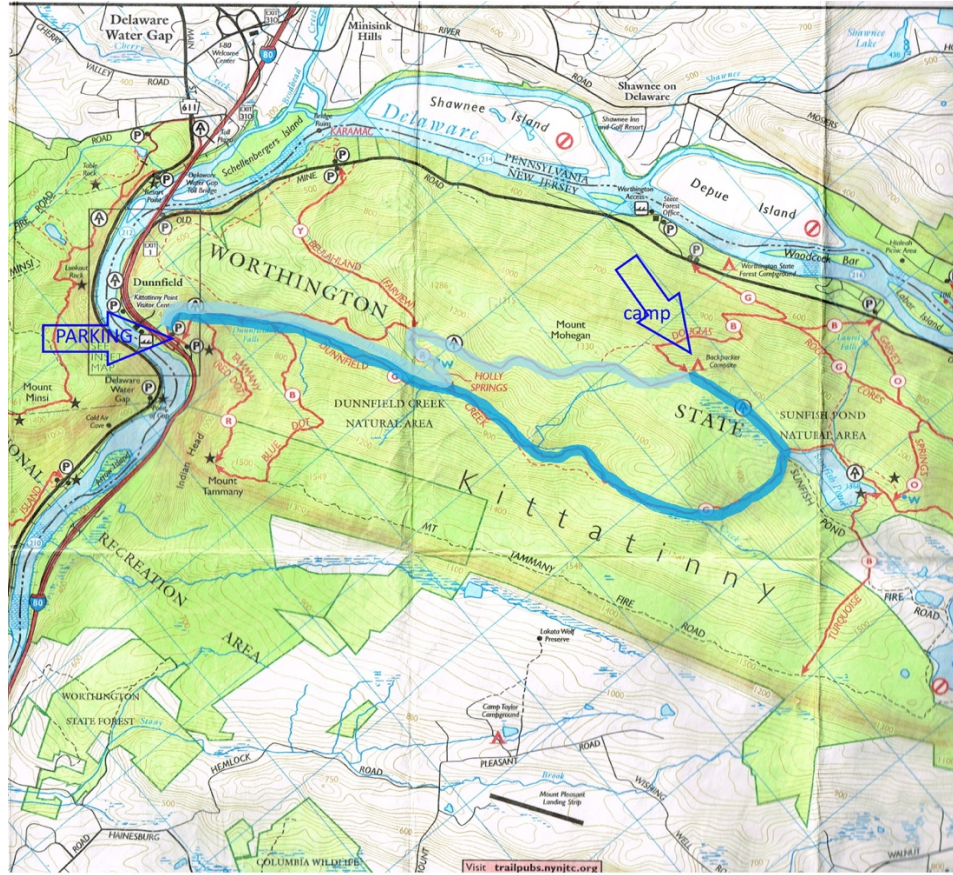




DELAWARE WATER GAP BACKPACKING TRIP

Trip Overview: We will be backpacking the Delaware Water Gap area on the Dunnfield Creek Trail.



This packet contains a lot of detailed information. Please take your time to read and understand it and review it with your scout.

This trip is good for 1st time backpackers as well as experienced hikers. This trip has two short days of backpacking.

The trip is limited to 25 persons.

Family members only are permitted to share a tent. Others must tent solo. Our smaller backpacking tents have a “light set” of footprint, frame and fly (minus inner tent) to save weight.

Food will be pre-purchased “Mountain House” freeze dried dinners. All other food (2 lunches, 1 breakfast and snacks) are to be brought from home. Since we will be boiling water, instant oatmeal and/or hot chocolate are definitely an option for breakfast.

We will provide “pocket rocket” stoves and pots that hold 2 cups of water to help reduce weight.

Water purification tablets only will be used to prevent sharing of filters and water bottles.

Gear Pickup will be the weekend before the trip. Gear return will be two weeks after. A written “Requisition Form” will be used so that Quartermasters can organize and distribute gear with minimal contact.

