



Where To Go Camping

*Wahpekute Lodge #53
Twin Valley Council
Mankato, MN*

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WAHPEKUTE LODGE #53

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Twin Valley Council

My Brothers!

Welcome to the 2011 edition of Wahpekute's Where To Go Camping Guide. We in the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society, hope that you will find it both useful and informative in your unit's program.

Camping and hiking have been an important part of Scouting since its inception. Indeed, it is what initially draws many Scouts to the program and what often keeps him going in the program for years to come—looking forward to that next outdoors activity with his buddies.

Here in South Central Minnesota, we have a lot of camping opportunities to offer. Whether you choose to go up North and camp at our very own Cuyuna Scout Camp, or you choose to check out a local state park, it will indeed be a great time for all. We hope that you can use this Guide to Camping resource to help plan the next troop outing or even a family outing. We have included a ton of different camping opportunities in here including council camps, out of council camps, State parks, and other local camping opportunities.

We see this as an ongoing project to assist each unit—whether a Scout troop, a Cub Scout pack, or a Venture crew—with its planning of outdoor activities. And we hope that it will grow with each edition in the number of camping locations described between its covers, but its success will ultimately lie in the quality of the locations submitted by each unit to share with other units. After all, all of us are interested not only in the program each of our own unit's Scouts receive, but in the program provided to every Scout in Twin Valley Council.

So we challenge each troop, each pack, and each crew to submit one more favorite location for the next edition so that we can keep the “outing” in Scouting!

Yours in Scouting's Service,

Cody Taylor

2011 Wahpekute Lodge Chief

For reservation information at Twin Valley Council Camps, please contact the Center for Scouting.

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Mankato, MN 56001
(507) 387-2123**

Don't Forget Your Ten Essentials! It doesn't matter whether your planned hike will last a few hours or a few days, always take the following with you:

1. Pocketknife
2. Personal first aid kit
3. Extra clothing
4. Rain gear
5. Water bottle(s)
6. Flashlight
7. Trail food
8. Matches and fire starters
9. Sun protection
10. Map and compass

Insect repellent, a whistle, and other items might also be considered essential, depending upon your destination, length of your trip, and the season. See The Boy Scout Handbook, pp. 264-266, of the current edition. Always make a trip plan and leave copies with your parents and other responsible adults, such as your scoutmaster.

Cuyuna Scout Camp

- Location:** Crosslake, MN; approximately 30 miles north of Brainerd, MN
- Length:** 1 week
- Price:** Youth: \$199 (Includes camp patch)
 A discount is available for early registration based on popcorn sales and FOS for in-council troops.
 Adult: \$80 (Includes camp t-shirt, patch, and steak fry)
 \$15/day (T-shirt and patch extra)
- Meal Plan:** Patrol method only. No dining hall offered.
- Programs:**
- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Foxfire Rendezvous | Over 35 merit badges offered |
| Chapel service | Fishing outpost |
| Indian Lore outpost | Wilderness Survival outpost |
| Astronomy Outpost | Sunday/Friday night campfire |
| Discover Scuba | Water Carnival |
| Mile Swim | BSA Lifeguard |
| Project C.O.P.E. | Golf |
| River Tubing | Small boat sailing |
| Eagle Trail | SPL/Scoutmaster Meetings |
| Life to Eagle Seminar | Baden Powel Patrol Award |
| OA Wacipi | Cuyuna Olympics |
| Staff Hunt | Shooting Sports |
| Journalism | Geocaching |

2012 Camp Cuyuna Weeks

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Patrols per site
6/24-6/30	7/1-7/7	7/8-7/14	7/15-7/21	7/22-7/28	7/29-8/4	3-7

Cuyuna Scout Camp

Scenery: Cuyuna Scout Camp is located in scenic North Central Minnesota. The camp is on 640 acres north of Brainerd and just outside of Crosslake. There are 5 beautiful lakes that border on the camp and one, Russel Lake, which is fully within camp boundaries. It is not unheard of to see eagles, and loons are a common occurrence. The camp has 14 developed campsites which are designed for a group to operate under patrol method. The camp boasts a beautiful wooded area and is known for its birch and pine trees.

