

Expeditions

Spring 2019

BSAC High Adventure

World Jamboree 2019 Visitation at the Summit



This summer get a taste of the worldwide fellowship of Scouting without even leaving the country. Day passes for the 2019 World Scout Jamboree are now available, giving everyone a chance to experience this summer's global gathering of Scouts.

Jamboree visitors can sample unique food, learn about other cultures and meet Scouts from the more than 150 countries represented. They'll also be part of a World Scouting tradition that began in 1920 with the first World Scout Jamboree.

This summer's big event is just the 24th World Scout Jamboree in history and only the second in the United States. The other was in 1967 at Farragut State Park in Idaho.

The visitor days and hours are as follows: Wednesday, July 24 (first visitor day): 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, July 25: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, July 27: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, July 28: Noon to 5 p.m., Monday, July 29: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, July 30: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, July 31 (last visitor day): 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Day visitors are welcome at the following locations:

Centro Mondial: The World Scout Jamboree's main hub, where you can learn more about North America, deepen your understanding about a Scout's Duty to God and explore 21st century advancements.

Global Development Village: A place where people from all nations can exchange ideas and discover how to build a better world.

International Food Houses: A chance to get a literal taste of food from Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, the United Kingdom or the United States.

Sustainability Treehouse: A living education center where visitors get immersed in the concept of sustainability.

World Point: Stages where Scouts from other countries can sing, dance, celebrate and perform.

Scott Visitor Center: Lockers, restrooms and the main trading post, offering a variety of World Scout Jamboree souvenirs.

Please note:

While day visitors can't participate in the recreational activities open to Jamboree participants, they can observe Scouts in action in the areas listed above. They can also visit the numerous displays and exhibits depicting Scouting around the world.

Day visitors are not permitted to visit base camps or subcamps (Scout living areas) or recreational areas outside Summit Center/Centro Mondial. If you want to meet with your son or daughter attending the Jamboree, arrange a time and location within Summit Center/Centro Mondial to meet up.

Tickets are sold for a single day and are valid for that day only.

Adult single-day pass (14 and older): \$55

Youth single-day pass (6 to 13): \$30

Youth under 6: No charge

Other things to know:

All youth under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Once you arrive at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, you'll receive a wristband that must be worn throughout your visit. If you're visiting for multiple days, you'll get a new wristband each day.

All visitors will receive a Safe From Harm briefing. Safe From Harm is the World Organization of the Scout Movement's equivalent to Youth Protection training.

Day visitors will arrive at the J.W. and Hazel Ruby Welcome Center, located at 55 Hazel Ruby Lane, Mt Hope, West Virginia 25880.

You'll need to arrange your own transportation to the Ruby Welcome Center. Once there, you'll check in, get your wristband and take a shuttle to begin your Jamboree experience.

Additional information can be found at www.wsj.org/attend/day-visitors/

Hocking Hills



Hocking Hills in south central Ohio is noted for its breathtaking scenery with recess caves, cliffs and waterfalls. Among the natural features of this area are the unusual sandstone formations at Old Man's Cave, Ash Cave, Conkle's Hollow, Cantwell Cliffs, Rock House and Cedar Falls.

Numerous trails are available for hiking, including the famous Grandma Gatewood Trail (Grandma Gatewood, at the age of 67, was the first woman to hike the 2168 mile Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine solo and in one season.), a six mile section that is part of the 1400-mile Buckeye Trail, the 4,600-mile North Country Trail, and the 6,800-mile American Discovery Trail.

Outfitters in the area provide canoeing/kayaking on the Hocking River, a calm river with a few riffles, islands and sand bars. In addition, guided rock climbing, rappelling as well as bouldering opportunities are available. Old Man's Cave State Park offers camping but there are a number of private campgrounds in the area, also.



