

Where To Go Camping Guide

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To the Scouts and Scouters of Chickasaw Council:

The Order of the Arrow was founded upon certain principles that we still uphold today. One of those principles was to promote camping throughout our local units. To do this, we have created a “Where to Go Camping” guide for your units.

Inside this guide, you will find many resources that we have gathered for you. We have found many places where you can go for the weekend, or even for a week to spend camping. With each camp/state park, we have listed the facilities that the corresponding camp offers. At the back of the guide, you will also find a list of websites to aid in your decision.

Camping is one of the most influential things you can offer a young scout to allow them to experience the outdoors. Not every scout will be able to go to a high adventure base, but hopefully they will be able to go camping.

Yours in Service,

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Tennessee

State Parks

Big Hill Pond State Park

This 5,009-acre park allows the visitor to get a more personal understanding of nature and man's interaction with it. Within the park are campsites, backpacking trails, picnic sites and a visitor's center. For all you anglers, the park includes McNatt Fishing Lake and a cypress-lined pond created during the construction of the Memphis-Charleston Railroad.

The park is located on State Highway 57 on the junction of the Tuscumbia and Hatchie state Scenic River.

Route 1, Box 150 C Pocahontas, TN 38061 (901) 645-7967

Chickasaw State Park

Chickasaw State park is situated on some of the highest terrain in west Tennessee. Chickasaw offers 13 cabins complete with fireplaces, 110 campsites, hiking trails, and a swimming beach on the shores of Lake Placid. Also, fishermen of all ages enjoy the fishing in a lake with large amounts of bass and bluegill.

The park is located 18 miles South of Jackson, Tennessee on State Highway 100.

20 Cabin Lane Henderson, TN 38340 (901) 989-5141

Cedars of Lebanon State Park

Do not come here looking for the sweet smell of the cedar because it is actually a juniper forest, but at Cedars of Lebanon, you will not be disappointed as the park contains 831 acres of "intensive" recreation.

The park is well equipped with 119 campsites, most of which have electric and water hookups. Many picnic tables are throughout the camp as well as an Olympic size swimming pool, hiking trails, and the Merritt Nature Center

The park is located south of I-40 on U.S. Highway 231. 328 Cedar Forest Rd.

Lebanon, TN 37090-7678 (618) 443-2769



Fall Creek Falls State Park

Fall Creek Falls is Tennessee's second largest state park covering 16,000 acres. The popular park's attractions are largely scenic with deep-cut river gorges, old-growth forests, and four waterfalls. At 256 feet, Fall Creek Falls is one of America's highest.

Although there are developed campgrounds, campers have the option of backpacking 13 miles to two backcountry sites. There is good fishing and canoeing but visitors must rent a park canoe. Bikers have the use of a three-mile trail and there are some good rock climbs in the park.

The park is located off State Highway 111, and Highway 30.

Route 3, Box 300 Pikeville, TN 37367
(615) 881-3297

Fort Pillow State Historic Park

This historic wilderness area was once the site of a Civil War battle and the fortifications built by Confederate soldiers under the command of Col. Patrick R. Cleburne still exist. There are many challenging and information packed trails throughout the park and a nice waterfront for fishing.

The park is off U.S. Highway 51 and west on State Highway 87.

Route 2, Box 109 A Henning, TN 38041
(901) 738-5581

Land Between the Lakes

If your Unit is looking for an action packed weekend, Land Between the Lakes is the perfect place to go. Besides the plethora of campgrounds, there are boating, a Wrangler's Campground with wagon trails and backcountry wildlife viewing, over 200 miles of rustic trails and roads, a working 19th Century farm called The Homeplace-1850, a planetarium, and some of the World's best fishing.

Land Between the Lakes is located 200 miles Northeast of Memphis off Highway 79.

100 Van Morgan Drive Golden Pond,
KY 42211-9001 (502) 924-5602

Meeman-Shelby Forrest State Park

If you live in the Memphis area, Meeman-Shelby Forest is a convenient place for an action-packed camp out. With cabins, 50 campsites, 20 miles of hiking trails, and the ever-popular primitive camp, your unit should always have something to do.

Year-round fishing is available on the 125-acre Poplar Tree Lake.

The park is located 13 miles North of Memphis near Millington off U.S. Highway 51.

Route 3 Millington, TN 38053 (901)
876-5125

Montgomery Bell State Park

Traces of the iron industry that was once within the boundaries of Montgomery Bell still exist today, though quiet and abandoned. There are 120 campsites, 8 cabins, three fishing lakes, and about 19 miles of foot trails. The park also has an 11.7-mile overnight hiking trail with three overnight camping shelters along the way.

The park is located North of I-40 on U.S. 70. P.O. Box 39

Burns, TN 37029 (615) 797-3101

Mousetail Landing State Park

This 1,249-acre area on the east bank of the Tennessee River is rich in opportunity, but not rich with people. Mousetail has many campsites, a backpacking trail with shelters, and provides an excellent opportunity to canoe on the Buffalo River.

The park is located on State Highway 50. P.O. Box 280B

Linden, TN 37096 (901) 847-0841

For more information on
Tennessee Parks:

<http://tnstateparks.com>

Natchez Trace State Park

Natchez Trace is inside Tennessee's largest state forest, the 48,000-acre Natchez Trace State Forest. It is a popular park among units in our council partly because of its four lakes, 45 miles of hiking trails with backpacking opportunities, and wrangler camp facilities.