Contact: Cuyuna Ranger
Keith Fitzpatrick
P.O. Box 250
Crosslake, MN 56442
(218) 692-3612

2012 will be the 45th year of Camp Cuyuna. We have been an Nationally Accredited Camp for the past 44 years. We are very unique in that we are 1 of 3 in the country to have the scouts cook most of their meals in their own campsite. We have large campsites that overlook Lake Goodrich. Many people enjoy fishing the 5 lakes that we have around our camp. Large walleye, northern and bass are caught. We do practice catch and release at camp. We have a brand new Nature Center built in 2011 and we are continuing with new buildings in 2012. A new Family Camp Shower House and a Camp-wide Shelter building will be added in 2012.

Norseland Scout Camp

Location: Approximately 9 miles north of St. Peter or 15 miles south of Gaylord just off Highway 22

Length: Varies

Price: Contact Scout Office

Facilities: Main lodge with bunk beds to sleep 34, full kitchen, 2 hot showers, 4 toilet, fireplace, heating.

Quonset Lodge with bunk beds to sleep 14, full kitchen, 2 hot showers, 2 toilets, fireplace, heating.

Campsites with latrine and water nearby, fire ring, and picnic tables

Contact: Contact the council or:
Norseland Scout Camp
41556 370th St.
St. Peter, MN 56082
(507) 387-3123

Cedar Point Scout Camp

Location: Approximately 11 miles south of Fairmont, MN, ½ mile west of Highway 15 on 200th Ave.

Length: Varies

Price: Contact Scout Office

Facilities: Polaris Lodge with bunk beds to sleep approximately 50, full kitchen, 1 toilet, fireplace, heating.

Wade Lodge with full kitchen, 2 hot showers, 2 toilets, fireplace, heating. No bunk beds.

Shower House with 6 toilets, 6 showers, handicapped toilet/shower

Campsites with latrine and water nearby, fire ring, and picnic tables

Contact: Contact the council or:
Cedar Point Scout Camp
135 200th Ave.
Fairmont, MN 56031
(507) 387-3123

Out of Council Scout Camps

Camp Wilderness

Location: Near Park Rapids, MN

Length: 1 week

Price: Youth: \$ 225 for 2011.
Early Bird Youth: \$205 (paid before May 1)
Adult: First two adults free, \$75 for each after that.

Meal Plan: Dining hall, except for two meals per week

Program: C.O.P.E.
40 Merit badges
Trailblazers
Waterfront Activities
OA Callout ceremonies
High Adventure Activities

Contact: Camp Wilderness
P.O. Box 295
Park Rapids, MN 56470
(218) 732-4674

Tomahawk Scout Reservations

Location: Spooner, WI

Length: 1 week

Price: Youth: \$231
Early Bird Youth: \$226 (Before April 15)
Adult: \$88

Meal Plan: Dining hall

Program: Merit badges
Foxfire outpost
Waterfront activities
2 horse corrals
OA Callout ceremonies
Superior High Adventure Lake

Contact: Northern Star Council
393 Marshall Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55102
(651) 224-1891

Many Point Scout Reservations

Location: Park Rapids, MN

Length: 6 days

Price: Youth: \$231
Early Bird Youth: \$226 (before April 15)
Adult: \$88

Meal Plan: Dining hall or commissary

Program: First year program
Waterfront activities
Merit Badges
C.O.P.E./Climbing
OA Callout ceremonies
Super Troop award

Contact: Northern Star Council
393 Marshall Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55102
(651) 224-1891

Lewis and Clark Scout Reservation

Location: Near Yankton, SD

Length: 6 days

Price: Youth: \$195
Early Bird Youth: \$175 (before March 1)
Adult: \$80

Meal Plan: Dining hall or commissary

Program: Eagle Trail
1st Class Trail
Merit Badges
OA Callout ceremonies
Waterfront activities
High Adventure
C.O.P.E.

Contact: Sioux Council
7200 W 49th St.
Sioux Falls, SD 57106
(605) 361-2697

National High Adventure

Bases

Northern Tier

The Northern Tier National High Adventure Program offers three different bases. The first is Charles L. Sommers located near Ely, MN. The following is from www.ntier.org/CLSommers.htm:

“Your scout crew will enter the Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base through the portal of the fur trading post stockade. This historic canoe base is located 22 miles east of Ely on beautiful Moose Lake, the premier entry point into the Boundary Waters Wilderness Canoe Area. The base features 28 sleeping cabins, a trading post, rustic dining hall, voyageur encampment area, Bay Post outfitters and an authentic post and beam style Commissary. Enjoy a voyageur rendezvous in the Lodge and a well-deserved sauna your last evening at the base. The Charles L. Sommers programs are ideally suited for novice canoeists, but offer challenging routes for experienced travelers as well.

