

**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 # _____

Authorized Signature

Send to: _____

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!!!

Rip Van Winkle Council, BSA

Catskill Mountains Trail Patch

The Rip Van Winkle Council is located in the Catskill Mountains. The local Native Americans called these mountains "Onteora", which has been translated as "Land in the Sky".

The trail patch and segments were established to be earned by the Scouts and Scouters who complete the requirements for each as noted below:

Trail Patch

Climb to the summits of the following five (5) mountains:

<u>Mountain</u>	<u>Elevation</u>
Slide	4,204 feet
Hunter	4,040 feet
Black Dome	3,980 feet
Thomas Cole	3,940 feet
Black Head	3,937 feet

These are the five highest peaks in the Catskills. Thomas Cole, Black Head and Black Dome are significant to the Rip Van Winkle Council as they are the three peaks north of our council camp, Camp Tri-Mount, and from which it took its name.

The five peaks can be climbed in any order and at any time.

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 Spructon 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

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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