



Troop 4 - Blue Hills Day Hike

April 7, 2018

Blue Hills Reservation

START: Blue Hills - Skyline Trail, 651 Willard St, Quincy, MA 02169

STOP: 2990 Washington St, Canton, MA 02021

On Saturday, April 7th Troop 4 will be hiking the Blue Hills Reservation, “a 6,000-acre state park in Norfolk County, Massachusetts. Managed by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Blue Hills Reservation covers parts of Milton, Quincy, Braintree, Canton, Randolph, and Dedham. Located approximately ten miles south of downtown Boston, the reservation is one of the largest parcels of undeveloped conservation land within the metropolitan area. The park’s varied terrain and scenic views make it a popular destination for hikers from the Boston area.” (From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

We will be dividing into groups based on age/ability. Group 1 (bridging scouts, Patriots & Rams) will meet at the parish center at 8:30 AM for an 8:45 AM departure. Group 2 (Scorpions, Honey Badgers, THE Patrol) will meet at the parish center at 9:30 AM for a 9:45 AM departure. We will return for pick up at the parish center by 4:00 PM in the evening.

Both groups will hike approximately 7 miles of the popular Skyline (blue rectangles on the map) which traverses the entire Blue Hills Range. At the end of the hike we will have some of Troop 4’s famous fried dough!

Scouts need to bring: a bag lunch, poncho or rain coat if it looks like rain that day, boots, a hat and gloves/mittens. A spare pair of socks is a must to bring. If the weather is cold, bring a warm coat as well. Scouts should bring at least two quarts/liters of water (no soda, juice, punch, etc.). Do not bring water in disposable water bottles - get a canteen or hiking water bottle at Wal-Mart, Target, etc. for about \$10. Scouts need to bring a day pack (school pack will work fine) to carry their personal and troop gear for the day.

If your son will be attending the hike, please complete please contact Mr. Weber via e-mail no later than April 4th at brian_p_weber@comcast.net. Please bring your completed permission slip to the April 5th Scout meeting.

We will need a few parents to drive to/from and/or stay for the event. If you can help out please indicate on the permission slip.