You may choose to visit beautiful waterfalls, travel into remote country, find the best fishing locations, visit ancient pictographs, or experience a combination of all of these.”

The next base is Don Rogert located near Atikokan, Ontario. The following is from www.ntier.org/Atikokan.htm:

“About 12 miles west of Atikokan, Ontario on Perch Lake, you’ll find the Donald Rogert Canoe Base. The Rogert base is on the Hudson Bay Company’s historic fur route between Old Fort William and Rainy Lake.

With the Crown Jewel of Canada's canoeing wilderness, Quetico Provincial Park to the south and Turtle River-White Otter Provincial Park to the north, the Rogert Canoe Base is the perfect site for your crew's ultimate remote canoeing experience. Millions of acres of pine forests, glacier lakes, meandering rivers and thundering waterfalls await you. Observe wildlife, catch walleye, northern, lake trout and smallmouth bass, visit ancient Indian pictographs or just relax in this natural playground.

Launch your trip from an entry point of your choice. For an adventure off the beaten path, consider one of our remote fly-ins."

The third base is Northern Expeditions located near Bissett, Manitoba. The following is from www.ntier.org/Bissett.htm:

"Crews choosing the adventure and challenge of a Northern Expeditions trip will begin with a program and outfitting at our modern base on the outskirts of Bissett, Manitoba. Bissett is known for its rich gold mining heritage and as a jumping off spot to some of the best wilderness adventure anywhere. It's also on the edge of the Atikaki Provincial Park, a great destination for trophy fishing and remote trips.

Your trip starts with an exciting floatplane ride north into the Canadian bush. Your crew will enjoy the opportunity to overlook some of the beautiful and rugged terrain in which you will be traveling and to enjoy the adventure of the Canadian bush pilot experience."

There is also the OA High Adventure program which is offered to Order of the Arrow members at Sommers. This program involves a week of service and a week of trekking. For more information on Northern Tier, visit www.ntier.org or use the following contact information:

Northern Tier
National High Adventure Program
14798 Moose Lake
P.O. Box 509
Ely, MN 55731
(218) 365-4811

Philmont Scout Ranch

Philmont Scout Ranch is located near Cimarron, NM and offers amazing wildlife, beauty, and fellowship. The following was taken from <http://www.scouting.org/HighAdventure/Philmont/AboutPhilmont.aspx>:

“Born in 1938 as Philtorn Rockymountain Scoutcamp, today's Philmont Scout Ranch is a bustling center for high adventure and training. Youth and adults take advantage of the ranch's camping, training, and work programs. Most activity takes place during the summer, but Philmont also offers its Fall Adventure and Kanik winter program.

More than 860,000 Scouts, Venturers, and leaders have experienced the adventure of Philmont since the first camping season in 1939. Throughout its existence, conscientious attention to low-impact camping techniques has helped maintain the ranch's wilderness flavor.

The area surrounding the ranch is rich with history, from the Native Americans who made this arid land their home to the land barons of the 19th century. The town of Cimarron boasts a number of historical buildings, including the St. James Hotel—site of at least 26 killings during Cimarron's wilder days.”

Once again there is an OA High Adventure Program which gives Order of the Arrow members a week of service and a week of trekking. For more information on Philmont you can visit <http://www.scouting.org/HighAdventure/Philmont.aspx> or use the following contact information:

Philmont Scout Ranch
Attn: CHQ
17 Deer Run Road
Cimarron, NM 87714
(575) 376-2281

Florida Sea Base

The Florida Sea Base is located near Islamorada, FL and provides great adventure under the sea. The following is from www.bsaseabase.org:

“The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base is owned and operated by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America to offer unique educational aquatic programs to our members. Located in Islamorada and on Summerland Key in the beautiful the Florida Keys as well as Marsh Harbour, Great Abaco Island, Bahamas, the heart of the Florida Keys, the near shore reefs and crystal clear waters offer unparalleled opportunities for long term and short term programs year round. Our Conference facilities are utilized for youth and adult Scouting Conferences and non-Scouting groups when available... write or call for specific program information and costs.”