The park is located South of I-40 halfway between Nashville and Memphis.

On I-40 Route 1, Box 265 Wildersville, TN 38388 (901) 968-8176

Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park

Overlooking the site of the Civil War battlefield of Johnsonville, the 741-foot Pilot Knob, the 2,587-acre park's most prominent point, offers a spectacular view of the western valley of the Tennessee River. The park has facilities for swimming, hiking, and fishing.

Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park is located north of I-40 near Camden on State Highway 191

Star Route Eva, TN 38333 (901) 584-6356

Paris Landing State Park

There are not many better places to work on the Golf Merit Badge than Paris Landing's 18-hole championship golf course.

The park is located on the west shore of the Kentucky Lake and fishing, boating, and water sports are very popular here.

The park is located on U.S. 79 just past Paris. On U.S. Highway 79, Route 1 Buchanan, TN 38222 (901) 642-4311

Pickwick Landing State Park

This place has it all, excellent fishing, a challenging golf course, a full service marina, and 48 campsites.

If you are not feeling so rustic, then you can rent one of the ten two-bedroom deluxe cabins overlooking the picturesque Pickwick Lake.

There are also public swimming areas, many picnic tables and shelters, and a wide variety of recreation activities including volleyball, badminton, archery, and horseshoes.

The park is located at the intersection of State Routes 57 and 128 in Hardin County. It is 13 miles south of Savannah, TN and 20 miles northeast of Corinth, MS.

Reelfoot Lake State Park

What year was that war? Oh yeah, 1812. That was also when a series of severe earthquakes created Reelfoot Lake. Large areas submerged and one of those sinkholes filled with water. You can enjoy the natural beauty of the lake on a three-hour guided boat tour, or by walking the Cyprus Boardwalk nature trail that takes visitors over the lake to view the snakes and blue herons in the swampy areas. This area is also known for its population of bald eagles. The park is fully stocked with 114 campsites.

The park is located on State Highway 21 north of Memphis.

Superintendent's Office Tiptonville, TN 38079 (901) 253-7756

T.O. Fuller State Park

This is a perfect place for an easy close-to-home camping trip for those who live around the Memphis Area. Located only 11 miles from downtown Memphis, this 384-acre park is equipped with an 18-hole golf course, a swimming pool, picnicking areas, and campsites.

T.O. Fuller is west of U.S. Highway 61 near Interstates 40 and 55.

1500 Mitchell Road West Memphis, TN 38109 (901) 543-7581

TENNESSEE NATIONAL PARKS

Shiloh National Military Park

This Park was established in 1894 to preserve the scene of the first major battle in the Western theater of the Civil War. The two-day battle, April 6 and 7, 1862, involved about 65,000 Union and 44,000 Confederate troops. This battle resulted in nearly 24,000 killed, wounded, and missing. It proved to be a decisive victory for the federal forces when they advanced on and seized control of the Confederate railway system at Corinth, Mississippi. The battlefield contains about 4,000 acres and has within its boundaries the Shiloh National Cemetery along with the well-preserved prehistoric Indian mounds that are listed as a historic landmark. The park is located in Hardin County, on the west bank of the Tennessee River, and about nine miles south of Savannah, Tennessee.

There are several hiking trails with patches and pins for successful completion of the various hikes. Additional information on these awards is available at <http://www.shilohmilitarytrails.org/>.

Nearby camping is available at Pickwick Landing State Park.

For additional information please call (731) 689-5696 or visit <http://www.nps.gov/shil/>

Fort Donelson National Military Park

Fort Donelson National Battlefield includes: Fort Donelson National Cemetery (established 1867), the final resting place for Union soldiers killed at Fort Donelson and other American veterans representing seven wars; visitor center; the Dover Hotel (Surrender House), the site where Confederate general Simon B. Buckner surrendered to Ulysses S. Grant; and Fort Donelson and its associated earthen rifle pits and river batteries.

Camping is available at Paris Landing State Park and Land between the Lakes.

For additional information please call (931) 232-5348 or visit <http://www.nps.gov/fodo/>



Day Trips in Tennessee

Chucalissa Archeological Museum

The Chucalissa Archeological Museum is located 5 miles west of US highway 61 off of Mitchell Road and operated by the University of Memphis. The museum is located on a Native American Village, which dates to about the fifteenth century. Fees are ages 4 to 11 \$3.00, adults \$5.00. There are special rates for groups. Service projects are welcomed.

For additional information please visit <http://www.chucalissa.org> or call 901-785-3160.

Davies Manor Plantation

The Davies Manor Plantation is located in Lakeland area on Davies Plantation Road off of Canada Road. The Manor is open during specific times and tours can be arranged. Fees are charged for admission for groups. This home dates to approximately 1821.

For additional information please call (901) 386-0715 or visit their website at <http://www.daviesmanorplantation.org>

Lichterman Nature Center

The Lichterman Nature Center is operated by the Memphis Museums at the intersection of Quince and Lynnfield roads. This center has interpretive programs and activities that can be provided at the center. There is a wildlife rehabilitation center on the property. There are entrance fees of \$6.00 for adults and \$4.50 for children ages 3 to 12. The center welcomes service projects.

For additional information please call 901-767-7322 or go to <http://www.memphismuseums.org/nature.htm>.