Temperatures and COVID-19 screening will be taken daily. Activities will be aborted if anyone develops symptoms or is notified that they have a potential infected contact.

Pack check will be in the parking lot at Dunnfield Creek Trail Parking Lot (I-80 W, Columbia, NJ 07832). Overflow parking is available across the highway (Old Mine Rd, Columbia, NJ 07832). Excess/heavy gear will be returned to cars.

Adult family members or older siblings who were scouts are encouraged to join the trip. They must register with the troop. Do it online at <https://beascout.scouting.org/>

Adults (over 18) attending must take the brief “youth protection training” course on-line at <https://training.scouting.org/home>

Departure: Saturday, October 23rd, 2021 at 7:00am from the P.I.T. parking lot

Return: Sunday, October 24th, 2021 approximately 3:00 – 5:00pm at the P.I.T. Parking lot.

Cost: \$30 per person

Make checks payable to: Rose Valley Troop 272, BSA

What to Bring: *See Backpacking Gear List*

What to Wear: *See Backpacking Gear List*

Daily Itinerary: Saturday, October 23rd:

7:00 AM Meet early at PIT parking lot for COVID-19 screening.

7:30 AM Depart for Delaware Water Gap, Dunnfield Creek Trail (Parking Lot at I-80 W, Columbia, NJ 07832). Overflow parking is available across the highway (Old Mine Road, Columbia, NJ 07832)

9:30 AM. Arrive Delaware Water Gap. Pack check and announcements.

10:00 AM Walk to Appalachian Trail/ Dunnfield Creek Trail Head.

10:30 AM Hike Dunnfield Creek, Holly Springs and Appalachian Trails (AT) to Backpacker Campsite near Sunfish Pond. Approx. 3.5 miles, steep climbing, rough and rocky terrain.

12:00 PM Lunch on the trail (bring from home).

3:00 PM Arrive at campsite, set up camp.

3:30 PM Explore Sunfish Pond and environs, get water, and free time.

5:00 PM Cook Dinner. Sunset (6:07pm).

7:00 PM Faux Campfire (fires not allowed in this area).

8:00 PM Free time.

10:00 PM Lights out, All quiet.

Sunday, October 24th:

7:00 AM Wake up, sunrise (7:20am) and cook Breakfast.

9:00 AM Break camp

9:30 AM Depart Campsite, hike down AT to trail head approx. 3.5 miles (rugged, steep)

1:00 PM Depart Dunnfield Creek Trail (parking) for home

- Important Notes:**
1. Average nighttime temperatures of 30 – 40 degrees for this location for mid-November are only an average and could go down lower, especially since we are camping on a mountain top.
 2. A 3-Season sleeping bag rated to 30-degrees is **REQUIRED**, not a summer (55-degree) bag. Sign one out from the Quartermaster if you do not have one. 3-Season rated sleeping bags are **REQUIRED**.
 3. We are wilderness camping overnight. We will be carrying our food, stoves, clothing and camping gear.
 4. The Scoutmaster and/or Assistant Scoutmaster in charge of the trip reserve the right to cancel the trip or alter the itinerary depending on weather, trail conditions or other safety factors. You will be informed via a Troop Update e-blast.

Questions: Contact ASPL Bennett McManus at 610 207-5212, or
ASM Russ Johnson at 914 417-5476

Emergencies: Russ Johnson can be contacted at any time during the trip on his/her cell phone: 914 417-5476 (if no answer, leave a message)

**PERMISSION SLIP & MONEY ARE DUE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17TH
(no exceptions due to the need to reserve canoes)**

**THE TRIP PLANNING MEETING WILL OCCUR ON SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 17TH LOCATION TBD 7:00PM
(attendance is required for all participants)**

