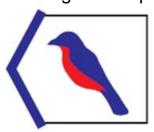
The Bluebird Trail

Firelands Scout Reservation
Official Trail Program Requirements



Welcome to Firelands Scout Reservation Thank you for visiting our great camp; we hope that you enjoy the trails here. This pamphlet lists the requirements for earning the Bluebird Trail award.

The Bluebird Trail starts near the Bates Road entrance of Firelands Scout Reservation. Because it is mostly level and partially paved, this 2-mile long loop trail is intended for all-season use. For the same reason, the Bluebird Trail can be used as an introduction to hiking for Webelos or new Boy Scouts. Although the Bluebird Trail is mostly "front country", it visits the remote southwest corner of the lake.

- 1. Prior to planning your den, patrol, or troop hike on the Bluebird Trail, complete or review Webelos Walkabout requirement 1 or Tenderfoot requirement 5.
- 2. Tell some specific things you do when you follow the 7 principles of Leave No Trace:
 - a. Know Before You Go
 - b. Choose The Right Path
 - c. Trash Your Trash
 - d. Leave What You Find
- 3. Hike the complete Bluebird Trail.
- 4. During this hike, watch for signs of wildlife:
 - a. Birds: Geese and ducks, song birds, and predatory birds. Count how many different species you spot.
 - b. Fish and amphibians: Discuss how our actions on land affect the aquatic habitat. Specifically consider fertilizer and agricultural runoff as well as other sources of pollution.
 - c. Mammals: Name at least 10 species of mammal native to Ohio. Tell the signs of rabies.
- 5. Complete a service or conservation project assigned by either the Firelands Camp Ranger or the Camp Host. Contact the Council Service Center at least 1 month prior to your trip to be assigned a project. This project can be completed any time within a 3-month range, before, during, or after your hike.

To recognize completion of the requirements above, a pin matching the sign for this trail is available at the Scout Shop or the Camp Host cabin (after hours, attached to the Scout Shop) for a small fee. Upon completion of the requirements above, fill-out the roster on page 2 with the help of your unit leader. A copy of this roster, signed by the unit leader and a camp representative, must be submitted when trail awards are purchased.

- f. Respect Wildlife
- g. Be Kind To Other Visitors

