



**Massabesic District
Scouts BSA Roundtable
February 14, 2022**

**Daniel Webster Council &
Other Camping Properties**





BSA's Mission Statement

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

The Aims and Methods of Scouting

The Scouting program has specific objectives, commonly referred to as the “Aims of Scouting.” They are **character development, leadership development, citizenship training, and personal fitness**. Leadership development is also one of Scouting's eight methods contributing to both good character and good citizenship.





The Methods of Scouting

- **Ideals** – The ideals of Scouting are spelled out in the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Scout motto, and the Scout slogan.
- **Patrols** – The patrol method gives Scouts an experience in group living and participating citizenship.
- **Outdoor Programs** – Scouting is designed to take place outdoors. It is in the outdoor setting that Scouts share responsibilities and learn to live with one another.
- **Advancement** – Scouting provides a series of surmountable obstacles and steps in overcoming them through the advancement method.
- **Association with Adults** – Scouts learn a great deal by watching how adults conduct themselves. Scout leaders can be positive role models for the members of their troops.
- **Personal Growth** – As Scouts plan their activities and progress toward their goals, they experience personal growth.
- **Leadership Development** – The Scouting program encourages Scouts to learn and practice leadership skills. Every Scout has the opportunity to participate in both shared and total leadership situations.
- **Uniform** – The uniform makes the Scout troop visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community.

Scouting is Outing!



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Council & District Events

Daniel Webster Council and the Massabesic District hold outdoor events and activities throughout the Scouting year. These are held at prearranged and preplanned locations but individual units, doing their own planning, have to select their own locations.





Unit Outdoor Program Planning

At some point during the Scouting year, every unit plans their outdoor program for the upcoming period of time.

This planning helps the units outline to the Scouts and their parents what to expect for activities in the future. It also helps the units in being prepared for these trips and activities.





Unit Outdoor Program Planning

One part of this planning is to select a location to hold the activity or event.

The locations to be selected will largely depend on the activity or event to be held and skill levels of the unit's participants.





Unit Outdoor Program Planning

The location selection also has to consider other factors such as time available, age group or age range, costs involved, weather conditions, time of year, etc. all of which will influence the location selected.

You wouldn't go snow skiing in the summer or hold a boating activity in the middle of the woods.





Location Selection

So selection of a proper location is very important. These selections are also dependent on knowing what locations are available and what features they have to offer.

This selection will require research on the part of the activity planners. Research can be performed quite well searching on the web but can also be done with phone calls to understand what is available to BSA NH units within our area.





What do we have nearby?

This leads us to understanding what do we have in our local areas and in the surrounding states.

This presentation will highlight some options does not cover every location that can be used by Scouting organizations.





State of New Hampshire

Being based in New Hampshire, we are surrounded by many natural and structured sites for camping in many locations within the state.

We benefit from the many formal camp grounds, beautiful local, state & national parks, rivers & lakes and BSA facilities located within the state.

We also have amusement parks, cross-country and alpine skiing areas, beaches, bike trails and many other outdoor features.





The New England Area

NH BSA units also benefit from being in New England which holds many similar sites within a reasonable driving distance.

The neighboring states of Maine, Massachusetts and Vermont have many of the same features of New Hampshire but can provide a different experience.

A bike trail in Vermont and New Hampshire may feature the same types of trails but hold different scenery and challenges in riding on it.





Daniel Webster Council Properties

Being registered with BSA and the DWC, units have the ability to utilize Council-owned properties.

DWC owns several properties within the state that units can sign-up to use during the year.

Other Councils, outside of NH, also own properties in this state and close by in the surrounding states. These can also be used by registered units with permission from the Council that owns them.





Daniel Webster Council Properties

DWC owns four properties in NH. These are:

- **Griswold Scout Reservation** is a Scouting property located near Gilmanton Iron Works, New Hampshire.
- **Camp Carpenter** is the Cub Scout Summer camp located in Manchester, New Hampshire.
- **Pierre Hoge Scout Camp** located in Walpole, New Hampshire.
- **Camp Whip-O-Will** located in Merrimack, New Hampshire.

NOTE: The **Unity Program Center** (a five-acre property in Unity, NH) is slated to be sold by DWC.