Memphis Botanic Gardens

Memphis Botanic Gardens offers programs for youth groups on the principles of ecological systems in a way that cannot be done in the classroom, the opportunity for hands-on, outdoor learning, in addition to plant science, the Garden offers programs on world ecosystems, multi-cultural studies, historical uses of plants, art in nature, environmental issues and more. The gardens are at 750 Cherry Road in Memphis.

For additional information please call 901-685-1566 or visit them online at <http://www.memphisbotanicgarden.com>

National Civil Rights Museum

The National Civil Rights Museum chronicles the history of the civil rights movement from 1600 until the present. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$6.50 for children aged 4 to 17 years. Their address is 451 Mulberry in Memphis.

For additional information please call (901) 521-9699, ext. 241 or visit <http://www.civilrightsmuseum.org>.

National Ornamental Metal Museum

National Ornamental Metal Museum can provide specialized programs for groups related to metalwork. There are exhibits related to metal work. The museum is located at 374 Metal Museum Drive in Memphis.

For additional information please call 901-774-6380 or toll free 1-877-881-2326 or visit their website at <http://www.metalmuseum.org>

Pinson Mounds State Archaeological Park

This 1,086-acre prehistoric Native American ceremonial center contains the second highest mound in the United States. Archaeological research is conducted on-site and at the museum. Park visitors are welcome to view these scientific activities. Self-guided trails enable the visitor to learn about the early inhabitants of this expansive site. A boardwalk trail along the forked Deer River showcases the area's natural

beauty.

The park is located off U.S. Highway 45 southeast of Jackson.

460 Ozier Road Pinson, TN 38366 (901) 988-5614

Shelby Farms Park

Shelby Farms Park comprises 4,500 acres lying along Walnut Grove Road in northeast Shelby County. There are over eight miles of trails, pavilions, restroom facilities, and many recreational activities. The Shelby County Conservation Board operates this park.

For additional information please call 901-382-0235.

Wolf River Trail

The City of Germantown, Tennessee owns the Wolf River Trail. It is open for day use only. The trail is approximately 2.5 miles. The Wolf River Conservancy can provide an interpretive program for units. Access to the trail is from two points. The main entrance to the trail is on Kirby just west of Germantown Road near the gas transmission station. A restroom facility is located near the west end of the trail.

For additional information please call 901-757-7376. The Wolf River Conservancy can be reached at <http://www.wolfriver.org> or at 901-452-6500.

Mississippi

State Parks

George Payne Cossar State Park

Cossar is known for its famed restaurant that features fried catfish and many more favorites. Available are a swimming pool, nature trails, miniature golf, 12 cabins, and 84 camping pads.

J.P. Coleman State Park

On the Tennessee River at Pickwick Lake, Coleman specializes in all popular water sports. There is a full service marina available to all those boaters out there.

Camping is available in on of the 20 cabins or the 77 tent camping pads. There is also a pool, miniature golf, and a playground.

The park is located 13 miles north of Iuka off Mississippi 25.

613 CR 312 Iuka, MS 38852 (662) 423-6515



John W. Kyle State Park

Recreational offerings include the 58,500-acre Sardis Reservoir, a swimming pool, tennis courts, and a recreation building. There are 20 cabin units and a 200-site campground located on Sardis Lower Lake with adjacent swimming beaches and nature trails.

The park is located 9 miles east of Sardis off Highway 315, I-55 Exit 252.

Route 1 Box 115 Sardis, MS 38666
(662) 487-1345

Lake Lowndes State Park

Lake Lowndes is a great place to work on sports or athletics merit badge with its recreational complex including a visitor's center with game room, meeting rooms, indoor tennis, basketball, and volleyball. Outdoors are 3 softball fields with lights and 6 tennis courts. There are 4 cabins, 50 camping pads and a self-guided nature trail

The park is located six miles southeast of Columbus off Mississippi 69.

3319 Lake Lowndes Road Columbus, MS 39702 (662) 328-2110

LeFleur's Bluff State Park & Golf Course

LeFleur's Bluff has 30 camping pads with water and electricity, a central dump station, campground bathhouses, comfort stations, a swimming pool, a picnic area with barbecue grills, 3 large picnic pavilions, and 4 tennis courts. The park's golf course has 9 holes and a driving range.

The park is located five miles east of Mississippi 32

Route 1, Box 67 Oakland, MS 38948
(662) 623-7356

I-55 off

Great River Road State Park

On the Mississippi River, the park's four level observation tower offers a magnificent view of the Father of Waters. Along with the 61 camping pads there are facilities for fishing, boating and nature trails.

The park is located in Rosedale off Mississippi 1, 35 miles north of Greenville.

P.O. Box 292 Rosedale, MS 38769
(662) 759-6762

Holmes County State Park

Conveniently located right in the center of Mississippi, Holmes County has two fishing lakes, nature trails, an amphitheatre, skating rink, and an archery range. There are facilities for tent camping on the 28 camping pads.

The park is located four miles south of Durant off I- 55, exit 150.

Route 1, Box 153 Durant, MS 39063
(662) 653-3351

Hugh White State Park

This park is an excellent place to go fishing or enjoy a variety of fishing sports on the 64,000-acre Grenada Lake. In the park, there are 20 cabins, a pool, and 173 improved and 12 tent camping sites.

The park is located five miles east of Grenada, off Mississippi 8.

P.O. Box 725 Grenada, MS 38902-0725 (662) 226-4934

It is located on I-55, Exit 98B (Lakeland Drive) Jackson.

