



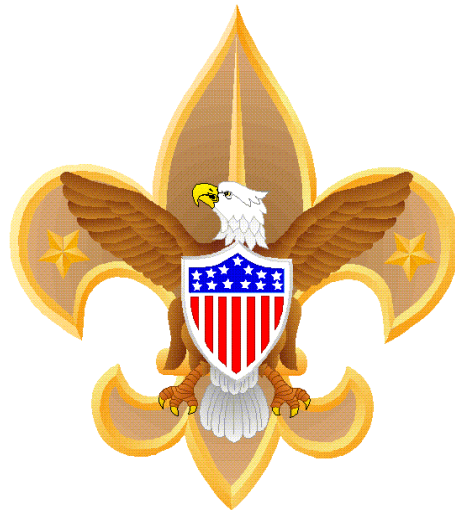
Troop 349

Wilderness Survival Camp Out

Catoctin Mountain Park

(Poplar Grove Campsite)

Thurmont, MD



Saturday, November 15 &

Sunday, November 16, 2014

Deadline for permission slip & payment:

Tuesday, November 4, 2014



Catoctin Mountain Park lies within the mountainous area known as the Blue Ridge Province. This 5,810-acre hardwood forest park with its refreshing streams and scenic vistas, offers a rare haven in a rapidly developing area of the country.

However, Catoctin Mountain Park hasn't always looked this way. In the 18th and 19th centuries the land now known as Catoctin was extensively logged to support local agriculture practices and to produce charcoal for the nearby iron works furnace. In 1933 the land was set aside as the Catoctin Recreation Demonstration Area with its purpose being to rehabilitate "sub-marginal" farmland.

In 1954 the Recreation Demonstration Area was divided, with half of the area becoming Cunningham Falls State Park and the remaining half becoming Catoctin Mountain Park. This venture, known as the Catoctin Project, was an example of a cooperative effort between State and Federal officials. Since then, the land has rejuvenated itself, transforming a disturbed environment into an excellent model of a second growth forest ecosystem.

Today, a mixed hardwood forest covers nearly 95% of the park. Catoctin Mountain Park is also part of a larger forested public lands complex that includes Cunningham Falls State Park, Frederick and Thurmont Watersheds, and Gambrill State Park. Many plants and animals, including several Maryland Threatened and Endangered species, thrive within this forest sanctuary. The high gradient streams, Big Hunting Creek and Owens Creek, run clean and support healthy populations of brown and brook trout. Catoctin Mountain Park is a very diverse place that offers respite to the plants and animals that depend on its existence. Its peaceful environment also provides a needed escape from the everyday hustle and bustle of city life for all people, including, on occasion, the President of the United States.



	Time	Event
Saturday	7:45 AM	Muster at American Legion
	8:30 AM	Depart American Legion
	10:00 AM	Arrive Catoctin Mountain Park
		SPL & PLs select sites
		Troop formation
		Unload troop & patrol, then personal gear
		Patrol meetings
		Set up patrol sites
		Flag raising
		Set up personal gear
	11:30	Cooks prepare for lunch
	12:00	Lunch and clean up. Eat as Patrols.
	13:00	Patrol meetings
	13:15	Afternoon activities:
		Wilderness survival, shelter
	16:30	Cooks prepare for dinner
	17:00	Dinner and clean up. Eat as Patrols.
	16:55	<i>Sunset</i>
	18:30	Campfire crew builds fire & prepares seating
	20:00	Campfire program
	10:00	Taps/Quiet
Sunday	06:53	Reveille
	07:00	Breakfast and clean up. Eat as Patrols.
	07:26	<i>Sunrise</i>
	08:00	Break camp
	10:00	Depart camp
	11:30	Arrive American Legion



November Temperatures: Average high 57 degrees F, average low 38 degrees F, record high 78 degrees F, record low 19 degrees F

November Average Rainfall: 3.27 inches

Emergency Information:

Frederick Memorial Hospital
400 W 7th St Frederick, MD 21701
(240) 566-3300

Thurmont Police Department
(301) 271-0905

After 4 p.m. call: (301) 694-2071 (Frederick County Communications Center)

Camping Location (GPS): Visitor Center is 14707 Park Central Road, Thurmont, MD.

