



Troop 4 -2020-2021 Monthly Camping Itinerary

September Bicycle Trip. On Saturday, September 26th, Troop 4 will be riding the Norwottuck Rail Trail in Northampton, MA. The Norwottuck Branch of the Mass Central Rail Trail is an 11-mile paved path linking Northampton, Hadley, Amherst and Belchertown along the former Central Massachusetts Railroad Company right-of-way. The path's level terrain provides safe passage for pedestrian and wheeled users of all ages, types and abilities. Troop 4 will travel from the Warren Wright parking area to Northampton and back. We'll finish the day with Troop 4's famous fried dough.

October Backpacking Trip. The troop will travel on the weekend of October 17th, 2020, to Douglas State Forest. The 5,907-acre Douglas State Forest borders Connecticut and Rhode Island.

November Backwoods Roast Beast & WEBELOS Camping Trip. On Saturday, November 14th and Sunday November 15th we will be camping at the Troop Campsite in Milford, MA. The troop chefs are just beginning to formulate an exciting menu to cook out in the field. We'll have a full schedule of outdoor activities, including Archery, the troop's famous obstacle course, and other games/contests. We have invited some second year WEBELOS to attend as well.

January Winter Camping Trip. The January campout will be Saturday, January 16th, 2021 through Sunday, January 17th, 2021. We will be camping in the Peppercorn Hill area of Milford, MA. Planned activities include sledding, hiking, and other adventures. At this winter camping trip we will be doing some aluminum foil cooking (no pots and pans to clean) and Dutch oven cooking. The winter is a great time to do this type of cooking because you need some good warm fires to cook - and to stay warm with, too!

February Winter Wonderland Trip. The Troop's February Campout will be Saturday, February 20th through Sunday February 21st at Royalston Falls/Tully Lake in Royalston, Massachusetts.

March Troop Day Hike. Troop 4 will be hiking Saturday, March 20th at the Mount Wachusett State Reservation in Princeton MA. Mount Wachusett is a great place to hike and explore. Mount Wachusett is the highest Massachusetts peak east of the Connecticut River; with a 2006-foot elevation. Its higher elevations include one of the most southern New England remnants of the great northern boreal forest, and a patch of very rare old growth oak forest. Mt. Wachusett also is a premier location in New England for watching hawk and eagle migrations. At the end of the hike we will have some (more) of Troop 4's famous fried dough!

April Troop Campout. On April 17th and 18th the Troop will be at the Troop campsite in Milford. This local campout at our secluded Troop campsite is very convenient for scouts that have sports games to attend. Scouts can check out to attend their game, and then return after it is over. We will be cooking patrol style over open wood fires for dinner and breakfast.

May Troop Campout. On May 22, 2021, Troop 4 will look to continue the HUT TRADITION and camp at the Carter Notch Hut in Lincoln, NH. The HUT tradition was started in 2016. No Tents needed! The hike in is a modest 5.8 miles with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. Bring snowshoes if you have them. The area views are SPECTACULAR! Stay tuned; you don't want to miss this event!

June White Water Rafting Trip. The trip is from Friday, June 18th through Sunday June 20th. As we did three years ago, we will be using the Adventure Bound outfitters. They will provide the boats, wetsuits, all equipment, and even the expert guides that will ride in each boat. Friday is a travel day to our "resort" campsite, complete with pool, hot tub, game and movie rooms. Saturday is whitewater day. Our river course follows the Kennebec River.