

KNOX TRAIL COUNCIL, BSA

Nobscot Scout Reservation USAGE AND RESERVATION GUIDELINES

RESERVATIONS & REFUNDS

1. All reservations must be made through the Knox Trail Council Service Center, 490 Union Ave., Framingham, MA 01702 (508) 872-6551.
2. Cancellations received 30+ days from the date of use refunded 100%. Cancellations received 29 to 11 days will be refunded at 50% or applied to another weekend. Cancellations received less than 10 days prior to arrival (*except when the KTC closes facilities for severe weather*) will forfeit all fees. If your unit is canceling at the last minute please call Camp Ranger Adam Miller at (978) 443-5161.

LEADERSHIP

1. A minimum of two registered adult leaders, or one adult and a parent of a participating Scout, one of whom must be at least 21 years of age or older, are required for all trips or outings. Coed overnight activities require male and female adult leaders, both of whom must be 21 years of age or older.
2. National BSA policy requires that male and female campers have segregated sleeping arrangements.
3. Cub Scout Packs are required to meet standards of the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) in regards to age/supervision/guidelines for Cub camping.
4. Leaders must arrive in camp together. Groups arriving with only one leader will not be permitted to remain in camp
5. Please review these rules and regulations with all the members in your group.

CHECK IN/OUT

1. The Ranger is the Knox Trail employee responsible for the maintenance of standards at camp for off-season use. The group leader **MUST** check in with the Camp Ranger BEFORE seeking access to their reserved facility and when the group is ready to leave.
2. Outstanding balances or camper fees, if any, are to be reconciled with the Camp Ranger at this time.
3. The group leader and Camp Ranger will review a check in list for the facility.
4. Camping and group programs are allowed only in reserved areas and those assigned by the Camp Ranger. Please stay away from the regular summer camp platform sites.
5. All groups are responsible for any and all damage done to camp property by the group during their stay. Fees for damage are based on occurrence, and arrangements for payment or repair must be made with the Camp Ranger before departure.
6. All groups must check out with the Camp Ranger before departure.
7. It is expected that all facilities used will be cleaned, and that adequate firewood, if used, will be replenished before departure.

VEHICLES

1. **No Vehicles are permitted beyond the gate.** All vehicles are to be parked in designated parking lots. Camping in the parking area or sleeping in vehicles is prohibited.
2. The speed limit in camp, whether posted or not, is 5 MPH.
3. NO riders in the beds of trucks. Seat belts must be worn per compliance with state law.
4. Lock all vehicles. The camp/council is not responsible for items left in vehicles.

WATER & GARBAGE

1. **Water is available at handpumps – ask the Ranger the closest source to your site.**
2. Please be sure to bring containers to carry water for they are not available at camp.
3. Do not leave garbage in firepits, or latrines. Do not bury any garbage.
4. Groups must bring all garbage to the dumpster behind the Ranger's workshop.

FIRES, LIQUID FUELS, & LANTERNS

1. Use of compressed, or liquid gas stoves or lanterns is permitted with knowledgeable adult supervision, in facilities only when and where permitted, and in accordance with the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#). No tank 10 pounds or larger may be brought into any building. (Mass state fire code)
2. **NO FLAMES IN TENTS OR LEANTOS!**
3. **NO CHARCOAL OR COAL IS TO BE BURNED IN WOOD STOVES.**
4. No Standing trees are to be cut. **TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE ASIAN LONG HORNED BEETLE, NO WOOD IS TO BE BROUGHT ONTO ANY CAMP PROPERTY.**
5. Fires must be supervised at all times in accordance with the Knox Trail Council Fire Policy. At departure make sure all fires are "dead out."

HEALTH & SAFETY

NO Alcoholic beverages or illegal substances	NO firearms, archery equipment, or ammunition
NO fireworks	NO pets of any kind
NO snowmobiles, dirt bikes, four wheelers, bicycles, etc.	NO sheath knives
NO harassment or "pranking" other groups	NO running, night games
NO aerosol cans in camp	NO open flames in tents/lean-tos
DO NOT throw things into the lakes	DO NOT disturb wildlife or their habitat
DO NOT cut, dig, deface or destroy trees or plants	DO NOT litter – A Scout is Clean!
NO ice fishing or ice skating without permission of Ranger	The Project C.O.P.E. is OFF LIMITS at all times
Power equipment such as motorized bikes, snowmobiles, chainsaws, electric generators, etc. are not permitted in camp.	

NO SMOKING IN ANY BUILDING OR STRUCTURE! Smoking is only permitted in designated areas. Do not litter; take your butts with you! The National Council, BSA recommends NO SMOKING at any event with youth present.

SERVICE PROJECTS

It is suggested that units do a service project to benefit camp during their stay. Please see the Ranger for project ideas.

EMERGENCIES AT CAMP

Notify the Camp Ranger immediately for:

1. All injuries – no matter how small
2. Suspicious looking or acting person(s)
3. Lost person(s)
4. Fire
5. Injured or sick animals – do not approach

AQUATICS-BSA Groups must comply with the Guide to Safe Scouting before conducting ANY Aquatic Activities.

1. All aquatic activities involving scouts must be conducted through the BSA Safe Swim Defense Plan.
2. Only camp supplied boats and canoes are permitted to be used and only with prior approval. BSA Safety Afloat guidelines must be maintained.
3. All boating/canoeing participants must wear a personal floatation device (PFD) at all times.
4. Non-BSA groups must provide certified lifeguard(s) and special arrangements must be made with the Council prior to the activity.