2140 Riverside Dr. Jackson, MS 39202 (601) 987-3923 (601) 987-3998 Golf Course

Legion State Park

This rustic park maintains its original look; featuring a 1930's Civilian Conservation Corps constructed Legion Lodge, a Mississippi landmark. Available for outdoor activities are 3 rustic cabins, 2 fishing lakes, a nature trail, picnic pavilions, and tent camping.

The park is located 2 miles north of Louisville on North Columbus Avenue (Old Highway 25)

Route 5, Box 32-B Louisville, MS 39339 (662) 773-8323

Roosevelt State Park

The park has a visitor's center with a mini-convention center for 200, a game room and a group facility for 104. For your scouts, there are 109 campsites available for use. Also available are lighted tennis courts, a nature/wildlife observation area, a 150-acre lake, miniature golf, and a multi-purpose sports field.

The park is located on I-20, Exit 77. 2149 Highway 13 South

Morton, MS 39117 (601) 732-6316

Tishomingo State Park

Tishomingo is overflowing with natural beauty and offers an April to mid-October Bear Creek float trip, a 13-mile nature trail system, and a swinging bridge (don't worry, it's safe). There is also a Pool, 6 cabins, a multi-use playing field, tent camping and 62 camping pads. The park was mostly constructed as a project of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

The park is located at mile marker 304 off the Natchez Trace Parkway

P.O. Box 880 Tishomingo, MS 38873 (662) 438-6914

Tombigbee State Park

There are plenty of things to do at Tombigbee. You can swim and fish in Lake Lee, practice archery, or play tennis. The park also has 7 cabin units, 20 camping pads, and 3 nature trails.

Tombigbee is located 6 miles southeast of Tupelo off Mississippi 6.

Tupelo, MS 38801 (662) 842-7669

The Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks is the state agency responsible for the operation, maintenance, and development of Mississippi's State Parks.

<http://www.mdwfp.com/parks-destinations.aspx>

Trace State Park

If you are in for some great times on the water, then Trace is the place to go. Many people head to this 2500-acre park to enjoy the fishing, water skiing, and boating and take advantage of the boat rentals and launch ramp. The camp has 25 camping pads with electricity and water and 6 cabin units. There are also walking and driving trails that are popular at the camp.

Trace is located 10 miles east of Ponotoc off Mississippi 6.

Route 1, Box 254 Belden, MS 38826
(662) 489-2958

Wall Doxey State Park

Wall Doxey is more often known for what you can do in the water. On the spring-fed lake, Wall Doxey has a beach, a two-level diving platform, and excellent fishing. Also at the park are 9 cabins and tent camping pads. There are nature trails that wind throughout the park, a multipurpose activity field, a playground, and a visitor's center all for the camper's pleasure and enjoyment

Wall Doxey is located 7 miles south of Holly Springs off Mississippi 7

Route 5, Box 245 Holly Springs,
MS 38635 (662) 252-4231

Day Trips In Mississippi

Casey Jones Museum

The museum honors Jonathan Luther "Casey" Jones, folk hero and engineer. There is a 1923 oil burning steam engine on display. There is an admission fee. The hours are 9A.M.-5P.M. Monday-Saturday, 1P.M.-5P.M. on Sunday.

The museum is located in Vaughn off I-55 exit 133 10501 Vaughn Rd. #1

Vaughn, MS 39179 (662) 673-9864

Florewood River Plantation State Park

The living history park with historical interpreters is a reproduction of an 1850's cotton plantation. The park is open March 1- 1st weekend in December. The hours of operation are 9A.M.-5P.M. Tuesday- Saturday: 1P.M.-5P.M. Sunday. There is an admission fee. Every March there is a reenactment of the Battle of Fort Pemberton.

The park is located one mile west of Greenwood off U.S. 82

P.O. Box 680 Greenwood, MS 38930
(662) 455-3821

Nanih Waiya Historic Site

The park is the legendary birthplace of the Choctaw Indian Nation and site of their sacred mound, Manih Waiya. There is a picnic area and an activity building. The park hours are Wednesday- Saturday 8A.M.-5P.M.

The park is located east of Noxapater off Mississippi 490

Route 3, Box 251-A Louisville, MS 39339 (601) 773-7988

Sam Dale Historic Site

This 2-acre day-use area built around a memorial to General Sam Dale, a 19th century frontiersman and patriot. The focal point of the site is the low-relief statue of General Dale by the late Harry Dreeks. At the site are 4 picnic shelters, but no restrooms.

The site is located 15 miles north of Meridian off Mississippi 39 at Daleville.

