

**SCOUTS-L**

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**TRAILS**

**Date:** Tue, 16 May 1995 12:09:39 +0600  
**From:** Daniel W Brown <dabrown2@VT.EDU>  
**Subject:** Introduction

I'm Dan Brown. I'm an assistant scoutmaster with Troop 56, Blacksburg VA (est. 1922) and on the district committee for New River District, Blue Ridge Mountain Council. I am 42 years old and have been involved in scouting since I joined Troop 203 in Mt Ranier MD in the fall of 1964. I am a Vigil member of Tutelo Lodge # 161 and I used to be a fox. By the way, does anyone know if Troop 203 is still around?

I am always interested in new hiking trails. I am co-author of Trails in Southwestern Virginia published since 1982 by the Virginia Tech Outing Club.

I am working on a second volume covering trails in Virginia and southern West Virginia that lie west of the New River. This will include the New River Trail.

**Date:** Thu, 1 Feb 1996 11:30:22 -0500  
**From:** "Steven P. Elwart" <SElwart@AOL.COM>  
**Subject:** Re: Info Needed on Vicksburg, MS Trail  
**To:** Multiple recipients of list SCOUTS-L <SCOUTS-L@TCUBVM.IS.TCU.EDU>

In Chip Turner's question on the Vicksburg, MS trail. I am the Chairman of the Vicksburg Trails Commission. I have sent some information to Walter DuBois in your Troop. If you need any more information, you can contact me at: selwart@aol.com 601-636-9788 (O)

We have 4 trails available: 7, 12, 14 mile hiking trails and a 16 mile bicycle trail. Patches, Pins, and Medals are available.

**YIS,  
Steve Elwart**

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**Date: Wed, 31 Jan 1996 12:54:22 -0600  
From: "R. Chip Turner" <turnerc@ALPHA.NSULA.EDU>  
Subject: Info Needed on Vicksburg, MS Trail**

**Our Troop 12 would like to hike the Vicksburg Historical Trail as we are in the midst of preparation for Philmont. We thought this would be an enjoyable way to continued our preparatory activities. Does anyone have information on requirements for the patch, pin, etc.? Also, where do you get a copy of the requirements and patches/pins?**

**R. Chip Turner**

**Troop 12, Alexandria, LA**

**(Celebrating our 75th Anniversary on Scout Sunday, 1996**

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**Date: Fri, 24 May 1996 19:58:08 -0500  
From: Utah Cox <cox@VT8200.VETMED.LSU.EDU>  
Subject: Re: Historic Trails**

**>1. Shiloh Military Trail**

**Ken Humphreys  
751 S. Goodlett  
Memphis TN 38187**

**Several trails (including compass hikes) are available, from 2 to 14 or more miles, patches for all, medals for some; all require advance reading of historical materials.**

**>2. Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL**

**John Steiger**

**3100 Monticello Dr  
Pensacola FL 32514-6872  
904-477-0122**

**Mr. Steiger can supply information for 4 trails in the area:**

**1. Aboard Pensacola NAS Historical Trail -- a 10 mile loop of the entire NAS, patch and medal available.**

**2. Pensacola Historical Trail -- 4 mile loop downtown, patch and medal available.**

**3. Andrew Jackson Historical Trail -- 22 miles in national forest (not a loop), camping in trail shelter halfway, patch and medal available.**

**4. Fort Pickens Historical Trail -- 10 mile hike from group camp to fort, patch (features fort) and medal (featuring Geronimo) available from Troop 3, Cokesbury UMC -- the contact in 1994 was Mike Sams, 2075 Elaine Circle, Pensacola FL 32504-7225; 904-484-6475 home and 904-968-7446 work. The church address is 5725 North 9th Av, Pensacola, FL 32504 (slow to answer from this address).**

**Camping is sometimes available at the Pensacola NAS, they do have a scout campsite (swampsite?) but they have always discouraged us from using it.**

**They no longer allow use of the barracks, but still allow dining at one of the mess halls.**

**Camping is available at the group camp at Gulf Islands National Seashore, Ft. Pickens (\$1 per person, \$4 per vehicle) for a minimum of 10 or a maximum**

of 40 (otherwise you have to camp at regular campground at a higher cost).

They take reservations for the calendar year beginning Jan. 1st at 904-934-2622 or 1801 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze FL 32561.

If you have the time, you can do the 3 trails. We have done the downtown trail on the way to Ft. Pickens, and then the Ft. Pickens trail and NAS trail on subsequent days or the NAS trail after vacating Ft. Pickens. Of

course, we then only have about a 4 hour drive home, so it is easy for us.

Maybe this is more info than you really wanted.

Utah Cox  
Iberville, Louisiana

Date: Sun, 26 May 1996 16:19:52 -0500  
From: "Settummanque, the blackeagle (MAJ) Mike L. Walton"  
<blackeagle@HCC-UKY.CAMPUS.MCI.NET>  
Subject: Re: Re; BSA Historis Trails

Someone asked:

> Doesn't national publish a complete list of the historic  
> trails. Our troop recently did Gettysberg and had a  
> wonderful time. They now want to do other trails.

They sure do. The BSA's Camping and Conservation Service maintains something called "Campex". It was done on a old UNISYS machine (for those computer wonks out there!!) that lists BSA Council Camps, state and federal camping sites, military facilities and Historic Trails which were "found" by or "created by" Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Explorers.

I don't know if this was updated or not.

Whenever you participate in or create a Historic Trail, the original copy of the form you complete in order to get the patches is sent to the Camping and Conservation Service for entry into Campex. That should tell you that Campex

is **\*REALLY NOT UP TO DATE\*** and reflects everything out there, maintained or not.

You can send a request to Campex requesting a listing of sites enroute to or from wherever you want to go. The form is available inside any edition of the BSA's Tours and Expeditions Booklet (BSA #3734). But let's cut to the chase...you don't the booklet: just send your request to:

Camping and Conservation Service, S209  
National Office, BSA  
1325 West Walnut Hill Lane  
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

(the program was renamed in 1977 to "Campways BSA", but folks still know it as "Campex". Either name will work.)

If you want to see what kind of information they will provide you, look on page 38 of the Tours and Expeditions Booklet.

I am hoping that somehow we will be able to come up with a **BETTER** version of "Campex", something that can be easily accessed without informing everyone and their uncle of our "possible plans". Is there anyone working on this?

Settummanque!

Date: Sun, 18 Aug 1996 11:46:39 -0400  
From: Ed Henderson <BigEdBSA@AOL.COM>  
Subject: Re: Re; BSA Historis Trails

There is one other great resource for scouters looking for Great Trails around the country besides the Campex publication that Mike Walton talked about. It is a privately published book called Hiking Trails of America, 18th Edition. First produced over 30 years ago by Troop 343 of Memphis TN, it has evolved to a complete nation wide listing of all trails open to youth groups. The organization that now puts it out is called American Historical Trails in North Carolina. The new guide sells for \$4.95 + \$1.50 shipping and

**handeling and can of course be ordered from the Camp Thunder  
Country Store,  
now the largest Trading Post of any scout camp in the USA.**

**For many states, Falcon Press & Menasha Ridge Publishing Companies  
produce a  
state by state Hiker's Guide for many parts of the country. We carry  
the  
Florida & Georgia editions and find them to be both top 10 books in  
our  
collection of more than 400 non BSA Supply Division titles we carry.**

**YIS,**

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