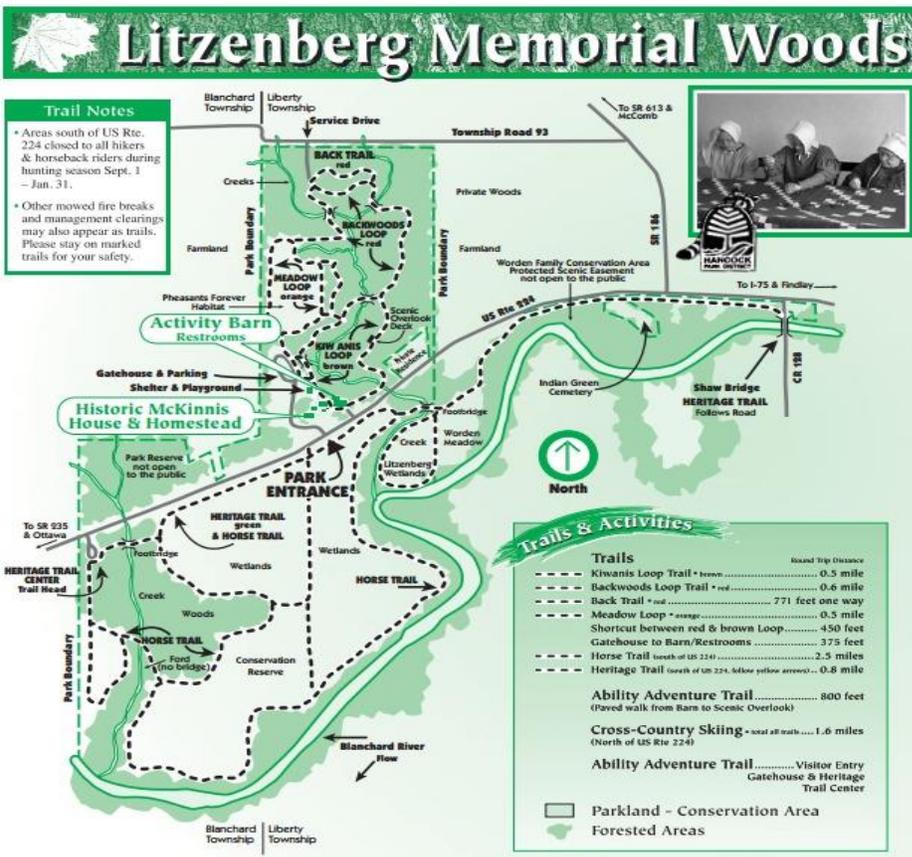
Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Litzenberg Memorial Woods, much of it former farm ground with a house, barn and other out-buildings and now a part of the Hancock County Park District, contains 227.7 acres on the north side and south side of U.S. Route 224 west of Findlay. Land is characterized by rolling countryside, wooded ravines, and a grand expanse of wetlands, prairie, and sky. It blends the area's rich agricultural heritage with conservation and wildlife, education and history, hiking and exploration, picnicking and play, and social gatherings and special events to create a unique destination.

Hillsides and upland forest habitats are full of watchable wildlife like squirrels, owls and deer. North woods slope to fields, wetlands and the Blanchard River floodplain to the south with scattered ravines containing steep slopes. Changes in elevation vary 100 feet from the river to the highpoint, creating a landscape uncommon in much of northwest Ohio. Three trails provide easy hikes through the area. The western trailhead of the 17 mile Heritage Trail is located here as well.

Litzenberg Woods is a popular birding site with a wide variety of birds being observed each year. Pheasants Forever has developed a 7.5 acre habitat with food plots for nesting birds.

Special events centered around the farmstead draw crowds throughout the year. A listing of these events can be found at <https://hancockparks.com/venue/litzenberg-memorial-woods/>

