



January 2021 Winter “Camping” Trip

January 16, 2021 Peppercorn Trail
Upton, Massachusetts

Parents/Scouts,

The outing will be Saturday January 16th. We will be ‘camping’ in the Peppercorn Area in Upton MA. Planned activities include hiking, animal tracking, geocaching and a visit to the DARK SIDE of the pond.

Scouts should prepare their packs as if we were staying the night including change of clothes, sleeping bag/pad*, hat, gloves and headlamp. No cotton or sneakers. **The Troop 4 Website has a list of gear needed for a one night winter campout.** Most scouts already have most of the gear and anything else is usually around in the scouts homes.

The troop will plan for this trip as if it were an overnight campout; meaning that we’ll organize as patrols and put together meal plans. We’ll do some aluminum foil cooking, as the winter is a great time for that type of cooking because you need some good warm fires to cook - and to stay warm with, too! We may also do some stove cooking depending on meal plans.

We will be patrol cooking for Saturday dinner and desert. Scouts should bring a bag lunch for Saturday (no soda). The hike into the campsite is approximately 1.5 miles.

We will meet at St. Mary’s parish center at 10:00 AM on Saturday January 16th for a 10:15 departure. We may need some parents to drive to/from the site. We’ll return for pick up Saturday night at 9:15PM. Exact transportation arrangements will be confirmed when headcount is finalized.

We will be planning the trip during the January 14th troop meeting. If your son is planning to attend the trip, please return the permission slip by the January 14th troop meeting. If your son can’t make the January 14th troop meeting but wants to attend, please call or email John Comisky before that date so we can include your son in planning for the event.

Winter outings are fun and a great outdoor experience - and not that difficult. The adult leaders and troop have many years of actual winter camping experience and all of our trips have been a great time. While there’s currently no snow, you never know what New England weather may bring. There is no fee for this outing.

John/Mr. Comisky