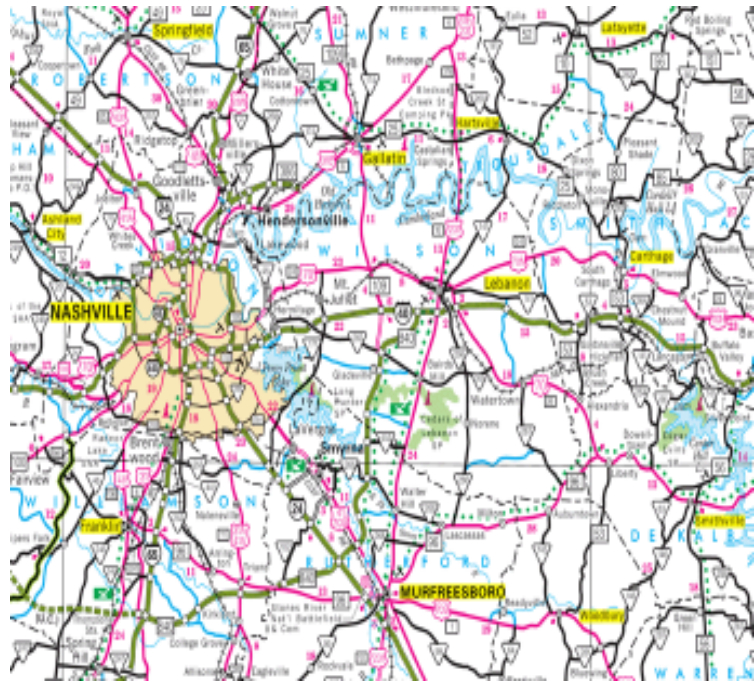


Boxwell Scout Reservation

Background

Boxwell Scout Reservation, located in Lebanon, Tennessee on the shores of Old Hickory Lake, is one of the premier summer camps in the country. Boxwell is a 1,182-acre federal game preserve where wildlife flourishes. Craig, Parnell, and Stahlman serve as the three main summer camps as well as Gaylord Cub World, which provides Cub Scouts with an excellent outdoor experience. Other programs such as COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) and Mountain Man provide older Scouts with challenging outdoor experiences.

Advancement opportunities abound at the three main camps. New scouts attend the Davy Crockett program, which teaches basic scout skills and helps Scouts rapidly advance through the early ranks. Older Scouts may take merit badge classes such as Pioneering, Swimming, Life Saving, Wilderness Survival, Rifle Shooting, Shotgun Shooting, and many others.



High Adventure

COPE features three to four days of group-based activities on the ground that require team work and physical dexterity, and usually on the last two days, groups hang out on the high ropes course. The high course for basic COPE has a cargo net, balance beam, monkey bridge, giant's ladder, trapeze wires, and a zip line. Participants also learn skills such as belaying, tying a Swiss seat, and spotting.

The Mountain Man program is an intense journey. Participants depart Boxwell early on Monday morning and set up their base camp at Big South Fork. The rest of the week they go on outings such as rappelling at Stone Door, canoeing on the Big South Fork of the Cumberland River, and backpacking on various trails. Scouts cook their food and sleep in their own tents during Mountain Man.

The Camps

Camp Stahlman is one of the oldest camps on Boxwell Scout Reservation. Stahlman has more modern features than the other camps. It features some paved trails and new modern shower houses. Camp Stahlman also provides easy access to the Howard B. Olson Lodge where Order of the Arrow activities occur.

Craig opened in 1973. It is open for three years, and then the land is allowed to lie fallow for three years. One of the most prominent features of Camp Craig is the dining hall. The dining hall has a large second story porch known as the Veranda as well as a basement with trading post and handicraft area. Camp Craig is much more rustic than Camp Stahlman or Parnell, and some of the trails are strewn with large rocks. Nevertheless, several of the campsites have beautiful views of Old Hickory Lake from atop limestone bluffs.

When Camp Craig is closed, the staff transfers to Camp Parnell. Parnell does provide easier access to the Howard B. Olson Order of the Arrow Lodge and the boat harbor than does Camp Craig. Parnell has a trading post and dining hall that are centrally located in the camp. Most of the campsites

have plenty of shade and the terrain is moderate. However, some of the campsites are in low lying areas and mud can be a problem.