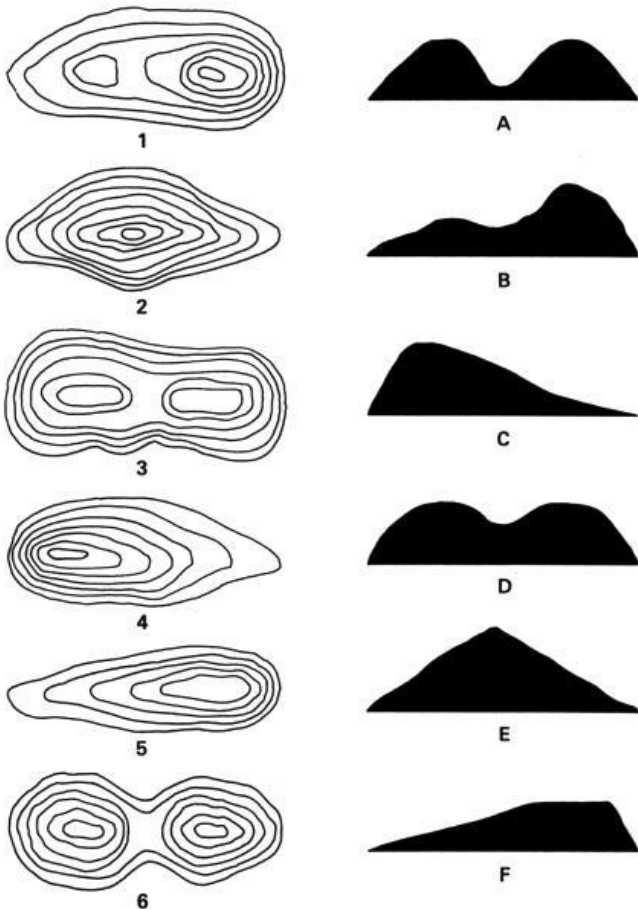
P.O. Box 23093 Jackson, MS 29225-3093

Wingerville Mounds Historic Site

This park is the site of one of the largest Indian mound groups in the Mississippi. The site is believed to be the ceremonial grounds of the predecessors of the Choctaw and Chickasaw. There is a fee for the museum and there are picnic sties. The hours are Wednesday-Saturday 8A.M.-5P.M.: Sunday 1P.M.-5P.M.

The site is located 3 miles north of Greenville on Mississippi 1.

2415 Highway 1 North Greenville, MS 38703 (662) 334-4684



Arkansas

State Parks

Bull Shoals State Park

For the hearty fisherman, Bull Shoals is the place to go. With a 45,440-acre lake, there is plenty of fishing for everyone and since the park offers boat rentals, the entire lake is at your availability. Bull Shoals Lake and the White River are famous for record rainbow and brown trout. A dam forms the lake where anglers enjoy bass, trout, catfish, crappie, and bream-filled waters. Beside the lake, this park offers 105 different campsites, 85 being Class A and 20 without hookups. There are also picnic areas, standard pavilions, playgrounds, and trails.

Bull Shoals is located six miles north of Mountain Home on Ark. 5, then either miles west on Ark 178.

P.O. Box 205 Bull Shoals, AR
72619 (501) 431-5521

Cane Creek State Park

This 2,053-acre park was developed by Arkansas State Parks and the Soil Conservation Service and is situated on Can Creek Lake. The lake, which is 1,675 acres, is surrounded by plenty of beautiful flora, fauna, and outdoor opportunities. Facilities include 30 Class A. campsites, picnic sites, a standard pavilion, visitor center, launch ramp, barrier-free fishing piers, trail, a bathhouse, and restroom.

Cane Creek is located five miles east of Star City on Ark. 293

P.O. Box 96 Star City, AR 71667
(501) 628-4714



Crowley's Ridge State Park

The park, named after Benjamin Crowley, lies atop a narrow arc of rolling hills called Crowley's Ridge. This is the original homestead of Benjamin Crowley whose family first settled the arc. With log and stone structures built by the Civilian Conservation corps, the park has rustic warmth to it. Facilities include four cabins, dining hall, 26 campsites (18 Class A and 8 tent sites), picnic areas, snack bar, trails, standard pavilions, baseball field, 30-acre fishing lake, fishing boats and canoes, and swimming.

The park is located 15 miles north of Jonesboro on Ark 141.

P.O. Box 97 Walcott, AR 72474-0097 Park (501) 573-6571 Cabins 1-800-264-2405

Jacksonport State park

Jacksonport State Park is rich in history from the Civil War era and is dominated by the restored 1869 courthouse, which includes exhibits of Jackson County's rich history. The edge courthouse square leads to the river's edge where you find a reconstructed riverboat, the Mary Woods II. This White River paddler is available for walking tours. This park has 20 Class A. campsites, a swimming beach on the White River, a standard pavilion and picnic sites.

Jacksonport is located on Jacksonport just three miles of Newport off U.S. 67

P.O. Box 8 Jacksonport, AR 72075
(501) 523-2143



Lake Catherine State Park

This 2,180-acre park offers Ouchita Mountain beauty on the shores of Lake Catherine. Shades of the past are seen in wood and stone facilities constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps and combine rustic warmth and modern conveniences. Facilities of the park include rental boats, a marina; launch ramp, standard pavilion, picnic sites, playground, laundry, and trails. There is a store, which offers groceries, gifts, and ice as well as a restaurant and overlooks the swimming area and nature center. Lake Catherine has seventy Class A campsites and 17 fully equipped cabins with kitchens, interpreters provide guided hikes, boat tours, programs, and workshops with advance request year round.

Take Exit #97 off I-30 at Malvern and travel 12 miles north on Ark. 171.

1200 Catherine Park Road Hot Springs, AR 71913

Park/Campsite Reservations (501) 844-4176 Cabin Reservations 1-800-264-2422

Lake Charles State Park

This park features 645 acres of spring fed waters in the Ozark foothills, provide for fishing fun. Surrounding the park is an opportunity to explore and learn about the area's rich history at Old Davidsonville and the Powhatan courthouse. Lake Charles offers 93 Class A and Class B campsites as well as some without hookups, picnic sites, a standard pavilion, launch ramp, hiking trails, and a sandy swimming beach.

