



October 2020 Backpacking Trip

Douglas State Forest, October 17-18, 2020

<https://www.mass.gov/locations/douglas-state-forest>

Wallis Street, Douglas, MA 01007 (Trailhead In)
107 Wallum Lake Road, Douglas, MA 01516 (Trailhead Out)

Troop 4 will travel on the weekend of October 17-18 to Douglas State Forest in Douglas, MA. The 5,907-acre Douglas State Forest borders Connecticut and Rhode Island and is home to many hiking trails. This trip will feature 5.5 miles of backpacking along the several of the local trails and tent camping along the Midstate Trail. Once arriving at our campsite, Scouts will set up “Base Camp” and set out with day packs to visit the Tri-State Marker where Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island converge.

Scouts will meet Saturday at the parish center at 7:00 for an on-time departure at 7:30AM. All attendees (scouts/adults) will cook their backpacking meals individually, using only boiled water for meal preparation. Meals may be purchased at local stores including Wal-Mart, Dicks Sporting Goods, REI and EMS. Scouts will need to eat breakfast before we depart on Saturday. Scouts should bring a backpacking meal for Saturday lunch, Saturday Dinner and Sunday Breakfast.

All scouts must bring their fully packed back-pack to the October 15th Troop Meeting for a “shake-down” to ensure each scout is well prepared.

It is very important that all scouts and leaders who plan to attend please e-mail Mr. Comisky NLT Wednesday, October 14th and drop off the permission slip no later than the beginning of the October 15th Troop Meeting.