

Where to Go Camping In New England



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Friends and Brother Scouts:

You know that sitting in front of a video display with your game controller all the time isn't good for you, so get outdoors, meet the wildlife and have some real fun! Pachachaug Lodge promotes camping and encourages all units to camp every month.

The purpose of this guide is to point Scout units toward resources for finding places to camp and hike in our area. From Central Massachusetts, we can easily travel to many locations with varied terrain and flora. Our companion website (http://www.t54.org/Camping_OA.htm) includes information about many of these locations and links to either the campgrounds or to reservation systems.

For each tour, the Scout unit leader should obtain the current registration requirements, forms, fees, availability and restrictions from the campground operator.

This Where to Go Camping guide was created by Pachachaug Lodge #535, Order of the Arrow, Mohegan Council, Worcester, MA.

Enjoy your outdoor experience!

Yours in Scouting,

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Corrections and Additions:

If you see mistakes in this guide or in the companion website or if you have resources or information to add, please contact us by E. Mail: joshua@froimson.net.

Camping

Types of Camping

A unit can plan a variety of camping events, such as:

- Backpacking
- Car Camping (just the unit)
- Camporee/Jamboree
- Cabin Camping
- Summer Camp
- Cold Weather Camping

Camping gets you outdoors, helps you to appreciate nature, and provides a setting in which a group of Scouts can work as a patrol. Some events, particularly backpacking, additionally promote personal fitness as well.

Fun with Camping

Many activities can be combined with a camping trip. Here are just a few:

- Advancement
- Bicycling
- Canoeing
- Cooking
- Deep sea fishing
- Games
- Hiking
- Mountain Biking
- White Water Rafting

Get your Patrol Leaders Council together and see what adventures your Scouts are interested in.

Outdoor Principles

While enjoying the outdoors, each Scout is expected to adhere to the Outdoor Code:

The Boy Scouts of America encourage following the principles of Leave No Trace.

For details, see our companion website:

http://www.t54.org/Camping_OA.htm

Where to Camp

How do you find out where to go camping? One of the best places to camp is our own Treasure Valley Scout Reservation, but there are many other places as well. In general, there are several types of camping location:

- Scout Camps
- Foundation Owned Properties
- State Parks
- National Parks
- Army Corps of Engineers Managed Properties
- Privately Owned Campgrounds
- Municipal Parks

Resources for finding specific locations are indexed under Where to Camp on our companion website:

http://www.t54.org/Camping_OA.htm

In addition, your local camping store (e.g., New England Backpacker, EMS) can be a great resource on best places to camp and current conditions.

Treasure Valley



Treasure Valley is the Mohegan Council's scout reservation. It has about 1600 acres of land and is located in four Massachusetts towns: Rutland, Spencer, Oakham, and Paxton

Treasure Valley is home in summer to the Mohegan Council's camps:
Boy Scout Camp (troop, provisional resident and provisional day)
Webelos Resident Camp
Cub Scout Camp (Day)

The rest of the year, for weekend camping, Treasure Valley offers cabins, platform tent sites, leave no trace sites, adirondack shelters and open fields, providing perfect settings for any camping event.

All visitors arriving by car enter through the main gate. Except for certain large events (when posted), visitors turn left at the large white house at the end of the entry drive and proceed to check in at the Magee building (aka. Camp Office).

Treasure Valley is divided into an East Camp and a West Camp. The Magee building is located in the East Camp. The West camp is accessed by turning right at the Magee building onto Snake River Road.

The Midstate Trail runs through Treasure Valley, making it a backpacking destination or trailhead as well.

For directions to and maps of Treasure Valley and information about its history, see our companion website:

http://www.t54.org/Camping_OA.htm

Platform Tent Sites

Each platform tent site at Treasure Valley includes several tent platforms (each sized for either a 2-bunk or 3-bunk tent), hard shelter with picnic tables (called a pavillion at other camps), latrine, fire pit and flag pole. Tents are set up on the platforms only during the summer, and capacities listed are for those tents. All of the platform tent sites are located in the East Camp. In the off-season, only the pit toilets can be used as the water is shut off throughout the camp.

Site Name	Capacity (# people)	Latrine Type
Evergreen	37	Flush
Pine Acres	50	Flush
High Mesa	42	Pit
Madore	38	Pit
Thunderbird	46	Flush
Baden Powell	27	Pit
Chippewa	27	Pit
Hickory	38	Flush
Sleepy Hollow	40	Pit
Tall Maples	29	Flush
Hemlocks	38	Pit
Staff Central		Flush (at adjacent shower house)

Notes:

The former Arrow site is now a program area (ECON - Ecology and Conservation) and not available for camping.

The Proctor site is not currently available for camping.

Leave No Trace Tent Sites

Each leave no trace tent site at Treasure Valley includes a fire pit. In some cases, the ruins of a latrine are visible. These sites are located in the West Camp, just off the Midstate Trail. Available sites:

- Brownsea
- Deer Trail
- Fort Courage
- Fox Hole
- Hardwood
- Katahdin
- Kodiak
- Rocky Point
- Trails End
- Whispering Hill

Adirondacks

The Adirondack shelters are three-sided structures with a roof. Six Adirondack shelters are available for rental. Each sleeps 6-8 people and has a fireplace right outside the structure. There are no latrines nearby.

Open Fields

A few larger fields are available for camporee style events. In some cases, event organizers should arrange for portable toilets. Digging is prohibited in these areas. Available locations:

Boonesville Plain* - Adjacent to Browning Pond in East Camp. This large field (approximately the size of a football field) is suitable for sports games.