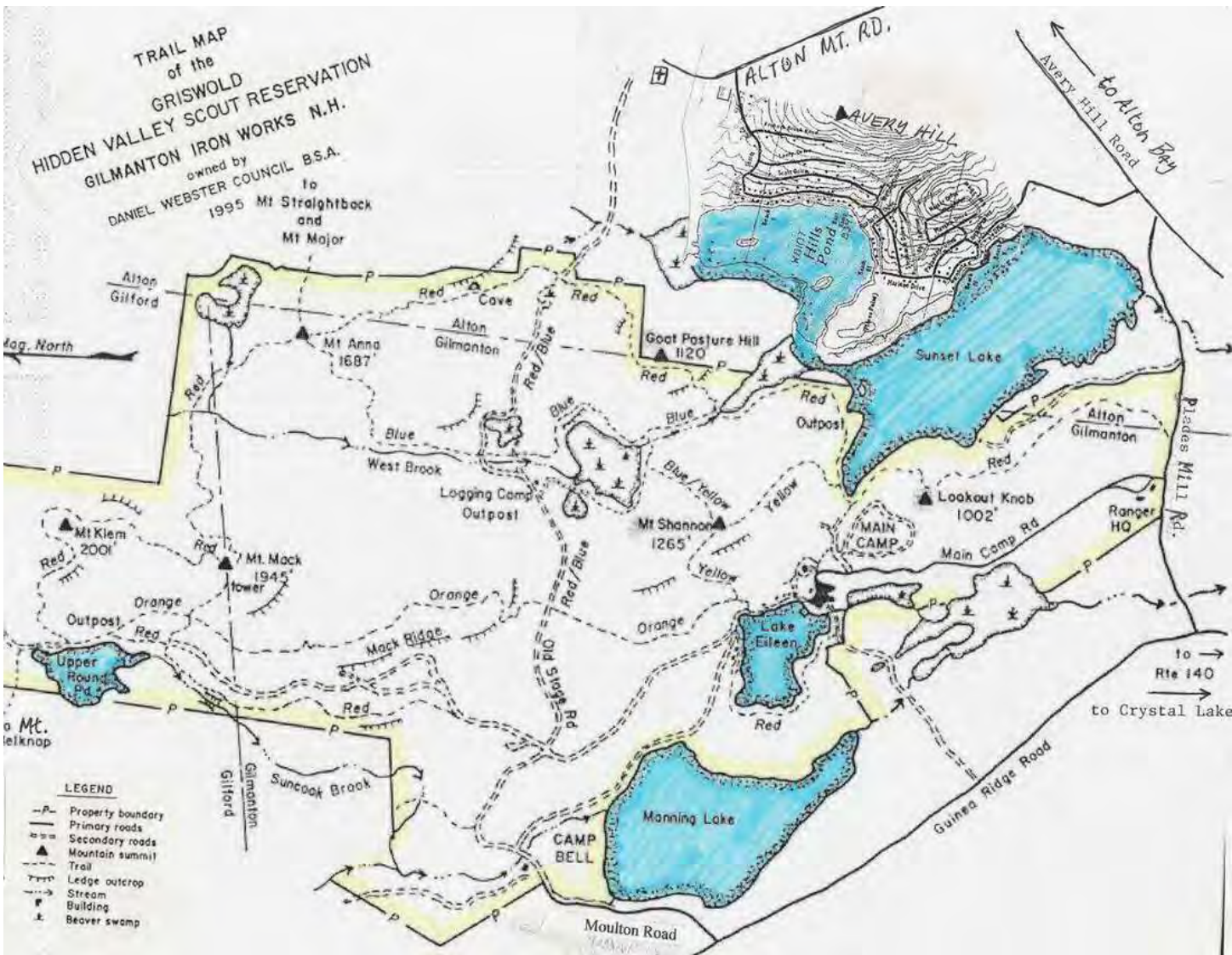




Griswold Scout Reservation

- Includes over 3,500 acres (1,400 ha) of forest, lakes, and mountains, the Scout Reservation was acquired in 1971 by the Daniel Webster Council of what was then called the Hidden Valley Scout Reservation.
- In 2000, the camp acquired additional land containing another camp which it named Camp Bell.
- DWC then relabeled the total property to the Griswold Scout Reservation.
- There are two summer camps located within GSR: Hidden Valley Scout Camp and Camp Bell.





Griswold Scout Reservation Map





Hidden Valley Camp

The very popular Hidden Valley camp is run as a traditional Scout camp during the summer with full dining facilities and a wide variety of program areas and activities.