Like the other two bases, there is also an OA High Adventure program which gives Order of the Arrow members an opportunity to experience the base through a week of service and a week of trekking. This will also get you SCUBA certified. For more information on Florida Sea Base visit www.bsaseabase.org or use the following contact information:

The Florida Sea Base
P.O. Box 1906
Islamorada, FL 33036
(305) 664-5612

The Summit Bechtel Reserve

THE SUMMIT IS MORE THAN A PLACE...It's an adventure center for the millions of youth and adults involved in the Boy Scouts of America. And anyone who loves the outdoors. And home to the National Scout Jamboree. And the 4th BSA High Adventure Base, with the other three being the Philmont Scout Ranch, Northern Tier and Florida Sea Base. It's the beginning of the next century of Scouting. With incredible facilities and intense outdoor programs, The Summit is a place that takes kids to the limits of what they think they can do, and then goes further.

The Summit is more than just a place for Scouts; **it's Scouting's next step.**

WHITEWATER The New River Gorge is home to some of the world's best whitewater, and The Summit will be right in the middle of it. Whitewater rafting, canoeing, and kayaking programs will all be central to the experience at The Summit. With a jewel like the New River as a resource, there's plenty of opportunity for Scouts to experience some amazing river trips that they'll never forget.

ROCK CLIMBING The Summit is right on the rim of the New River Gorge, an area that's known around the world for its more than 1,600 climbing routes. If there were an ideal place for Scouts to learn and practice the art of rock climbing, bouldering, and rappelling, The Summit is it. Plenty of man-made climbing will be available, too, and Scouts can expect a mix of both.

BOARDS AND BIKES Aside from being some of the best mountain biking terrain anywhere, The Summit will be home to some absolutely world-class skate and BMX programs. With the region's largest park and plenty of features, The Summit is going to become an action sports destination for lots and lots of people.

TARGET SPORTS Archery and shooting are some of the most time-honored sports traditions in Scouting. The Summit is building on that by creating some of the best shooting and arrow facilities anywhere. With new equipment, new

ranges, and excellent instruction, Scouts that come to The Summit to shoot will not be disappointed.

ZIP LINES, CHALLENGE COURSES, HIKING, & MORE Adventure at The Summit doesn't stop. Some of the largest zip line canopy tours in the country are strung through our trees. Long distance, extended treks leave The Summit to explore the 70,000 acres of the New River Gorge. And new sports and courses are still being added. Keep checking back to find out more info about action sports at The Summit; there's lots more to come.

2013 National Scout Jamboree

Get ready! The 2013 National Scout Jamboree is coming and it ain't your father's jamboree. We're talking seriously high adventure, people! Whitewater rafting, zip-lining, rappelling, mountain biking, hiking, and more - with 50,000 of your closest friends at the brand new Summit Bechtel Reserve in the wilds of West Virginia.

Check out the key dates below and start planning now to be a part of history at the very first jamboree at The Summit.

The Jamboree - July 15-July 24, 2013

Registration - Now Open Contact the Scout Office at (507) 387-3123

State Parks

Sakatah Lake State Park

Sakatah-Singing Hills State Trail runs through Sakatah Lake State Park and stretches 39 miles from Mankato to Faribault. The paved trail offers hikers, bikers, skiers, and snowmobilers beautiful scenery through Minnesota's hardwoods. Sakatah Lake, a natural widening of the Cannon River, lures canoeists to paddle the calm waters, and anglers to catch walleye, large mouth and white bass, northern pike, and panfish. Whatever the season, visitors enjoy camping and picnicking.

Generally the park office is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. If the office is closed when you arrive, please use the self-registration station to the left of the office door. There will be a sign in the window with pertinent information.

Fall Facilities Information: The park is open year-round, and beautiful to explore in any season. Modern restroom facilities and showers are closed for the season. Vault toilets are available year-round. Electricity is available for \$4 per night. The dump station is closed.

Contact: 50499 Sakatah Lake State Park Road
Waterville, Minnesota 56096
(507) 362-443

Rice Lake State Park

Long ago, American Indians harvested wild rice from this lake where today, the shallow waters and marshy edges of Rice Lake attract many waterfowl during migrations. Rice Lake is a major wetland in the area. Visitors enjoy camping under the tall hardwoods, photographing spring wildflowers, picnicking, and bird watching. For a more secluded camping experience, paddle across the lake and camp in a canoe campsite. Winter activities include cross-country skiing and snowmobiling on the trails.

Office hours will vary. If no one is available, you may leave a message at (507) 455-5871. When the office is closed, please use the self-registration station at the front of the office to purchase daily and annual permits, and to register for camping. Annual permits purchased through self-registration will be mailed to you.

