

The Raptor 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 Raptor Trail award.

The Raptor Trail is a 2½ mile long “lollipop” (loop with 2-way in/out access) that starts near the Gore-Orphanage entrance. It is rugged, but fairly short. On this trail, Scouts can quickly get the feel of being in a remote “backcountry”, while staying within a mile of their troop’s campsite. Therefore, this trail can be used to encourage the patrol method by taking a patrol hike.

1. Prior to planning your patrol expedition on the Raptor Trail, review the hiking section of the *Patrol Leader Handbook* (pages 75-83 of the 2010 printing). Discuss as a patrol why it is important that you work as a team during this hike.
2. Before your expedition, review your hiking trip plan with your Scoutmaster, including the following:
 - a. Planned route
 - b. Expected return time
 - c. Participant list / hike roster
 - d. Hazardous weather plan
 - e. Equipment list
 - f. Planned response to hiking-related injuries
3. Hike the complete Raptor Trail, carrying your patrol flag, standard, or emblem.
4. During your hike, discuss the ways that your patrol is following the 7 principles of Leave No Trace both during their hike and on their campout:
 - a. Plan Ahead and Prepare
 - b. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
 - c. Dispose of Waste Properly
 - d. Leave What You Find
 - e. Minimize Campfire Impacts
 - f. Respect Wildlife
 - g. Be Considerate of Other Visitors
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 patrol 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, 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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