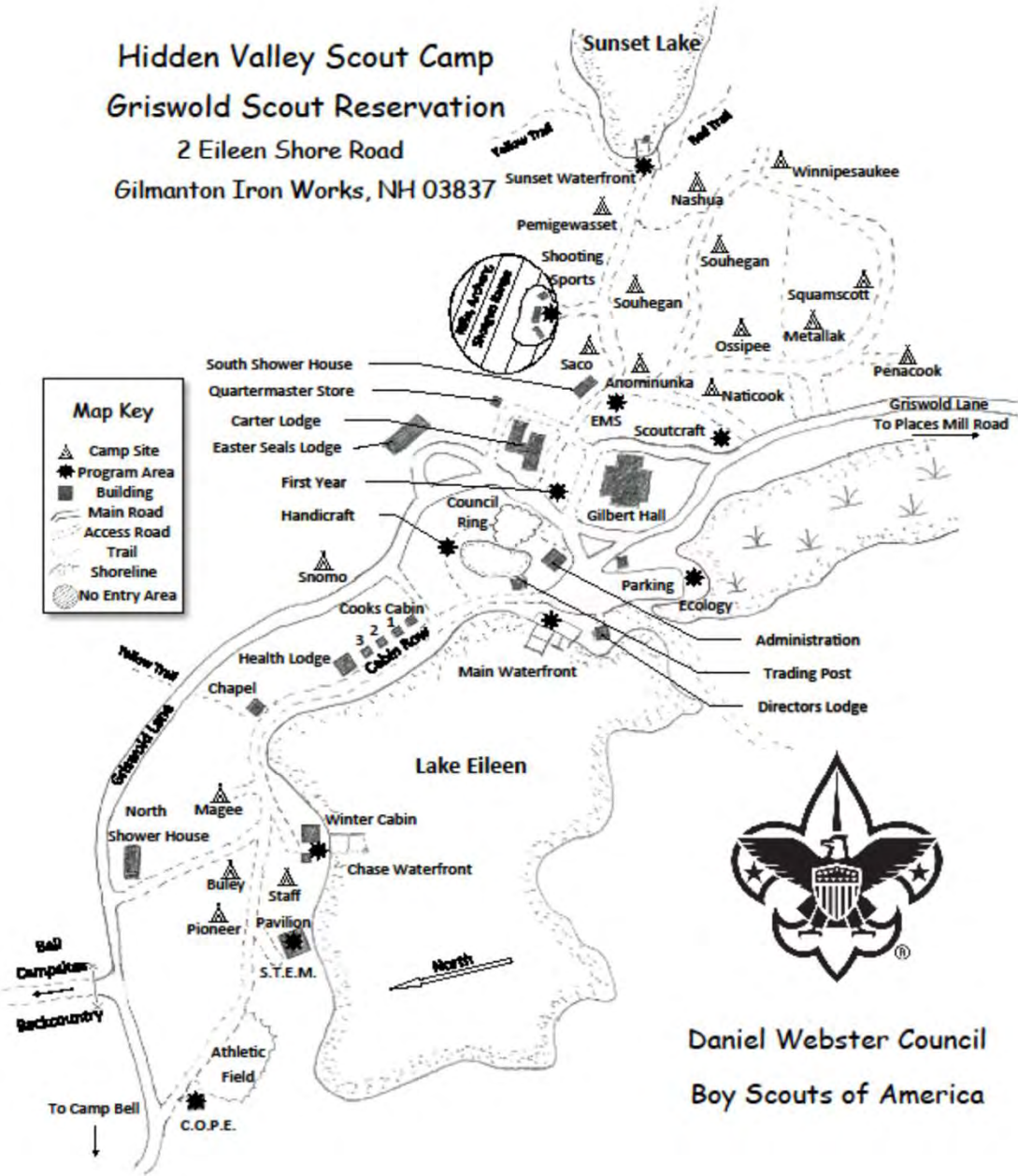
But the camp is available year-round (except during the active months of summer camp) for traditional tent camping and with cabins available for winter time stays.





Hidden Valley Scout Camp Griswold Scout Reservation Camp Map

Hidden Valley Scout Camp
Griswold Scout Reservation
2 Eileen Shore Road
Gilmanton Iron Works, NH 03837