Contact: 8485 Rose Street
Owatonna, Minnesota 55060
(507) 455-5871

Myre Big Island

This park has something for everyone. The trails take visitors around wet lowlands, oak savanna, and grasslands. Albert Lea Lake and park marshes draw hundreds of waterfowl during migration. Oak savanna and prairie landscape, including wetlands, dominate most of the park. One of the more unique aspects of the park is the 116-acre Big Island that is covered with baple/basswood forest. Another is the glacial esker located in the northeast section of the park.

Best time to contact the park: Fall: Saturday - Sunday. 9:00 - 4:00 or leave a message. Summer: Daily 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. If no one is available, please leave a message.

Contact: 19499 780th Ave.
Albert Lea, Minnesota 56007
(507) 379-3403

Minneopa State Park

The word Minneopa comes from the Dakota language and is interpreted to mean "water falling twice," referring to the beautiful waterfalls of the Minneopa Creek. Walk the trail which encircles the falls, leading down a limestone stairway to the valley below. Ascend the opposite side and enjoy a panoramic view of the valley which reveals the underlying geology of this area. Visit Seppmann Mill, a wind driven grist mill fashioned in German style from native stone and lumber, or hike through oak savanna and native prairie grasslands overlooking the scenic Minnesota River Valley.

Best time to contact the park: Now through Labor Day: Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. After Labor Day: Office hours will vary. If no one is available, please leave a message.

Contact: 54497 Gadwall Road
Mankato, MN 56001
(507) 389-5464

Flandrau State Park

The gentle flowing Big Cottonwood River meanders through this southern park. The sand-bottom swimming pond, picnic area, campgrounds and group center attract many visitors every summer to this very popular state park. The terrain is diverse, offering views of wooded river bottoms, oxbow marshes and open grasslands. Hikers and cross-country skiers enjoy the flat trails on the bottom of the valley or more challenging routes on the oak-shaded bluffs. Visit historic stone buildings crafted by Works Progress Administration (WPA) crews. Vegetative features include goat prairies, small white lady's slippers, and the floodplain forest.

Best time to contact the park: Fall and Winter – Monday and Friday - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Weekends - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. or leave a message.

Contact: 1300 Summit Ave
New Ulm, MN 56073-3664
(507) 233-9800

Lake Shetek State Park

The word "Shetek" is Ojibwe for "pelican," a bird which visits Lake Shetek during the summer and fall. The park contains the largest lake in southwestern Minnesota, which forms the headwaters of the Des Moines River. Expect great fishing for walleye, northern, crappie, and bullheads. Loon Island, a 45-acre bird sanctuary, is accessible on foot via a causeway and includes an interpretive trail. Visit the Koch Cabin and monument memorializing pioneer settlers. The park includes a swimming beach, boat launch, campgrounds and a scenic six-mile loop bicycle trail into the town of Currie. Boat and canoe rentals are available.

Best time to contact the park : Labor Day to Memorial Weekend 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. as available, Memorial Weekend through Labor day 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Contact: 163 State Park Road
Currie, MN 56123-1018
(507) 763-3256

Lake Louise State Park

Several square miles of park located along the Upper Iowa River. Cub Scout Haunted Hikes and troop camps have been held here.

Location: A mile north of Leroy, MN on County Rd. 14

Facilities: A swimming beach on Lake Louise, a picnic area, a campground, numerous pavilions. A group camping area is also available. Miles of walking trails and other facilities.

Other Local Parks and Camps

Daly Park

This scenic, wooded/open-space park provides a wide range of facilities for overnight campers and picnickers. An island with a 0.5 mile-long primitive trail allows exploration of the natural state of the island. It is along the shores of Lura Lake (1,263 acres) which contains crappies, sunfish, perch, northerns, walleye, bass, and bullheads. A fishing pier and dock are provided with a double-ramped boat landing. The park is 75.81 acres big. Park Size: 75.81 acres, Acquisition Date: June 1968

Location: On the Northeastern shore of Lura Lake off County Road 191, about 4.5 miles southwest of Mapleton.

Facilities: Picnic tables, Picnic shelters, Firebases, Drinking water, Electrical hookup, Swim beach, Bathhouse, Playground, Nature Trail, Fishing, Fishing Dock, Boat launch, Dump Station, Resident Caretaker, Tennis Court, and a Resident caretaker

Camp sites: 15 tent camping sites (reservations needed), and 71 mobile camping sites (reservations needed)

Price: Reservations are made by phone or in person only. Both tent and mobile campsites are \$13 a night (\$9 a night for senior citizens Sunday through Thursday).