From Hoxie, travel eight miles NW on U.S. 63, then go six miles south on Ark 25.

3705 Highway 25 Powhatan, AR 72458 (501) 878-6595

Lake Chicot State Park

Lake Chicot, Arkansas' largest natural lake combines quiet beauty and outdoor activities. This 20-mile oxbow lake was formed when the Mississippi River changed course. The park offers incredible fishing and 17 cabins, plus many other luxuries.

Located eight miles NE of Lake Village on Ark 144. Route 1, Box 155

Lake Village, AR 71653 Camp (501) 265-5480/ Cabins 1-800-264-2430

Lake Frierson State Park

On Crowley's Ridge in northeast Arkansas, the park is known for its year-round fishing and springtime blaze of wild dogwoods. The lake's 335-acres provide fine catches of bass, crappie, and catfish. Lake Frierson has seven Class B Campsites, tables and grills, restrooms, picnic sites, a playground, self-guided trail, boat rentals, launch ramp, barrier-free fishing pier and visitor center.

Lake Frierson is 10 miles north of Jonesboro on Ark 141.

7904 Highway 141 Jonesboro, AR
72401 (501) 932-2615

Lake Poinsett State Park

The shallow 640-acre lake on top of Crowley's Ridge in northeast Arkansas in a special place for anglers since it is the home for bass, bream, catfish, and crappie fishing. This park provides 30 Class A and B campsites, picnic areas, a screened-in standard pavilion, playground, hiking trail, launch ramp, and boat rentals.

From Harrisburg, travel one mile east on Ark. 14, and then go three miles south on Ark 163 to the park.

5752 State Park Lane Harrisburg, AR
72432-9571 (501) 578-5361

Old Davidsonville State Park

Fishers will enjoy Old Davidsonville with an 11-acre lake (no launch ramp) and the Black River (boat launch ramp). Davidsonville also offers a chance to learn about the history of the town with indoor and outdoor exhibits. The park offers 50 campsites (25 Class A and 25 tent sites), picnic areas, a standard pavilion, playground, and trails.

The park is located on State Highway 361 six miles north of U.S. 63.

7953 Hwy. 166 South Pocahontas,
AR 72455 (501) 892-4708



Petit Jean State Park

Petit Jean Mountain stands 1,100 feet above sea level and is located between the Ouchita and the Ozark Mountains. This park offers a panoramic view of the Arkansas River Valley and is what inspired the start of the Arkansas State Park System. The focal point of the park is the Mather Lodge, a grand retreat that hugs the bluff of a canyon formed by Cedar Creek. This creek forms Lake Bailey, a 170-acre lake available for fishing and pedal boating. Another Attraction, the Museum of Automobiles is located on Petit Jean Mountain. The park has 127 Class A campsites, playgrounds, pavilions, a recreational hall, launch ramp, pool, and tennis courts.

Take exit #108 off I-40 at Morrilton and travel nine miles south on Ark. 9, then go 12 miles west on Ark. 154; or from Dardanell, travel seven miles south on Ark. 7 then go 16 miles east on Ark. 154.

Route 3, Box 340 Morrilton, AR 72110 (501) 727-5441

Cabin 1-800-264-2462 or (501) 727-5431

Village Creek State Park

Here you can enjoy the unique geology of Crowley's Ridge and the lush forest of the area. With five trails through unusual vegetation of the area, this will make for an exciting trip. The park has two lakes with Bass, Bream, catfish, and crappie. The park has launch ramps, boat docks, bait fishing boats, electric motors, and pedal boats available through Labor Day. Village Creek offers 104 Class A Campsites, cabins, picnic areas, a sandy beach, sun deck, standard pavilions, playgrounds, baseball, and multi-use fields

Take exit #242 off I-40 at Forrest City and go north on Ark. 284

Route 3, Box 49B Wynne, AR 72396
Park (501) 238-9406 Cabins 1-800-264-2467

Woolly Hollow State Park

This park makes a peaceful retreat tucked away in the Ozark foothills of central Arkansas. Lake Bennett offers one of the best swimming and fishing holes in central Arkansas. Canoes, pedal boats, fishing boats, electric motors, and a boat ramp are offered at the lake. Park facilities include 32 campsites (20 Class A and 12 Class B), a standard pavilion, gift shop, and a trail encircling the lake.

Take exit #125 off I-40 at Conway and travel 12 miles north on U.S. 65, then six miles east on Ark. 285.

82 Woolly Hollow Road. Greenbrier, AR 72058 (501) 679-2098

Federal Properties In Arkansas

North Sylamore Creek Trail

The 23 mile hike features sandstone bluffs that rival the Buffalo River Trail, the crystal clear water of Sylamore Creek and if you make time, as much as a half day excursion into the remote sections of Blanchard Springs Cavern. The trail runs from the Cripple Turkey Trailhead to the Allison Trailhead, coursing above Cole and Barkshed Creeks until it finally enters the Sylamore valley. The trail is popular among Troops and Crews preparing for Philmont or looking for a strong hike.

The North Sylamore Creek is located

in the Ozarks of north central Arkansas, about 2 to 3 hours north of Little Rock.