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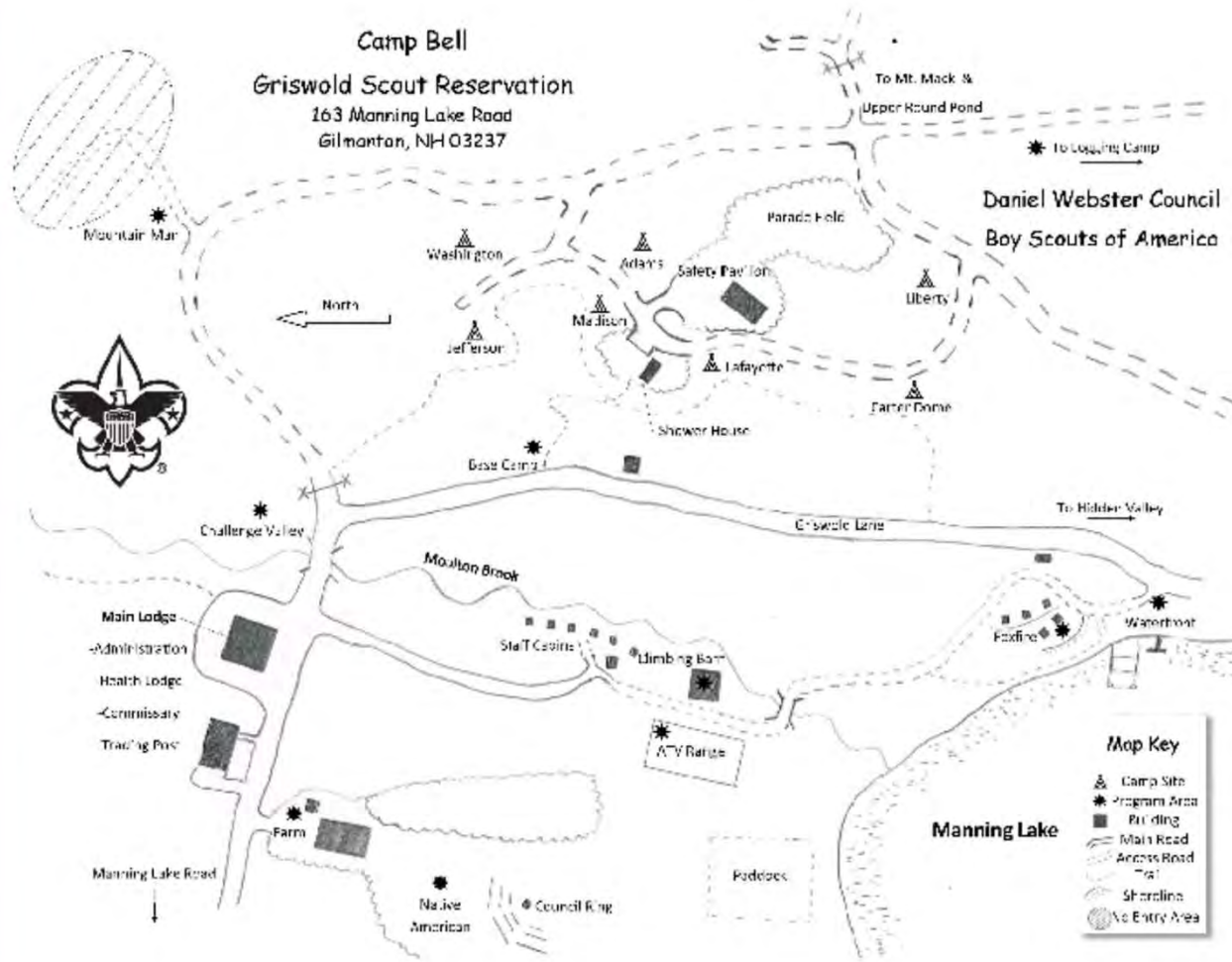


Camp Bell

During the summer, Camp Bell area is run with a emphasis on strengthening the Scouts BSA Patrol Method. Campers do their own cooking in their sites, and participate in day-long activities as patrols. Camp Bell has a different variety of activities from Hidden Valley, including their “living history areas,” and a different set of merit badges are available.

But the camp is available year-round (except during the active months of summer camp) for traditional tent camping and with cabins available for winter time stays.





MAP OF CAMP BELL

Camp Bell Map



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Camp Carpenter

A very familiar property for most units, this southern central camp is a 250-acre wooded property that is the Daniel Webster Council's Cub Scout Summer Camp. The rest of the year it is available for use by Scouting Units and non-profit organizations.

- It has a dining hall, a swimming lake and ample tent sites.
- Special features include Fort Friendship, Pirate Cove, Native American Village and several nature trails.
- There are many camping sites near the parking area and around the lake.
- It has a formal BB gun and archery ranges for use during the summer months only.
- This camp is also home to the Lawrence L. Lee Scouting Museum.