Directions:

- I-495 (Beltway) to I-270 north 27 miles to Frederick, MD.
- Take Route 15 North 17 miles to Thurmont, MD.
- Take Route 77 West, the exit sign is marked Catoctin Mountain Park. Travel approximately 3 miles west on 77 and turn right onto Park Central Road.
- The Visitor Center is on the right.

GPS Address:

Catoctin Mountain Park, 14707 Park Central Road, Thurmont, MD 21788

Campsite: Poplar Grove - Park at campsite unless access road is closed; in that case, park at Round Meadow (building complex below Poplar Grove access road).

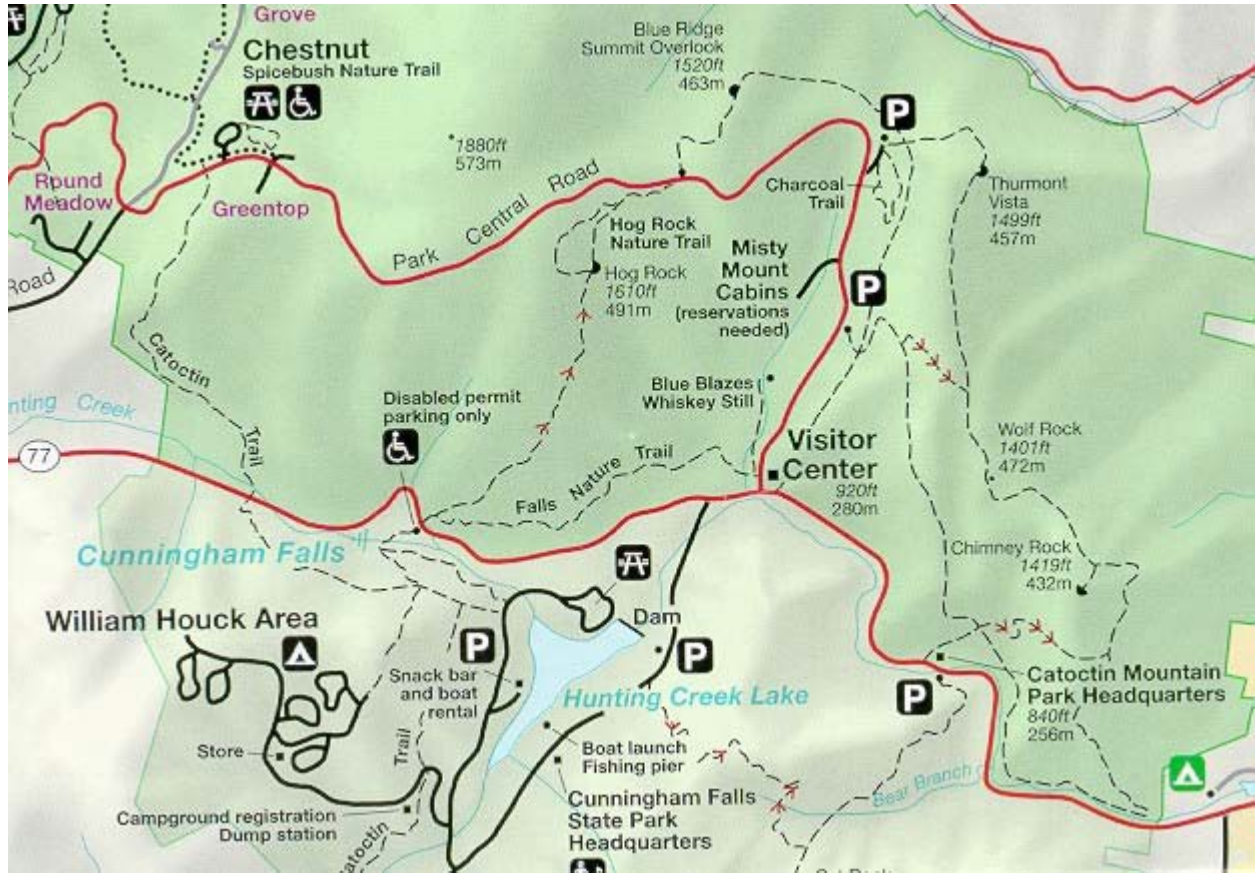
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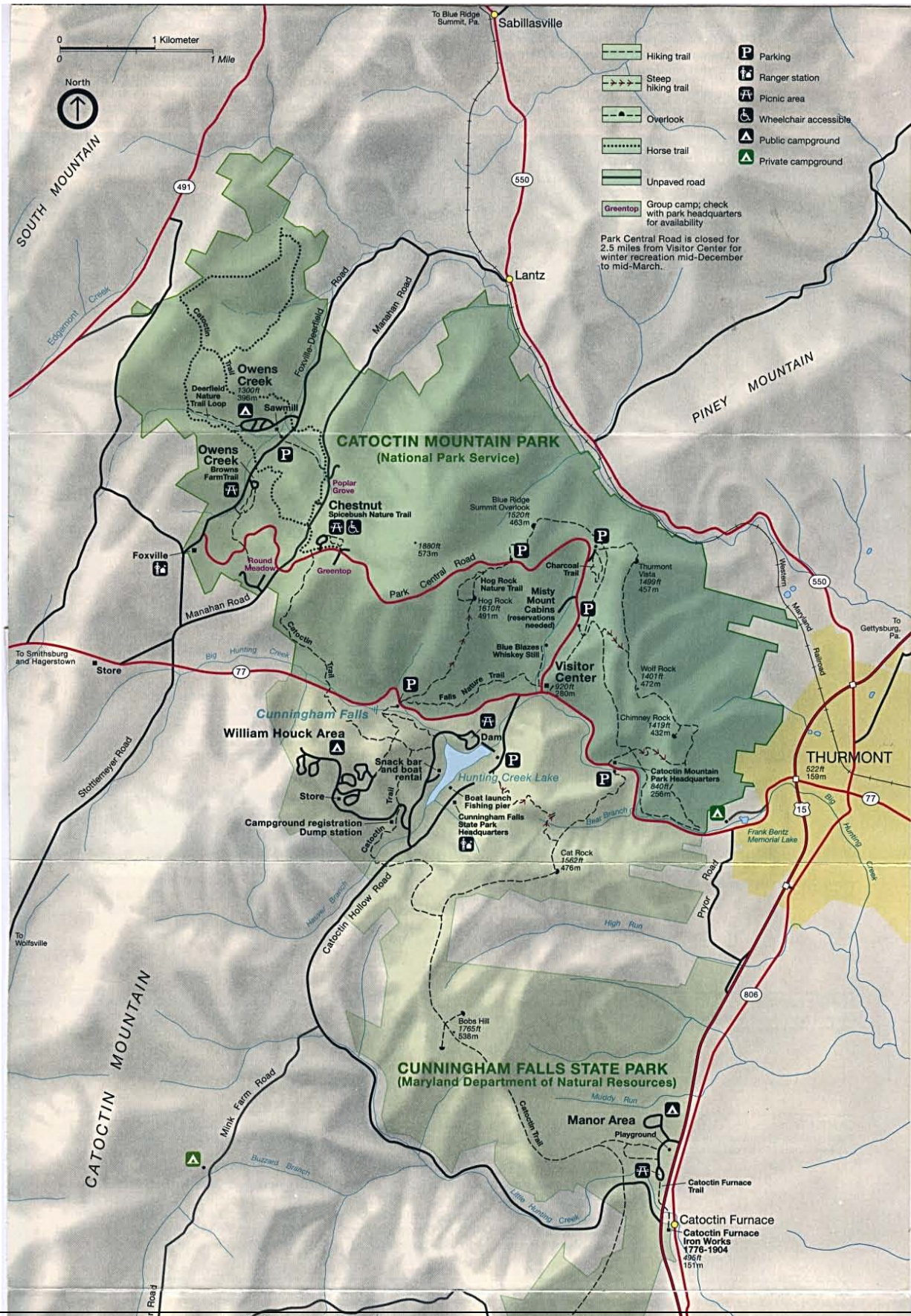
Headquarters - (301) 663-9330

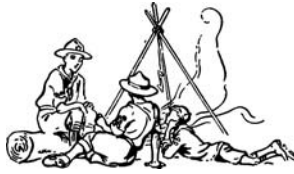
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Poplar Grove is located here (see below, right above Chestnut)







Winter Weekend Car Camping Checklist:

Note: This list is in addition to clothes worn to campout.