Blanchard Springs Caverns

The US Forrest Service operates tours in two of the three levels of Blanchard Springs Cavern under Ozark-St. Francis National Forest. For younger Scouts, the Dripstone trail offers a cool (literally, 54 degrees) of easy cave exploration while the Discovery trail takes older Scouts off the beaten path. There are fantastic group camp sites in the Forest and program opportunities at the nearby Ozark Folk Center.

The Ozark–St. Francis National Forest in Stone County in northern Arkansas, 2 miles off Highway 14 a short distance north of Mountain View.

Day Trips In Arkansas

Hampson Museum State Park

Hampson Museum exhibits remarkable artifacts from Nodena site, a Late Mississippi Period culture. This remarkable collection owes its preservation to Dr. James K. Hampson who meticulously excavated the areas which was inhabited from A.D. 1350-1700. In the late 1950's this remarkable collection was donated to the State of Arkansas. Adjacent to the museum are picnic sites and a playground.

Hampson Museum is in the community of Wilson at the junction of U.S. 61 and Lake Drive (seven miles east of I-55).

P.O. Box 156 Wilson, AR 72395
(501) 655-8622

Herman Davis State Park

This one-acre park surrounds the monument to private Herman Davis, an Arkansas farm boy and World War I Hero. Fourth on General John J. Pershing's list of the Distinguished Service Cross, the Croix de Guere, and the Dedaulle Militaire, awards from the American and French governments.

The monument is at the community of Manila on Ark. 18 (16 miles west of Blytheville).

Louisiana Purchase State Park

This park located at the junction of Lee, Monroe, and Phillips Counties preserves the initial point from which all surveys of property acquired through the Louisiana Purchase.

From I-40 at Brinkley, take U.S. 49 and travel 21 miles south, then go two miles east on Ark. 362.

Mammoth Spring State Park

Mammoth Spring is the largest spring in Arkansas and forms a 10-acre lake, which is the starting point for the Spring River, a popular float stream. There is an 1886 Frisco Depot as well as a Frisco caboose. Park facilities include an information center with exhibits on the area's rich history and natural resources, picnic sites, a standard pavilion, trail, and ball field.

The park is located on U.S. 63 at the community of Mammoth Spring.

P.O. Box 36 Mammoth Spring, AR
72554 (501) 625-7364



Ozark Folk Center

Sample the rich heritage of Ozark life through music, crafts, and dance in the unique mountain setting of the Ozark Folk Center. There is an auditorium that hosts live Entertainment during the week and on Sunday there is a special Gospel Concert. Special performances and craft fairs celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas. All music is played as it was before 1940. The Homespun Gift Shop offers handmade items such as rocking chairs, quilts, and apple butter. The center also has a 60-room lodge and three full service restaurants.

The Ozark Folk Center is one mile north of Mountain View on Spur 382 off Highway 5, 9, and 14.

P.O. Box 500 Mountain View, AR 72560 Park (501) 269-3851 Lodge 1-800-264-3851

Parkin Archeological State Park

This park interprets the Mississippi Period Native American village located here from A.D. 1000 to 1550 and visited by the Hernando de Soto expedition in 1541. Archeological excavations are conducted each July through October.

The park is in the community of Parkin at the junction of U.S. 64 and Ark. 184.

P.O. Box 1110 Parkin, AR 72373-1110 (501) 755-2500

Pinnacle Mountain State Park

This day use park is dedicated to environmental education, recreation, and preservation. Park interpreters help visitors understand man's relationship to the environment, and provide low- impact recreational experiences. This park features a visitor center, meeting room, and gift shop. Facilities include picnic sites, a standard pavilion, launch ramps, hiking trails, and the Arkansas Arboretum, which includes one of the park's two barrier-free trails.

To reach Pinnacle Mountain State Park, take Exit #9 off I-430 at Little Rock and travel seven miles west on Ark. 10, then go two miles north on Ark. 300.

11901 Pinnacle Valley Road. Roland, AR 72135 (501) 868-5806

Plantation Agriculture Museum

Exhibits and Programs interpret the history of cotton agriculture from 1836 through World War II when agriculture practices quickly became mechanized. See early cultivation tools, the blacksmith shop, and range gins.

The museum is in Scott at the U.S. 165 and Ark 161. P.O. Box 87 Scott, AR 72124 (501) 961-1409

Powhatan Courthouse

This courthouse serves as a regional archive containing some of the oldest records in Arkansas. Powhatan served as the county seat from 1869 to 1963 of Lawrence County. In 1888 a stately courthouse was built with delicate woodwork and bricks that were made on site. In 1970 this prestigious courthouse was restored to what it is today.

Powhatan is on Ark. 25 three miles south of the community of Black Rock.

P.O. Box 93 Powhatan, AR 72458
(501) 878-6794

Prairie County Museum

Learn the story of Arkansas' navigable rivers as a dramatic part of American history. Exhibits interpret the early Arkansas settlement, transportation routes, and the river based economy including fishing and shelling.

The museum is in Des Arc at the western end of Main Street

Route 2, Box 154 Des Arc, AR
72040 (501) 256-3711

Toltec Mounds Archeological State Park

These Native American mounds, the tallest in Arkansas, are the remains of a large ceremonial and governmental complex inhabited from A.D. 600 to 950. Facilities include a visitor center with exhibits, an A/V theater, and archeological research lab.