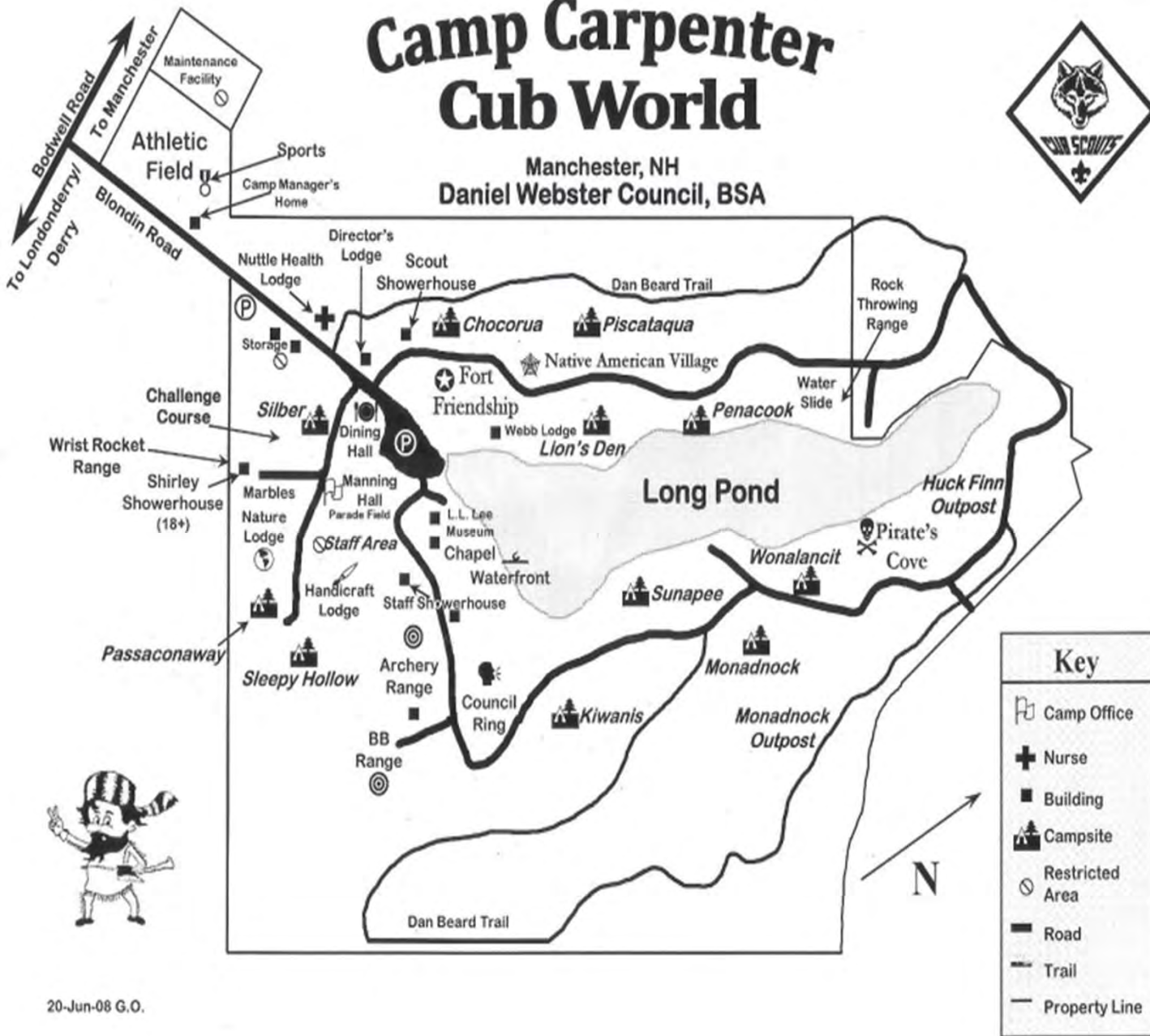


Camp Carpenter Cub World

Manchester, NH
Daniel Webster Council, BSA



Camp Carpenter Map



Key	
	Camp Office
	Nurse
	Building
	Campsite
	Restricted Area
	Road
	Trail
	Property Line



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Pierre Hoge Scout Camp

Located in Walpole New Hampshire, Pierre Hoge Scout Base is one of Daniel Webster Council's many camping opportunities. With over 200 wooded acres, it is ideal for units looking for a rustic camping experience.

