



The Battle of Monmouth Scout Trail

The Battle of Monmouth, fought on the plains of western Monmouth County where General George Washington rallied his troops in sweltering weather on June 28, 1778, taught the British that the American colonists were determined to fight for their land and their ideas, and that no longer would they run. The Battle of Monmouth was the last major engagement in the North and, in numbers of troops engaged, one of the largest in the war. The dramatic highlight of the battle was immortalized by the German artist Emanuel Leutze in his painting "Washington Rallying the Troops at Monmouth," which hangs today in the Monmouth County Historical Association Museum in Freehold.

The Trail starts at Quail Hill Scout Reservation with a short presentation in Lawrence Lodge Training Center. Every hiker should attend this presentation. The Trail finds its way to such historical places as the Moses Laird Home and the Village Inn in Englishtown. Other sites are Old Tennent Church, Monmouth Battlefield State Park, Molly Pitcher's Well, and the Craig House. The Trail ends in Freehold where Saint Peter's Church, Old Monmouth Court House, and the Battle of Monmouth Monument in the Battle of Monmouth Park may be seen. The Trail is about 11 miles long. It is not a loop trail so return transportation is required to be pre-positioned at the end of the trail.

QUALIFICATIONS:

The Trail is designed specifically for the Boy Scout Program, and may be hiked by members of similar community groups. Groups wishing to make this a one-day event will find this Trail especially good. Minimum age for hiking the Trail is 11 years old. An abbreviated Trail has been designed for WEBELOS groups wishing to hike this trail.

SCOUT REQUIREMENTS:

All Scouts MUST conform to all normal requirements set by the Boy Scouts of America governing hiking activities. Wearing a Scout uniform is required. Pencils are necessary in order to fill out the questionnaire. A bag lunch and canteen of water are necessary for each hiker.



TRAIL REQUIREMENTS:

To be eligible for the Trail award, there is a questionnaire with informative fill-in questions. These are to be turned in to the group leader at the end of the Trail in order to receive the medal. Starting times are every 15 minutes between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. only on Saturday mornings. Units may select their own starting time but must confirm availability of this time slot in advance with Monmouth Council. Units must report to Lawrence Lodge thirty minutes prior to this time. Please use door on left side of building. Tour leaders from outside of Monmouth Council are requested to have a copy of BSA Tour Permit (#4426) with them. All vehicles for return trip should be moved to the end of the trail prior to units arriving at Lawrence lodge for pre-hike briefing.



TRAIL OPEN:

The Trail may be hiked from the Saturday after Labor Day to the Saturday before Memorial Day. The Trail will be closed on holiday weekends and may be closed for safety reasons. In the case of safety closure, units will be given as early notification as is possible but all units are encouraged to confirm with Monmouth Council on the Monday or Tuesday before the day of your hike. This Trail is great for a one-day event for units in the Monmouth Council area. However, all units are strongly encouraged to camp at the Quail Hill Scout Reservation the evening before the hike.



REGISTRATION:

Monmouth Council must receive an application for your unit to hike the Trail at least two weeks prior to the date desired.

TRAIL AWARDS:

Trail medals, patches and coffee mugs are available to all individuals hiking the Battle of Monmouth Scout Trail. The patch and mug are available to individuals hiking the WEBELOS trail. Awards are available for purchase, by the unit leader only, at the cost of \$6 per medal, \$5 per patch and \$5 per coffee mug and are payable at the time of the group's registration, prior to beginning the Trail. Payment may be made in cash or by check made payable to "Monmouth Council BSA". Exact cash payments are always appreciated.



OVERNIGHT CAMPING:

Facilities for overnight camping are available at Quail Hill Scout Reservation. Information on fees and reservations may be obtained from:

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705 Ginesi Drive
Morganville, New Jersey 07751
(732) 531-3636

Or visit us at:

<http://www.monmouthbsa.org/>
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