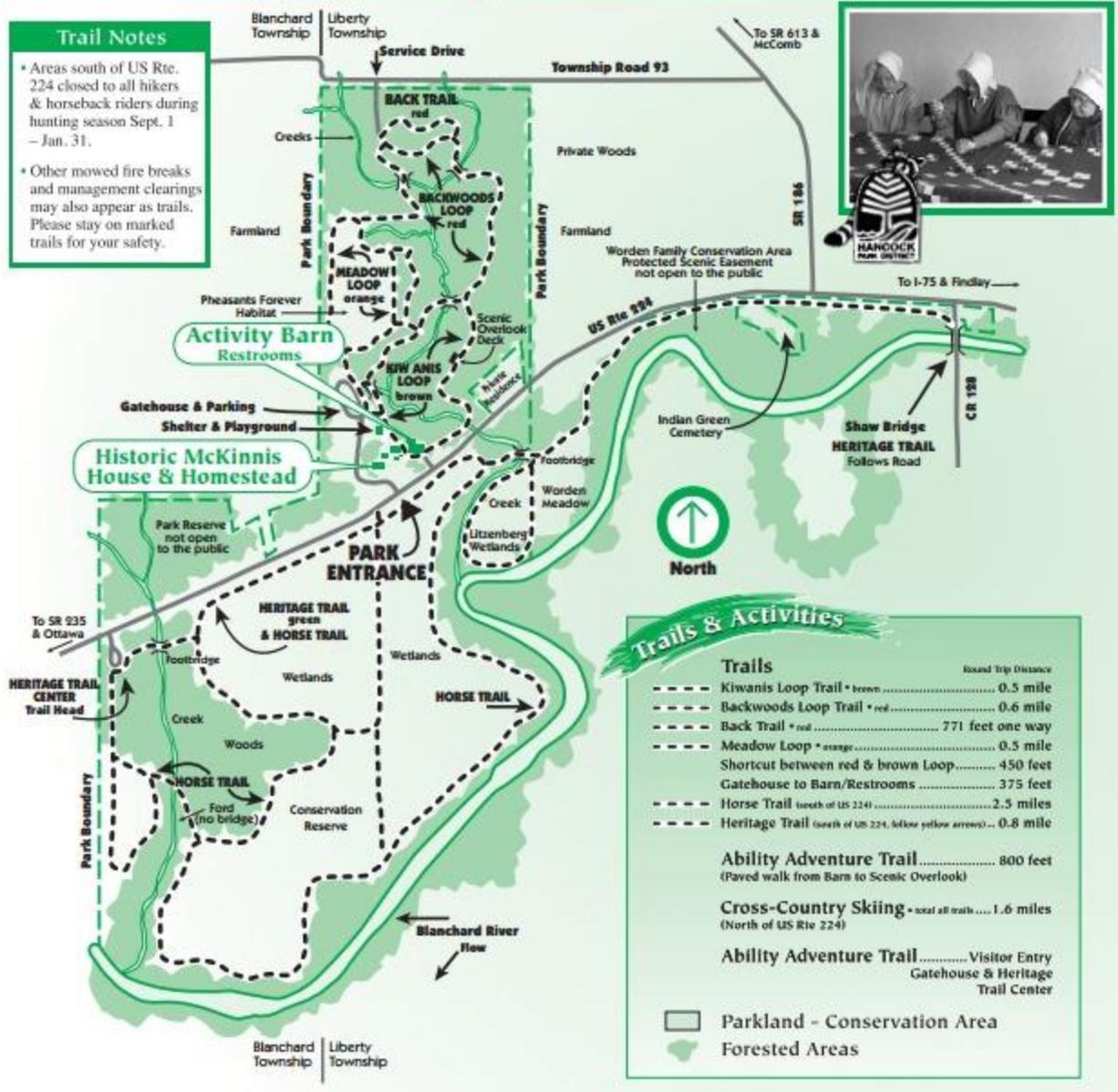




Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Trail Notes

- Areas south of US Rte. 224 closed to all hikers & horseback riders during hunting season Sept. 1 – Jan. 31.
- Other mowed fire breaks and management clearings may also appear as trails. Please stay on marked trails for your safety.



