

Camp Conservation Plan

For Northern NJ Council, BSA
25 Ramapo Valley Road
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Camp Lewis
Township of Rockaway
Morris County
New Jersey

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Brief Description of Property

Much of the developed area of Camp Lewis (east of Lake Good Turn) were likely used as agricultural lands shortly before given to Bayonne Council, BSA by the Rosenthal family. This is evidenced both by the abundant presence of stone rows and the immaturity of forest vegetation throughout the property. Apple and cherry trees were observed at many points, however, it was not clear whether these were remnants of an old orchard or had seeded in following abandonment of agricultural operations.

The remainder of the property is located in mature forest, mostly dominated by upland oaks. Part of the Cobb Hill is located on this tract of land. The highest elevation on the property is approximately 1150 feet above sea level. This elevation ranges to less than 900 feet at the southern portion of the property. Soils are generally well drained to moderately well drained.

The property has a small pond, Lake Good Turn, whose water is drawn primarily from surface water originating on the property, but which has the potential to be affected by adjacent properties to the northwest.

Facultative wet site species dominate the campsite areas, particularly white ash (*Fraxinus americana*) and red maple (*Acer rubrum*). The remainder of the camp is upland central hardwood forest, dominated mostly by oak species.

This Plan specifically includes the area specifically included in the lease area, as well as those areas which have been used extensively by the Boy Scouts for the past 60+ years, including the athletic field in its entirety, and the shooting sports area.

List of Projects

Project Description	Location	Age Group	Tools req.?
Repair scar in back berm at BB-range	same	adult	yes
Hang "keep out" signs on rope along side berms at range		Cub Scout	no
Terrace trail to old road, prune brush	at NE edge of A-field	Boy Scout	yes
Prune overhead branches	at athletic field	staff w/ Cub help	yes
Remove or cut dead Austrian pines	uphill from A-field	Boy Scout	yes
Vine control	between Tiger Villa & range	Cub Scout	yes
Remove secondary fire ring	Tiger Villa	Cub Scout	yes
Vine control	by Unico showerhouse	Cub Scout	yes
Vine control	Tiger Heights	Cub Scout	yes
Add gravel on road	between Tiger Heights & Wilderness	Boy Scout	yes
Vine control	Wilderness	Cub Scout	yes
Prune spruce trees	upper part Tiger Heights	staff w/ Cub help	yes
Prune trees	Buckskin campsite	staff w/ Cub help	yes
Install erosion bars	between Major Roy and lake	staff w/ Cub help	yes
Re-level footbridge over stream	near lake	staff w/ Cub help	no
Prune trees	at edges of campfire site	Boy Scout	yes
Prune trees from over tops of lean-to's	Major Roy	Boy Scout	yes
Prune trees	edge of parking lot	Boy Scout	yes
Add gravel over water pipe	between infirmary & Frontier	Boy Scout	yes
Improve & brush trails	to Chalet	Cub Scout	yes
Poison ivy control	between dining hall & archery	Boy Scout	yes
Poison ivy control	south of Tiger Villa	Boy Scout	yes
Poison ivy control	Outpost	Boy Scout	yes
Poison ivy control	Tiger Heights	Boy Scout	yes
Refresh white paint blazes along part of the new Nature Trail		Boy Scout	yes
Destroy/remove pile of rotten lumber	OA site	Boy Scout	yes
Install bluebird houses at edge of lake/parade field		staff w/ Cub help	yes
Replace fire ring at Crossroad site	same	Cub Scout	yes
Properly build brush piles in three different habitats		Cub Scout	no
			(except for logs which make up base)
In ravine			
Near northern edge of lake			
On wooded ridge			
How are these used differently by animals?			
Build tracking pits to monitor animals which use the brush piles		Cub Scout	materials needed