Contact: 507-524-3000

Bray Park

Bray Park features open space and attractive wooded areas. Overnight RV and tent campers are welcome. There are numerous activities for young and old to enjoy. The park contains a 0.7 mile-long hard-surfaced nature trail. There an additional 1.4 mile-long primitive footpath trail includes a unique 70 foot-long swinging bridge over a ravine. A log cabin/interpretative center is available and can be reserved for group meetings, family gatherings, and company picnics. The camp is located on the southeastern shore of Madison Lake.

Location: Off County Road 48, about 2 miles southeast of the City of Madison Lake.

Amenities: Picnic tables, Picnic Shelters, Firebases, Drinking water, Electrical hookup, Swim beach, Bathhouse, Playground, Nature trail, Interpretive center, Fishing, Fishing dock, Boat launch, Dump station, Canoe & Paddleboat Rentals, and a Resident caretaker

Camp sites: 10-tent camping sites (reservations needed) and 33 mobile camping sites (reservations needed)

Price: Reservations are made by phone or in person only. Both tent and mobile campsites are \$13 a night (\$9 a night for senior citizens Sunday through Thursday).

Contact: Call (507) 243-3885 to make a reservation

Rapidan Dam Park

The 32 acres of riverfront property provides public access to the Blue Earth River at the Dam. This stretch of river is one of the most natural and scenic areas in Southern Minnesota, including views of rock bluffs, wooded hills, rapids and waterfalls on side streams. It is a largely undisturbed remnant of the "Big Woods" of Southern Minnesota.

Location: The Rapidan Dam Park is located off of County Road 9, next to the Rapidan Dam.

Facilities: Canoe launch, Fire rings/grills, Horseshoe pits, Nature trails, Picnic tables, Picnic shelters, Firebases, Drinking water, Playground, Fishing, Resident caretakers, Restrooms, Park Size: 35.4 acres, Acquisition date: February 2004

Park Season: The park is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. April 1st to November 1st.

Camp sites: They have 20 Primitive camping sites.

Price: Overnight tent camping sites are available for \$9 per night.

Contact: For more information call 507-546-9997

Woods Lake Park

Location: Approximately 10 miles south of Blue Earth on US Highway 169 turn for 1 mile to the West, then 1 mile to the North.

Facilities: Showers, Swimming, Restrooms, Grills, Picnic Tables, 39-acre park.

Park Season: May 1st through October 1st

Camp sites: 20 campsites and 10 Tent sites.

Price: Electric Hook-up sites: \$20.00 per night - tax included
Senior Citizens (60): \$18.00 per night - tax included
Holding Site for Long Weekends:\$3.00 per night - tax included
Shelter Reservation: \$25.00 tax included (Reservation guaranteed when payment received)

Contact: Gary Gack
3451 380th Avenue
Elmore, MN 56027
507-943-3543

Pihl's Park

Pihl's Park was originally built as a private retreat by Joe Pihl who always enjoyed sharing his beautiful retreat with the public. In the 1960's he donated his retreat to Faribault County to be used as a public park for everyone to come and enjoy.

Location: 10757 570th Avenue

Facilities: 20-acre park, two shelters, picnic tables, grills, playground with a merry-go-round, swings, slide, teeter-totter, and a modern play structure, horseshoe arena, Frisbee-disc golf practice course, three hole mini-golf course. There is a short nature trail on Rice Lake. Some recreational/sporting items are available for sign-out.

Park Season: The Gate opens at 8:00 am and closes at 10:00 PM, seven days a week from the first of May through the first of October

Camp sites: 30 sites with electrical for RV camping and a separate rustic area along the shore line for tenting, All campsites have a fire ring and a picnic table. Handicap-accessible restrooms, with showers and a drinking fountain, are centrally located, in the park.

Price: Electric Hook-up sites: \$20.00 per night - tax included
Senior Citizens (60): \$18.00 per night - tax included
Holding Site for Long Weekends:\$3.00 per night - tax included
Shelter Reservation: \$25.00 tax included (Reservation guaranteed when payment received)

Contact: Diane Kahl
10757 570th Avenue
Wells, MN 56097
507-553-5864

Flying Goose Campground

The Flying Goose Campground has been around for over 40 years. Flying Goose is on Beautiful Lake Imogene that has a beautiful sand beach and is approximately 1 mile long and 3/4 wide.