Trails & Activities

Trails	Road Trip Distance
----- Kiwanis Loop Trail • brown	0.5 mile
----- Backwoods Loop Trail • red	0.6 mile
----- Back Trail • red	771 feet one way
----- Meadow Loop • orange	0.5 mile
----- Shortcut between red & brown Loop	450 feet
----- Gatehouse to Barn/Restrooms	375 feet
----- Horse Trail (north of US 224)	2.5 miles
----- Heritage Trail (south of US 224, follow yellow arrows)	0.8 mile
Ability Adventure Trail	800 feet
(Paved walk from Barn to Scenic Overlook)	
Cross-Country Skiing - total all trails	1.6 miles
(North of US Rte 224)	
Ability Adventure Trail	Visitor Entry
	Gatehouse & Heritage
	Trail Center

Parkland - Conservation Area
 Forested Areas

Indiana Dunes State Park



Indiana Dunes State Park encompasses 2,182 acres of beach, dunes, marshes, swamps, hardwood forests, and white pine groves and is surrounded by the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore lands, which hugs 15 miles of the southern shore of Lake Michigan. The state park's 16.5 miles of trails allow you to explore all these habitats, which shelter diverse wildlife and provide excellent birding.

On Saturday, March 23, 2019, the Pathway to Adventure Council's OA South Area of Takhone Lodge 7 will host the Annual Potawatomi Trail Hike, an all-day event. This event will complete hiking requirements for Cub Scouts and Boy Scout ranks and provide chances to camp. Complete the Three Dune Challenge, hike the beautiful shores of Lake Michigan or enjoy the nature center. The possibilities are endless. The hike traditionally attracts a large number of visitors and takes place regardless of rain or snow.

A \$5 registration fee includes the 2019 Potawatomi Hike Trail Patch, with registration beginning at 9:30 AM at the City West Shelter, Indiana Dunes State Park, located at 1600 N 25 E, Chesterton, Indiana. No advanced registration is needed. Out-of-state participants will need to pay a state park entry fee of \$12.00 per vehicle. Further, there will be an additional charge for parking.

Any questions regarding the hike can be directed to Noah Tuftedal at southareachair@oa7.org.

Upcoming Events

Wilderness First Aid – A Wilderness First Aid course will be offered at Camp Berry on April 25-26. For more information, contact Tammy Speer, Council Training Chair, at bsactraining@gmail.com.

Philmont 2020 – The Black Swamp Area Council will be sending a contingent to Philmont in 2020. If interested, contact Mike Saxton, High Adventure Chair, at jmsaxton823@gmail.com.



Black Swamp Area Council is excited to announce the formation of the NEW Expeditions Trek Program, designed for older Scouts. The vision of this program is to offer a 3-year program, with a new trek added each year. These treks will be offered to Scouts who are 15 or older, as well as adult leaders.

The idea for this program is simple. Your older Scouts have gone to traditional summer camp several times now. They have worked on tons of merit badges, including the exciting ones that draw Scouts to camp. Now they might not be as excited about returning for the 5th time, or more. We want to offer them an experience that gets them outside the traditional realm of summer camp. An experience that will allow them to rely on skills they have learned, and possibly pick up new skills along the way. We want to immerse them in a week long, outdoor program, that is not only exciting and fun, but that challenges their sense of adventure!

For our inaugural year, we are introducing the **Camp to Camp Paddle Trek**. This 5-day excursion will see participants canoe the local rivers and waterways from Camp Berry in Findlay to Camp Lakota in Defiance. Participants can come with their Troop to their scheduled week of camp. Participants at Lakota will be transported to Berry on Sunday afternoons. On Fridays, Berry participants will be transported back after the Trek ends, so they can travel home with their Troops. Participants who do not have a Troop in camp that week can report directly to Berry on Sunday afternoon. Each week, we will have the capacity of 10 paddlers, and two staff guides, for a total group of 12. The intended ratio will be 8 youth to 2 adults. Participants will camp along the way at established camping sites. Cooking will be done by the participants. Additional program activities will await the participants each day at their scheduled stops.

We will offer 5 weeks of this Trek program, coinciding with the normal weeks of summer camp:

June 17-21 June 24-28 July 1-5 July 8-12 July 15-19

Cost: \$375 (includes the regular summer camp fee)

Registration for the Camp to Camp Paddle Trek will open on April 6th.

For questions, please contact Tom James at tom.james@scouting.org or call the Findlay Service Center at 419-422-4356.



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