- There is an activity field, a conservation pond, Plumb Lodge cabin, many undeveloped campsites and plenty of woods for wilderness camping. This allows for basic outdoor skills to be practiced. Drinking water is available on site during spring thru fall seasons.
- The property also contains Chickering Mine, a famous site for rock and mineral hunters. Good spot for teaching Geology Merit Badge.
 - For more information about Hoge Base
Call Paul Giacomo 603-847-9019
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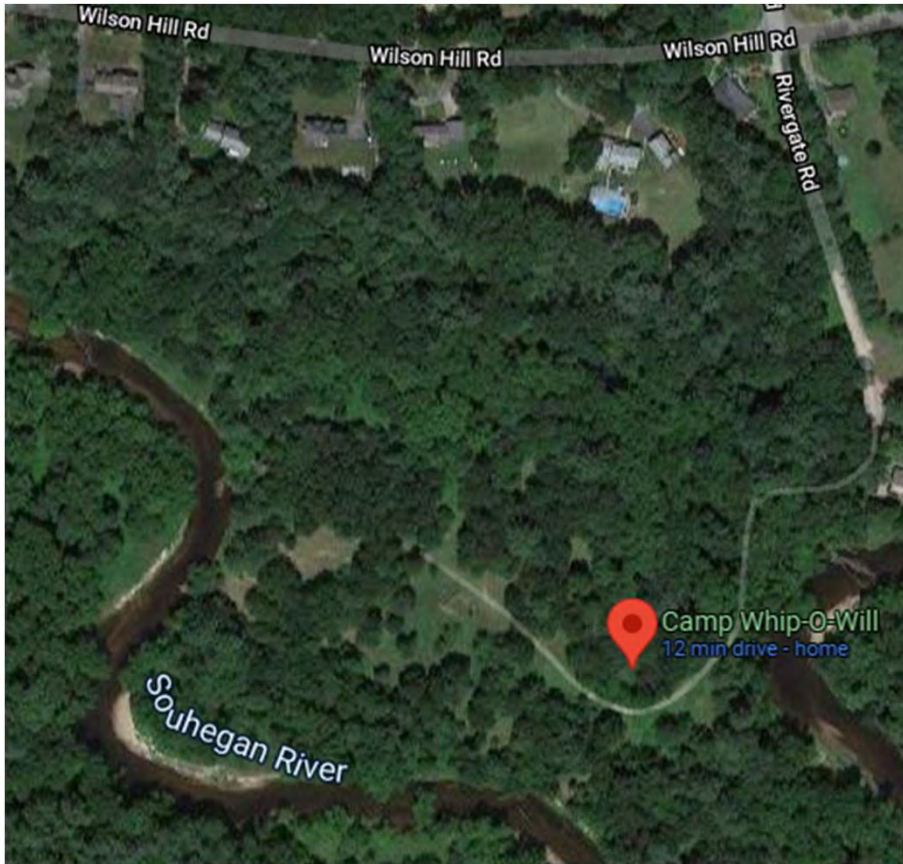