Location: The campground is located approximately one mile southwest of Interstate 90 at exit 107, or five miles east of Fairmont, approximately 125 miles East of Sioux Falls.

Facilities: General Store, Restrooms and Hot Showers, Laundromat, Activity Building, Hay Rides, 18 Hole Mini Golf Course, Scenic Hiking Trail, Boat Landing, Pontoon Rental, Paddle Boat and Canoe Rentals, Rec Center, refrigerator, stove and sink, outdoor patio with fire ring, Free Wireless Internet on several sites

Camp sites: 110 Total Sites: 10 Big Rig - 100' pull thru- 50 amp, full hook up, 10 Beach Front water and electric, 30 pull thru sites, 6 Lake View water and electric, 54 Seasonal sites, Primitive campsites, 2 Sanitary Dump Stations

Price: Tent, No Hookups- \$25.00, Electric & Water /restrooms- \$30.00, Electric, Water /lakeside- \$38.00, Full Hookup- \$35.00, 50 Amp Big Rig- \$40.00, Weekly- 6 Nights Regular Rate 7th Night FREE! , Monthly – Big Rig Sites- \$550.00, Monthly- Full, 30 amp- \$525.00

Contact: Flying Goose Campground
2521 115th Street
Fairmont, MN 56031
507-235-3458

Beaver Trails Campground and RV Park

Picnic table & fire ring, 3 Playgrounds, great fishing, a heated swimming pool, paddleboats, free wireless (Wi-Fi) internet access, Coffee and fresh made Donuts, FREE Hayrides Friday and Saturday, Train Rides for Kids, Story Time for kids, Contest - Posted Weekly, Kid's Crafts, Horseshoes, 3 Stocked ponds, Lots of solitude, Large Game room, Mini-Golf, The Beaver Grill Now Open With New Expanded Menu, "Billy Beaver" mascot

Location: On Interstate 90 approximately 10 miles east of Austin.

Facilities: Restroom facilities and free showers, Convenience Store Laundromat with Culligan soft water Storm shelter

Park Season: Memorial Day Weekend thru Labor Day Weekend

Camp sites: 3 park Cabins, 20-30 & 50 Amp sites, Many sites with sewer, Primitive sites, Extra large drive thru sites, 4 campgrounds in one

Price: Between \$30 and \$53. \$2.50 per child ages 4-17. \$5.00 per person ages 18 and over.

Contact: 21943 630th Avenue
Austin, MN 55912
507-584-6611
camping@beavertrails.com

Land of Memories Park

A rustic, relaxing camping experience close to Mankato. One hundred acres of beautiful scenery and abundant with a variety of open grassy areas, shaded wooded sites and secluded spots to camp along the Minnesota River for both tents and recreational vehicles.

Location: The Land of Memories Campground is located just off of Highway 169/60 on the southwest side of Mankato.

Facilities: Restroom/shower buildings, electrical outlets, individual fire rings and picnic tables, picnic shelters, hiking Trails, and playground equipment. A dump station is available. For those who like to fish and canoe, the campground is bordered by both the Blue Earth and Minnesota Rivers. Both rivers offer canoe routes, and a boat landing is available for access to the Minnesota River.

Campsites: Wildlife featuring 47 camping sites,

Price: Sites with electricity are available for \$13 or \$16 per day. Sites without electricity (tent sites) are available for \$11 per day.

Contact: <http://www.ci.mankato.mn.us/LandOfMemories/Page.aspx>

Jackson KOA

With easy access to I-90, the Jackson KOA makes a perfect stopping point, halfway between Chicago and Mount Rushmore and only a day's drive to the Badlands or Wisconsin Dells.

Location: ¼ mile north of I-90 Exit 73 on US Highway 71.

Facilities: LP gas is available on-site, Corral for your horse, free high-speed wireless Internet and the pavilion. Heated pool, bike rentals, volleyball, horseshoe pits, campground store, Swimming Pool (May 25 - September 10), playground, mini golf, hayrides and ice cream socials. Kids can check out the area's farm animals and pick apples in season. Jackson KOA is close to great fishing and waterskiing lakes, car races, golf courses and restaurants.

Park Season: April 15 - October 15

Campsites: RV sites, tent sites with grills, one or two room Kamping Kabin, or a long level pull thru site.