Wear your Class A Scout uniform for travel.

Remember: “Cotton Kills” & “Always pack for one season *colder* than now.”

Shelter:

- ___ Backpack or duffle bag (lined w/plastic bag to keep contents dry)
- ___ Tent & plastic footprint for under tent
- ___ Sleeping bag (prefer a hood, but must have top draw cord) & extra blanket
- ___ 2 sleeping pads or a pad and a blanket
- ___ Pillow case (fill with a jacket)
- ___ Emergency Space Blanket
- ___ One Rake and Plastic Tarp per Patrol to Carry Leaves

Clothes:

- ___ Winter coat & winter pants
- ___ 2 Warm caps (1 for sleeping)
- ___ Warm gloves & extra mittens/gloves (1 for sleeping)
- ___ Class B shirt
- ___ Class B fleece or vest
- ___ 2 pair underwear
- ___ Long underwear, top & bottom
- ___ 2 pair wool or winter socks (one clean, dry pair for sleeping)
- ___ Insulated winter boots
- ___ Plastic bag for boots in sleeping bag
- ___ Shower flip flops (*if* there are showers)
- ___ Towel (to wrap hot water bottle in sleeping bag)



Safety, Kitchen, & Toiletry:

- ___ Personal First Aid Kit (BSA Handbook p. 289)
- ___ Mess kit (bowl, plate, cup, fork, spoon)
- ___ Water bottle, filled and placed in the middle of pack so does not easily freeze
- ___ Pen/pencil & pocket-sized notepad
- ___ Scout Handbook
- ___ Book for reading
- ___ Matches (provided you have earned Firem'n Chit)
- ___ Whistle on neck lanyard
- ___ Compass with a base plate
- ___ Toiletry kit (hand soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, comb, small towel)
- ___ Toilet paper (half a roll in a Zip-Lock bag)
- ___ Sunscreen
- ___ Pocketknife, less than 3" blade (provided you have earned Tote 'n Chip)
- ___ Flashlight/head lamp & extra batteries (keep easily accessible in backpack)
- ___ Chair (optional)



Event: Wilderness Survival Campout
Location: Catoctin Mountain Park, Thurmont, MD
Date: November 15 & 16, 2014

As the parent or legal guardian of: _

- I give my permission for him to participate in this outing with Troop 349. I understand that if my son gets wet, I will have to drive out & pick him up.
- I will provide transportation.** Out Back Both Ways

Including driver, my vehicle holds _ people.

Name(s) of Parent(s) planning to attend: _ Parent cell #: _

My Scout understands: All travel is in Class A uniform

No electronics permitted (iPod, MP3, cell phone, etc)

Funds attached: \$ _ (\$40.00/Scout: food, mileage, site fees; \$25/adult)

I give permission to the leaders of Troop 349 to render first aid. In the event of emergency, I give permission to the physician selected by the adult leader---in---charge, to hospitalize, order anesthesia, order injection, or secure other medical treatment, as s/he determines to be appropriate. I further agree to hold Troop 349 and its leaders blameless for any mishaps that may occur during this outing, except for clear acts of negligence or non---adherence to BSA policies and guidelines.

In case of emergency, I can be reached by phone at: _ or: _

If I cannot be reached, contact: _ Phone: _

Medical insurance company: _ Policy number: _

My son: Has the following **medical condition(s)** that adult leaders must be aware:

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Has no medical condition.

Requires the following **medication(s)** that adult leaders must supervise and assist in administering (also provide time & quantity):

Takes no medication

Signed: _____ Date: _

(Parent or Guardian)

Submit this form and payment to Mr. Davis, Mr. Mills or the Troop, NLT Tuesday, November 4, 2014.