From Little Rock, take Exit #7 off I-440 and go nine miles southeast on U.S. 165

490 Toltec Mounds Road Scott, AR
72142 (501) 961-9442



Long Weekend or Summer Trips Ideas

Cumberland Caverns

If you visit one show cave in Tennessee, Cumberland Caverns should be the one. Cumberland Caverns is Tennessee's largest show cave. It displays some of the largest underground rooms in eastern America. It also features waterfalls, gleaming pools, spectacular formations, and even a 3/4 ton chandelier. Cumberland Caverns offers daily tours from May 1 to October 31. They also offer overnight spelunking tours throughout the entire year by 14-day notice. It is a great experience for any unit. You can stay at Fall Creek Falls State Park and spend a night in the caverns. Cumberland Caverns is located just off Highway 8, six miles southeast of McMinnville, Tennessee.

The Great Smokey Mountains National Park

Any unit can plan a nice summer expedition in the Great Smokey Mountains National Park. There are many campgrounds to choose from: Abrams Creek, Balsam Mountain, Big Creek, Cades Cove, Cataloochee, Cosby, Deep Creek, Elkmont, Look Rock, and Smokemont are some of our favorite. For more information contact the National Parks Service.

USS Alabama

The USS Alabama is in Mobile, Alabama. It is part of a museum to World War II era ships, submarines, and planes. Units can stay overnight on the battleship.

Additional information can be found at <http://www.ussalabama.com/>

National Museum of Naval Aviation

The National Museum of Naval Aviation is at the Pensacola Naval Air Station near Pensacola, Florida. The museum is dedicated to Navy, Marine, and Coast Guard Aviation. This can be a day trip from Mobile, Alabama.

The museum's website is at <http://www.navalair.org/>

10 Camping Essentials

- Pocketknife**
- First aid kit**
- Extra clothing**
- Rain gear**
- Water bottles**
- Flashlight or headlamp**
- Trail food**
- Matches/Fire starter**
- Sun protection**
- Map and compass**

BSA High Adventure Bases

Florida Sea Base Make a splash! Head to the Florida Keys and dive into an amazing Florida Sea Base adventure and wade into more excitement than you ever thought possible. Snorkeling, SCUBA, boating, and beach camping are among the many possibilities.

Northern Tier Don't miss the boat! One of the most beautiful, and remote parts of North America offers a unique opportunity for Scouts. Canoeing, hiking, fishing, and winter camping in and around the beautiful lakes of northern Minnesota and southern Canada await you at the Northern Tier.

Philmont Scout Ranch Take a hike! The mountains of New Mexico offer the adventure that you have always dreamed about. Backpacking, rock climbing, western lore, living history, and the views from peaks over 10,000 feet tall will make memories that last a lifetime.

The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve The Bechtel Summit is located in the New River Gorge region of West Virginia — the Boy Scouts of America's fourth high-adventure base and the new home of Scouting's National Jamboree.

A Troop or Crew interested in one of these treks should research the program online and contact the Council office to schedule a trek. These treks are generally scheduled a year or more in advance.

All four bases offer programs specifically for OA members that present a unique blend of service and adventure. Arrowman can sign up for these experiences individually or with friends. Be sure to check out the OA High Adventure site for more information:
<http://adventure.ou-bsa.org>

Chickasaw Council Properties

The Chickasaw Council owns and operates two properties within driving distance of Memphis.

Camp Currier

Camp Currier is a 300-acre camp opened in 1925. It's an easy drive from Memphis and is a great spot for weekend camping. In the last few years, Currier has added a climbing tower, COPE course, ziplines, archery, rifle, and shotgun rangers. The property also has a training cabin, traditional campsites, and Adirondacks sites. The Camp hosts lots of weekend events year round and is available to Packs, Troops, or Crews free of charge. Contact the Council office for reservations and to ask about equipment rentals.

Currier is one of the greatest resources available to units in the Memphis area. If your unit hasn't been or hasn't been in a while, check it out!

Kia Kima Scout Reservation

Kia Kima is best know for its summer camps. During the summer, the 540-acre camp hosts two Cub Scout sessions and five session of Boy Scout and Venturing Camp. For Boy Scout and Venturing Camp, units can choose between Camp Osage and its dinning hall, Camp Cherokee where they cook their own meals, or one of the high adventure programs of the Ozark Venture Base. The Kia Kima experience is second to none and Scouts come from all over the country to experience our fantastic camp. Summer camp is the heart of the Scouting program. Strong units go to camp every year.

The Reservation is available for year round use by units. Contact the Council office to discuss reservations and facility/equipment use.

For more information: <http://www.kiakima.net>

Useful Websites

National Parks Service:

<http://www.nps.gov>

Leave No Trace

<http://www.lnt.org>

U.S. National Forest Campground Guide

<http://www.gorp.com/dow>

CampNet America

<http://www.campnetamerica.com>

Campground Directory-Camping USA

<http://www.camping-usa.com/usa.html>

Go Camping America

<http://www.gocampingamerica.com>

Ideas For Expeditions

<http://www.cc.gatech.edu/~pradnya/trekking.html>

Appalachian Mountain Club

<http://www.outdoors.org>

International Orienteering Federation

<http://www.orienteeing.org>

National Park Service Trails

<http://www.nps.gov/trails>

Outdoor Recreation Coalition of America

<http://www.orca.org/index.html>

Outdoor Network

<http://www.outdoornetwork.com>

Wolf River Conservancy

<http://www.wolfriver.org/>