

The OA Notawacy 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 OA Trail award.

The OA Trail is a 5 mile long figure-8 at Firelands Scout Reservation. The trail can be used to accomplish Second Class requirement 3b (2016 revision), but the award for this longest trail at Firelands is intended for experienced scouts to prepare them for backpacking and other high adventure activities, such as those at Philmont, at Northern Tier, on the Appalachian trail, or in our National Parks.

1. Prior to planning your patrol, troop, or crew expedition on the OA trail, read the *Backpacking Merit Badge* pamphlet. Discuss the information within this pamphlet with your unit leader.
2. Present yourself to your unit leader, properly dressed, equipped, and packed for a backcountry adventure during time of year of your planned expedition on the OA trail.
 - a. Know the weight of your fully loaded backpack. Discuss the appropriate pack weight relative to body size.
 - b. Discuss how you selected the personal and patrol equipment you would carry on this trek. How is this equipment different from non-backpacking campouts?
3. Go backpacking on the OA trail:
 - a. Hike the complete OA trail while backpacking, carrying food, water, and gear for an overnight stay. (Water is available at designated areas).
 - b. Stay overnight on the OA trail at a primitive backcountry campsite, designated by the Camp Host or Ranger (such as Bear Country, depending on ground conditions and seasonal rotation); reservations and site fee are required.
4. During this stay, practice Leave No Trace backcountry principles, including the following:
 - a. Use a light weight cooking stove (not ground fire) to prepare at least 2 warm meals.
 - b. Raise a bear canister or bear bag for overnight storage of aromatic materials.
 - c. Properly dig and use cat holes for human waste (do not use latrines).
 - d. Pack out all other solid waste.
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 backpacking expedition.

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.

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