

**Jordan Lake Bike Trip
Troop 9 Campout
March 21-22, 2009**

Description

This month we will be camping at Parker’s Creek Site #253 at Jordan Lake and biking along the southern portion of the American Tobacco Trail, a Rails-to-Trails project. In 1905, the American Tobacco Company built several regional rail lines to service tobacco warehouses in Durham. Later Norfolk-Southern acquired the lines and moved them east in the wake of the Jordan Lake project. Soon after they were relocated, the rails themselves were removed. In the 1980s, the Triangle Rails to Trails Conservancy was formed to preserve and maintain the rail beds as a multi-use trail.

For further information about Jordan Lake State Park, visit
<http://www.ncparks.gov/Visit/parks/jord/pics/brochure.pdf>

For further information about the American Tobacco Trail, visit
<http://www.triangletrails.org/ATT.HTM>

Schedule

Saturday	8:00 am	Meet at Vista Point from Subway - Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Rd. Chapel Hill
	8:30 am	Depart
		Set up camp
		Bicycling on the ATT
		Scout skills
	Evening	Overnight at Parkers Creek #253
Sunday	Sunrise (7 am)	Reveille
		Breakfast
		Scouts Own
		Break Camp
	3:00 p.m.	Arrive at Timberline in Chapel Hill

Personal Equipment

Car Camping Equipment (<http://t9ch.org/Docs/Equipment/Car.html>).

Be prepared for cold, wet weather so be sure to bring a winter coat, long underwear, gloves, a poncho, and a winter hat. Be sure to follow the appropriate recommendations at <http://t9ch.org/Docs/Equipment/NOCOTTON.html>

Pack an extra set of dry clothes to keep in the vehicles.

For bike ride bring your bike, helmet, water bottle, and sun screen.

Recommended for bike trips

- a CO2 inflator with two cartridges, or a frame attached air pump (frame pump recommended)
- 3 tire levers
- 1 or two tubes that fit the bike you have
- 1 or two \$1 bills to repair flats
- a multi-tool for bicycle repair
- a patch kit (new ones are glueless)
- a helmet, properly fitted
- #45 sunscreen
- plenty of water (2 quarts minimum per rider)

Not every Scout/Bike needs an air pump, but each group of bikers should have a pump with them on the trail.

Each bike should have at least one spare inner tube that fits that bike and a flat tire repair kit.

A multi-tool is a great idea for each bike.

An under seat pouch can carry the repair kit, spare tube, and multi-tool.

The Helmet is a must for this Boy Scout Activity. Please make sure it fits properly.

Taking care of your equipment will go a long way in making our outing a Safe & Enjoyable Adventure.

Food and Group Equipment

Scouts will have completed Duty Rosters at the Tuesday night meetings. Scouts who are unsure of their responsibilities should contact their patrol leader.

Group equipment will be checked out to the patrols at Tuesday's meeting. Scouts who check out group equipment need to remember to bring it on Saturday morning.

The campsite has a large fire-ring, but wood cannot be gathered from within the park. Wood is for sale at the campground at \$4 a bundle, or we may bring our own. Adult leaders will take care of this requirement.

Water

Water is available at the campground. Carry a water bottle on the bike trip. Restrooms and showers are available at the campsite as well.

Driving Routes

From Timberline to the Camp Site:

http://www.mapquest.com/mq/10-kNPVwo1DEGB*

Start out going WEST on WEAVER DAIRY RD toward OLD UNIVERSITY STATION DR.	0.3 mi
Turn RIGHT onto MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BLVD/ NC-86.	0.4 mi
Merge onto I-40 E toward RALEIGH.	8.0 mi
Take the NC-751 exit, EXIT 274, toward JORDAN LAKE.	0.3 mi
Turn RIGHT onto NC-751/ HOPE VALLEY RD. Continue to follow NC-751.	12.1 mi
Turn RIGHT onto US-64 W.	5.2 mi
Turn RIGHT onto PARKER'S CREEK REC RD.	0.3 mi
We have site #253 which can accommodate 30 - 35 campers	

From the campsite to the terminus of the trail:

http://www.mapquest.com/mq/9-cbPmc1*N

Take PARKER'S CREEK REC RD to US-64 E	0.4 mi
Turn LEFT onto US-64 E.	5.2 mi
Turn RIGHT onto NC-751.	0.3 mi
Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto NEW HILL-OLIVE CHAPEL RD/ NEW HILL OLIVE CHAPEL RD.	1.7 mi

[Need specific landmark here. Will drive down this weekend to verify. Wayne may have better notes too.]