Rip Van Winkle Council
Boy Scouts of America

Catskill Mountains Trail
Patch and Segments
Order Form.

Troop ______ of the ________________________ Council, BSA had ______ scouts and scouters complete the requirements for the Catskill Trail Patch and/or segments. Please send the patches and/or segments as listed below to the address indicated. Enclosed is the necessary payment.

_____ Catskill Trail Patch  @ $1.75  $__________
_____ Wittenberg\Cornell\Slide  @ $.75  $__________
_____ Devil’s Path  @ $.75  $__________
_____ Escarpment Trail  @ $.75  $__________

Subtotal  $__________

Sales Tax of 8.25%  $__________

Shipping & Handling  $ 1.00

Total Remitted  $__________

[ ] Check enclosed payable to Rip Van Winkle Council, BSA
[ ] Charge my [ ] Visa or [ ] Master Card

Card # __________________  Exp date __________  Phone # __________

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Authorized Signature

Send to: _____________________________________________
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What’s available at Tri-Mount

Reservations can be made for year-round camping (September to May) in rustic cabins, lean-tos, or bring your own tents. You may also make arrangements to use our COPE course, climbing wall, rifle range, archery range, or waterfront area (canoes available).

To make reservations or inquire about fees for the above, contact us at the Council Service Center (845) 339-0846 or by e-mail at RVWBSA@NETSTEP.NET.

What’s available in the area.

Located in the heart of the Catskills, we are close to many historic and tourist areas.

Downhill skiing is available at Belleayre Mountain 1-800-942-6904, Hunter Mountain 1-800-775-4641, Windham 1-800-754-9463. There are also many smaller vendors in the area for cross country skiing and other winter sports.

Historic areas include the city of Kingston (the first capital of New York State), town of Hurley (Stone House Day in July), city of New Paltz (Huguenot area), town of Saugerties (Stone House Trail).

Tourist sites include Catskill Game Farm (518) 678-9595, tubing and whitewater on the Esopus, railroad rides up the Route 28 corridor, and the majestic Hudson River.

There is something for everyone in the Catskill Mountains!!!
Segments

Wittenberg - Cornell - Slide

The circuit is completed by taking the Wittenberg-Cornell-Slide Trail (red markers) from the Woodland Valley over the three summits until it ends at the Phoenicia-East Branch Trail, a distance of 9.05 miles. From there take the Phoenicia-East Branch Trail (yellow markers) to the Slide Mountain parking area on County Route 47. Follow Route 47 for 1.95 miles north to the hairpin turn. The trail leaves the road and continues east over a pass to the Woodland Valley. The total distance is 15.1 miles and the hike can be started at any of three parking areas. Special caution must be used on the road hike on Route 47.

Devil’s Path

Follow the red markers 24.6 miles from Platte Clove to Sprucion Road.

To earn this segment, the complete trail must be covered. It need not be done continuously but can be done on several day trips.

Escarpment Trail

Follow the blue markers 23.0 miles from North Lake Road and Scutt Road to Route 23 approximately 3 miles west of East Windham.

To earn this segment, the complete trail must be covered. It need not be done continuously but can be done on several day trips.

Maps and More Information

Before starting on any of the trail trips, it is advisable to obtain a copy of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation publication “Catskill Trails”. This booklet has maps and trail descriptions of each of these trips. This publication is available free from the DEC at 50 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12233.

The New York-New Jersey Trail Conference produces excellent maps showing the routes described in this brochure. The Wittenberg-Cornell-Slide route is shown on Trail Map #43 and the others are shown on Trail Map #41. Write them at G.P.O. Box 2250, New York, NY 10116.

Also helpful are the US Geological Survey maps of the area. These maps can be purchased locally in some sporting goods stores or book stores. They can also be ordered from Branch of Distribution, Eastern Region, US Geological Survey, 1200 South Eads Street, Arlington, Virginia 22202. First send for the New York State Index and an order form.

When starting out on any of the trails, be sure your Scouts are properly prepared to assure a safe and comfortable trip. Water can be sparse at certain times in this area, so be prepared by carrying your own.

The “Catskill Trails” booklet has excellent information on the basics of back country use as well as safety instructions. It is well worth the time going over these rules with your Scouts.

After you have completed the requirements for the patch or segments, fill in the attached order form and return it along with payment to:

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