Contact: 2035 Highway 71 North
Jackson, MN 56143
(507) 847-3825

Riverbend Campground

A commercial campground friendly to Scouts. Spring and Fall Camp-O-Rees have been held here over the years, as well as troop camps.

Location: Located 8 miles south of Austin on Hwy 105

Facilities: Large group camp area on south end used for Scout camping. Running water at spigots available at the edge of the commercial camping area to the north. Otherwise, a tree lined area with mowed grass next to the Cedar River.

Contact: Dale and Pam Ackland
(507) 325-4637

Bancroft Bay Park

An Albert Lea city park. Spring and Fall Camp-O-Rees have been held here over the years. The Big Island Rendezvous has been held here many years.

Location: The north end of Albert Lea, southwest of the airport.

Facilities: Several pavilions are available

Pinelawn Park

A city park along a creek. Fishing is available. Klondikes have been held there.

Location: Just east of Grand Meadow along Hwy 16

Facilities: A pavilion and a latrine, and large grass areas with trees.

Cedar Valley Conservation Club

A private gun club owned and operated by a members association. This association has been supportive of Scouting. Spring and Fall Camp-O-Rees have been held here over the years, as well as troop camps, and various Cub Scout Camps. Contact the current caretaker to make arrangements.

Location: About 2 miles north of Austin along Hwy 218

Facilities: A clubhouse, with kitchen and bathrooms. Large mowed grass areas are the various shooting areas.

Todd Park

A very large city park, with vast mowed grass areas, lined with trees. Winter Klondikes have been held here, along with various Cub Scout camps.

Location: Along 11 St. NE on the NE corner of Austin (a mile north of I-90)

Facilities: Several large and small pavilions, and bathrooms. The Izaak Walton cabin is also available. Numerous softball and soccer fields, and a disc golf course.

Contact: Austin Park and Recreation Department

Arrowhead Park

A Freeborn County park. Spring and Fall Camp-O-Rees have been held there over the years, as well as troop camps.

Location: Near Albert Lea, MN

Facilities: Several pavilions are available. A men's and women's latrine is there. A hand pump as well is available. A nice ceremony ring has been built here for OA and other ceremonies with seating for over 100.

Contact: Freeborn County Highway Department
(507) 377-5188

White Woods Park

A Freeborn County park. Cub Scout Haunted Hikes and troop camps have been held here.

Location: Near Albert Lea, MN

Facilities: Several pavilions are available. Miles of walking trails are available.

Contact: Freeborn County Highway Department
(507) 377-5188

Bricelyn American Legion Park

A rural park, owned by the American Legion in Bricelyn, along a creek, a few miles north of Bricelyn. Large grass areas, with trees interspersed. The Legion is very friendly to Scouting. Spring and Fall Camp-O-Rees have been held here over the years, as well as troop camps.

Location: A few miles north of Bricelyn, MN

Facilities: A large pavilion, and a latrine. A well is also available. A nice ceremony ring has been built here for OA and other ceremonies, with seating for over 100.

Albert Lea-Austin KOA Kampground

We offer all kinds of activities from golfing on our 9-hole golf course and swimming in our heated pools to a never ending list of local events and attractions.

Location: Hayward, MN

Amenities: Dump Station, Fire Rings, Firewood, Game Room, Store, Ice, Laundry Facilities, Outdoor Pool, Picnic Tables, Playground Equipment, Propane Station, Recreation Hall, Restrooms, Showers, 110 Campsites

Activities: Biking / Bicycling, Fishing, Golfing, Hiking, Shopping, Swimming, Tennis, Wildlife Watching

Contact: Albert Lea-Austin KOA Kampground
(800) 562-5196

Sakatah Trail Campground

Nestled between Sakatah Singing Hills Bike trail and Round Lake. We offer two motel rooms and seasonal sites for camper/Rv's and mobil homes.

Location: Madison Lake, MN

Amenities: Laundry Facilities, Restrooms, Showers

Activities: Biking / Bicycling, Cross Country Skiing, Hiking

Contact: Sakatah Trail Campground
(507) 243-3886

Watona Park Campground & Park

Your Family will be sure to enjoy camping in this well maintained, shady park. Hookups for water and electricity, tables, fire pits, and great comfort stations with showers are available.

Location: Madelia, MN

Amenities: Fire Rings, Picnic Tables, Playground Equipment, Restrooms, Showers

Activities: Golfing, Sightseeing, Swimming, Volleyball, Horseshoes, Watersliding

Contact: Watona Park Campground & Park
(507) 642-3245