North Field - Located about a 15 minute hike off Snake River Road along a cart trail. The field is approximately twenty by fifty yards and has one fire pit. A stream confluence is located about fifty yards away.

Jamboree Field* - To the right of the Treasure Valley entrance.

West Camp Activity Field* - Near Browning Pond in West Camp.

* Fires are only permitted off the ground in these areas.

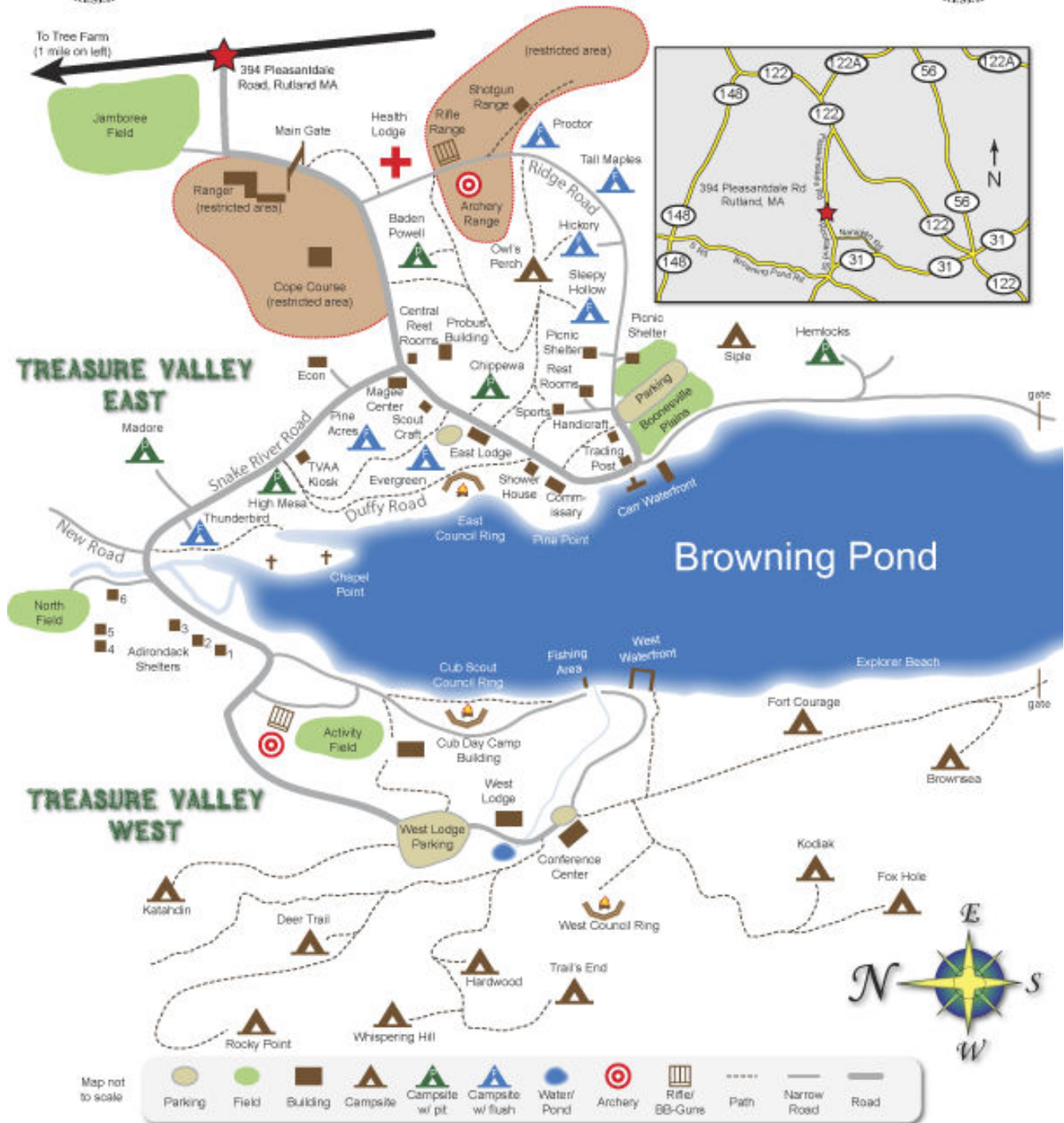
Cabins

Treasure Valley has a variety of buildings.

Building Name	Sleeping Capacity (# people)	Description
East Lodge	no sleeping	Large building with electricity, heating, fireplace, 3 bathrooms (except off-season), tables and benches. Can be rented with or without kitchen. This building serves as the dining hall during summer camp.
Commisary	26	Two rooms, electricity, indoor wood burning stove. Bathroom usable during the summer. During off-season, there are nearby pit latrines, and running water is available outside the Magee Visitor Center.
Probus Building	10	One room, electricity, indoor wood burning stove, outdoor fire pit. During off-season, the new Clivus bathrooms are adjacent, and running water is available just across the road outside the Magee Visitor Center.
Conference Center	28	Fully heated building with running water and a small kitchen. Each of the several bunk rooms holds between 4 and 8 people. Also includes two bathrooms equipped with showers and two conference rooms.
West Lodge	22	Fully heated building with running water and a full kitchen. The upper floor contains a large hall with working fireplace, two bathrooms and a small office with two bunks. The lower floor has bunks and a bathroom and can sleep up to 22 people.
Handicraft Building	no sleeping	Basic building with electricity. Good support area for events in nearby field.
Econ Building at Arrow	no sleeping	
Cub Scout Day Camp Building	no sleeping	
Winter Shelter		not usable



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This reservation map was created by Chris Paquin from Cub Scout Pack 106.