Hoge Scout Camp



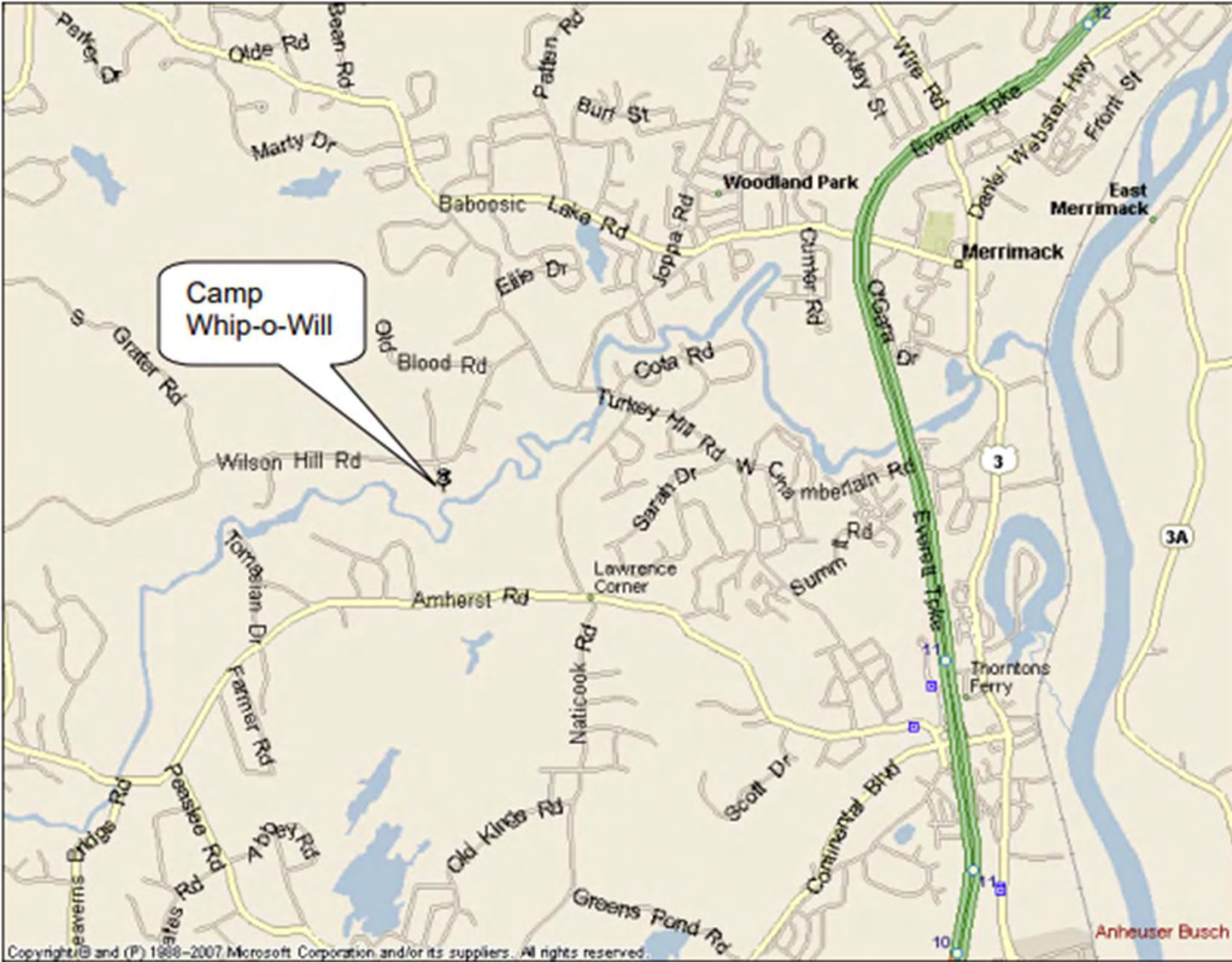


Camp Whip-O-Will



- Located in Merrimack, NH, this small camping area offers no facilities but is available for day activities or overnight camping.
- Location is not open and must be accessed through contact with the Council.





Camp Whip- O-Will





Reserving DWC Properties

On the Daniel Webster Council web site, there is a link for reserving Council properties and other BSA properties off-season.

Go to:

[New Hampshire Rentals – Base Camp \(experiencebasecamp.org\)](http://experiencebasecamp.org)





Other BSA Camping Locations

- T. L Storer Scout Camp located in Barnstead, NH.
- Wah-Tut-Ca Scout Reservation located in Northwood, NH
- Lone Tree Scout Reservation located in Kingston, NH
- Camp Wanocksett located in Dublin, NH





T.L. Storer Camp Map





Wah-Tut-Ca Camp Map



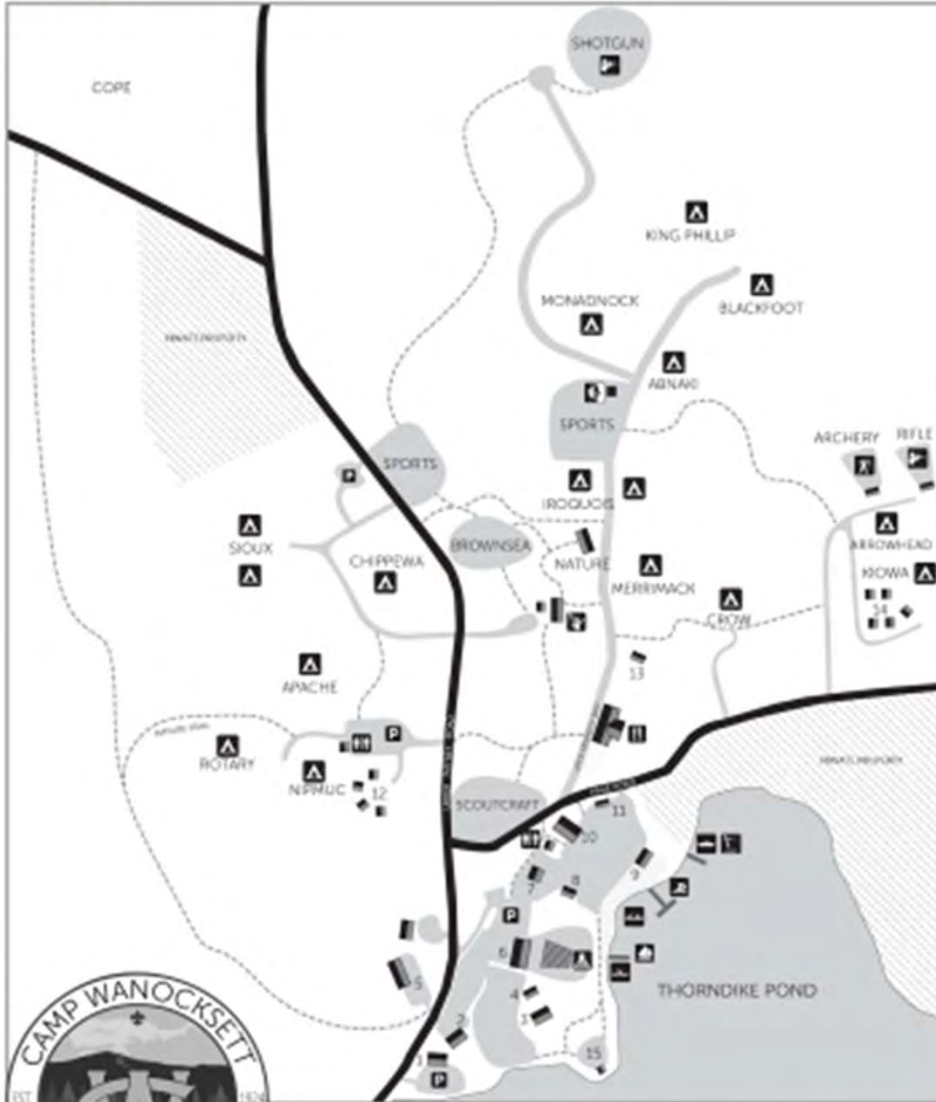


Lone Tree Scout Camp





2021 Camp Wanocksett Leader's Guide
Camp Map



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|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Director's Cabin | 6. Memorial Lodge | 11. Craft Shop |
| 2. Health Lodge | 7. Administration | 12. Magee Village |
| 3. Asst. Director's Cabin | 8. Green Cabin | 13. Cook's Cabin |
| 4. Duplex | 9. Waterfront Cabin | 14. Provo Village |
| 5. Ranger's Shop | 10. Steele Boathouse | 15. Chapel |

Camp Wansockett Map



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Other Locations To Consider

As stated, there are many areas in New Hampshire and the surrounding states that Scouting units can utilize for events, activities and camping trips.

I will highlight some of the places my unit has used and some others I know about.





Car Camping

There are many formal camp grounds where units can enjoy low impact, “car-camping.” These include:

- Camp Carpenter (1st year skills)
- Bear Brook State Park (hiking & biking)
- Pawtuckaway State Park (biking & climbing)





Backpacking Camping

- **AMC's Galehead Hut**
 - Great way to introduce Scouts to backpacking.
 - Good even for 1st year Scouts.
- **Carter Notch & 19-Mile Trail**
 - Hard trail for seasoned hikers.
 - AMC hut for overnight stays.
- **Lonesome Lake Hut**
 - Easy hike from parking area.
 - Open year round.
 - Trails to Cannon & Kinsman Mountain peaks.





Biking Trip

- Kingdom Trails Mountain Biking, East Burke, Vermont
 - Camped at Burke Mountain Campground.
 - Rented bikes for those without them.
- Cape Cod Bike Path, Yarmouth Massachusetts
 - Camped at the Greenough Scout Reservation
 - There are several parking lots along the trail.
- Franconia Notch Bike Path at Franconia State Park
 - Start from State Park parking lots.
 - Rental bikes available from local shops.





Scouting Skills Weekend

- **Cooking Skills**
 - Hidden Valley in October w/ Trashcan Turkeys
- **Orienteering Skills**
 - Permanent Courses
 - Tucker Brook Town Forest
 - Dartmouth College – Oak Hill
- **Wood Tool Skills**
 - Camp Carpenter
 - Check with Ranger
 - Local Backyard!
 - Take safety precautions





Water Trips

Units trips to water adventures can be fun but need to maintain a focus on safety.

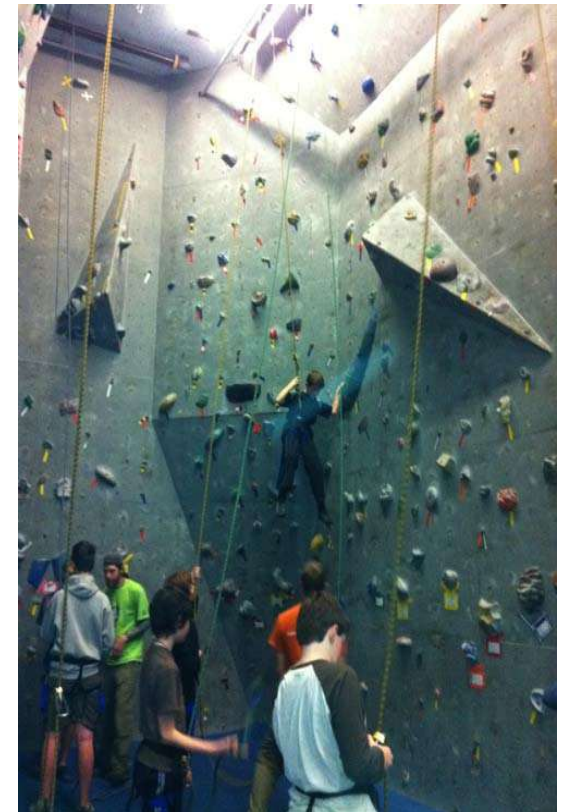
- **White Water Rafting**
 - Several companies to choose from in SW Maine.
- **Canoe Trip – Umbagog Lake, ME**
 - On border of NH/ME
- **Sea Kayaking in Casco Bay, ME**
 - Local company provides equipment & guides





Fun Places

- Vertical Dreams – Manchester
 - Climbing Merit Badge
- Canobie Lake – Salem
 - Family Fun Day
- Jay Peak – Jay, VT
 - Snow Skiing & Water Park





Climbing Adventures

This activity also needs the proper staff to train participants and maintain safety. For these very technical activities, always have a trained guide who is familiar with the site.

Shawangunks Mountains – New Paltz, NY

Howe Caverns – Howe Cave, NY





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Questions or Comments?