Backpacking Gear List

CLOTHING

- Body: Dress in layers 1) Wicking shirt (Under Armor) near the skin, 2) Polypropylene (not cotton), sweat shirt or hoodie, 3) Fleece or insulated jacket for standing around the campsite, 4) Outer rainproof coat (REQUIRED!!!).
- Pants: Scout pants or convertible pants (zip-off legs) of nylon, polyester or microfiber. Cotton pants are NOT ALLOWED as they are cold and heavy when wet. Bring poly-pro long-johns for extra insulation if we get true winter weather.
- Boots: Over-the-ankle boots are REQUIRED. Terrain will be very rocky. Extra socks.
- Hats: Baseball cap for day, knitted watch cap (beanie) or hood for night; light weight mittens or gloves.
- For night: Change into dry clothing such as long johns or a sweat suit to sleep.

PERSONAL GEAR

- Headlamp (LED) and smaller LED flashlight (backup) and spare batteries.
- Personal first aid kit, fire starting kit (for emergencies only).
- Water bottles (**two** that hold 1-liter or 1-quart each) or hydration bladder (such as Camelback).
- Mess kit and pocketknife: an insulated commuter cup with lid is useful for cold weather.
- Personal medicines, toiletries.
- A **roll of toilet paper** (partly used one to save space & weight).
- Ziploc baggies & trash bags to keep everything sorted and dry.
- Day pack for the day hike on Saturday.

CAMPING GEAR

- Backpack **
- 30-degree 3-Season rated sleeping bag REQUIRED!!!!**
- Foam pad (ABSOLUTELY needed for cold weather camping) **
- Your part of a tent **, your part of a lightweight stove/cooking kit **
- Pack cover. If no pack cover, make one from a large black trash bag.

OPTIONAL

- Trekking poles, compass, small binoculars.
- Sneakers for the drive, but do not forget your BOOTS.
- Water filter (life straw). No sharing due to COVID. Purification tablets will be provided.

DO NOT BRING

- Electronic devices other than cellphone or camera
- Axe, hatchet, saw, machete, sheath knives.
- Camp chairs, hammocks, or anything else that adds unnecessary weight.
- Pillow: Use your stuff sack and extra clothes as a pillow. TRAVEL LIGHT.

**Items can be signed out from the Troop Quartermaster if you do not own them.

ROSE VALLEY TROOP 272, BSA
Parental Permission
Delaware River Canoe Camping Trip

Trip Destination: Delaware Water Gap Backpacking Trip

Dates: October 23rd – 24th, 2021

PARENT'S CONSENT AND AGREEMENT

I hereby grant permission for my son, _____ to participate in the above indicated trip. I agree that if, in the proper judgment of the adult leaders, my son is not acting in accordance with the promise below, that I will be responsible for removing him from the trip.

I hereby grant permission to the adult leaders to provide any medical care to the above-mentioned Scout from 10/23/2021 to 10/24/2021 that they deem necessary and proper in the case of an emergency. Also, I understand that I will be contacted at the earliest convenient time.

This document shall also serve as authority for any hospital and/or health care provider to render medical treatment to the above named Scout should treatment be deemed necessary by the medical staff of the facility or the adult leaders on the trip. I/We further agree to be completely responsible for any bills or payments that occur in providing medical care.

Parent's Signature _____

SCOUT'S PROMISE

While on the above-mentioned trip, I promise to behave in a safe and responsible manner and to adhere to the Scout Law and Outdoor Code. I acknowledge that my parent(s) will be called to remove me from the trip if I do not keep this promise.

Scout's Signature _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN ATTENDANCE AND TRANSPORT

_____ plans on attending and can transport _____ Scouts and their gear, have read the Troop's Chaperone Policy and will abide by it during the entire trip.

- By checking this box, I affirm that my BSA Youth Protection training and all required PA state background checks and clearances are current.

Signed _____

SCOUT INSURANCE INFORMATION

*****ONLY IF CHANGED*****

Name _____

Medical Insurance Company _____

Policy # _____ Group # _____

Emergency Contact: Name & phone # _____

Name & phone # _____

Please list any medication(s) that the Scout is currently taking and any allergies: