

**Wilson Creek
Backpacking and Fly Fishing Trip
May 23 – 25, 2009**

Description

The trip will be a two-night backpacking trip to the Wilson Creek wilderness area in the Pisgah National Forest just northwest of Lenoir, NC <http://www.explorecaledwell.com/wilsoncreek.html> and <http://t9ch.org/Docs/05-06/WilsonCreekMap.jpg>. We'll meet at Timberlyne at 8 am on Saturday May 23rd and depart for the Wilson Creek Visitor Center at 8:30 am. The Troop will have lunch at the Visitor Center and then hike into the camp site on Raider Camp Creek in the Pisgah National Forest. Activities over the weekend will include hiking, fly fishing, and work on scout skills. We'll return to Chapel Hill on the afternoon of Monday the 25th.

Schedule

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| Saturday | 8:00 a.m. | Meet at Subway - Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Rd. Chapel Hill |
| | 8:30 a.m. | Depart for Wilson Creek Visitor Center |
| | Noon | Lunch and preparation for the hike at Wilson Creek Visitor Center |
| | 1 pm | Drive to parking area at trail head (1.2 miles north) |
| | Afternoon | Hike in to campsite at confluence of Raider Camp and Harper Creeks |
| | Evening | Overnight in campsite |
| Sunday | 7:00 | Reveille / Breakfast |
| | | Scouts Own |
| | | The day's activities include hiking and fly fishing as well as work on advancement |
| | Evening | Campfire and overnight in campsite |
| Monday | 7:00 | Reveille / Breakfast |
| | 8:30 | Memorial Day Observance |
| | | Pack up and hike back to cars |
| | | Lunch at the Wilson Creek Visitor's Center and depart for Chapel Hill |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Arrive at Timberlyne in Chapel Hill |

Personal Equipment

Pack for potentially cool, wet weather. Expect highs in the 70s F and lows in the 40s F. See the Troop 9 website guidelines for backpacking: <http://t9ch.org/Docs/Equipment/Backpacking.html>. Be sure to pack your rain gear and please adhere to NO COTTON <http://t9ch.org/Docs/Equipment/NOCOTTON.html> guidelines.

Hiking shoes are recommended. Bring a separate pair of light shoes for camp and be sure to pack extra socks. Pack an extra set of clothes to leave at the car.

It is not necessary for Scouts to bring fly fishing equipment. As for fishing licenses, Scouts younger than 16 do not need a license if they are fishing with the licensed adult on the trip.

Group Equipment

Scouts completed Duty Rosters at the Tuesday night meetings. Scouts who are unsure of their responsibilities should contact their patrol leader. Group equipment including single-burner lightweight stoves and cooking gear 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.

Food

Saturday lunch: Bring your own lunch.

Five meals will be prepared by the patrols in camp: Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and Monday breakfast.

Monday: Cooler lunch at the cars will be provided by the adult leaders.

Trail food: Don't forget this essential item!

Planning: We will not have coolers on this outing, so please do not plan meals that require refrigeration. Food, cooking equipment, and lightweight stoves for these meals will have to be packed into the site. Avoid ingredients with excess packaging or meals that require excessive amounts of equipment.

Light is right

We must CARRY everything we need for the weekend including food, cooking equipment, lightweight stoves, fuel, and tents. Leave unnecessary items at home.

Messages and Emergency Contact

May try telephone contact, much of the area has poor cell phone coverage.

Gregg Gerdau (919) 593-0037 (cell)

Wayne Vanderburg (919) 260-2792 (cell)

Derek Rodriguez (980) 322-5604 (cell)

Greg Cordell (919) 259-1165 (cell)

Water

We will be purifying water from the Creek. Be sure to bring a filled 2-liter canteen or water bottle for the hike in.

Driving Route <http://www.mapquest.com/mq/8-S21EL4ttXMLiQw0o> (182 miles, ~3.5 hours)