

Troop 1 Trip Information

EVENT: Nobscot Backpacking Overnight

COVID SAFETY:

Each participant complete the assessment in the following form (bring it to the camping trip):

https://scoutingevent.com/Download/25178625/OR/Screening_protocol_council_events.pdf

Latest Safety Guidelines may be found at:

https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/COVID-19-Program-Reopening-Guidelines-9.23.2021.pdf?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=mayflower_bsa_today_enews_september_23_2021&utm_term=2021-09-23

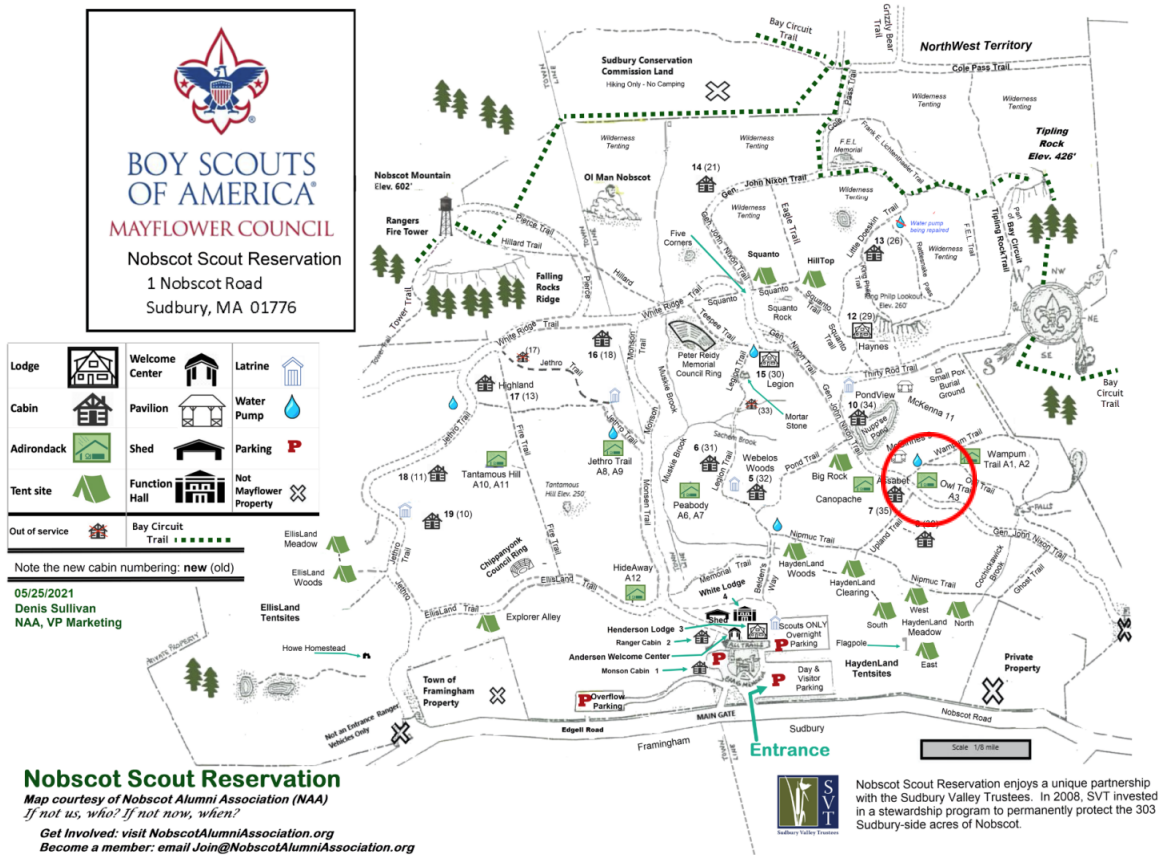
WHEN: Saturday-Sunday 20-21, 2021

Meet at Church at 9:00 AM, depart by 9:20 AM

Arrive at camp by 10:00 AM Saturday

Depart Sunday by 10:00 AM Sunday

STAYING WHERE: Nobscot Scout Reservation (1 Nobscot Rd, Sudbury, MA 01776)
Owl Trail Adirondacks (see map, red circle)



ON-SITE PARKING: Near entrance of Reservation

ONLINE MAP:

<https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/Nobscot-Map-Update-2021.pdf>

MEETING WHEN: Meet Saturday Nov 20 at Nativity at 9:00 AM, depart by 9:30 AM
Alternatively drive to Nobscott and meet Troop at parking at 10:00 AM

OVERALL PLAN: We will spend 24 hours enjoying the outdoors. We will carry everything we need in our backpack, in essence living off our packs. The goal for this trip is to complete a 5-mile hike (at a minimum) in a large loop while exploring the natural features of the reservation (ideally enjoying a view from Tippling Rock or the Ridge). The hike will start shortly after we arrive at Nobscot, with a pause for lunch. We will arrive at the Owl Trail Adirondack (lean to) mid-afternoon, set-up camp and prepare for dinner and a campfire. In the morning we will prepare breakfast, set down the camp and make our way to the parking area.

Note 1: Scouts that may want to lighten their load (not carry a tent), will have the option to sleep in the Adirondack (lean-to) structure in camp. Nevertheless, the camp has space for tents as well. There should also be plenty of trees around for hammocks.

Note 2: The five file hike will be planned by one of the scouts in the troop as part of one of their requirements!

MEALS: Plan for 3 individual meals. Lunch on Saturday should be of the 'on-the-go' type (no cooking). You may bring a pre-packed sandwich or simply bring an assortment of snacks. Dinner Sat Night and Breakfast on Sunday morning: Jetboil stoves will be available for the preparation of dinner and breakfast (essentially hot water). Freeze dried meals tend to be popular options (EMS by the mall has them), as well oatmeal and hot chocolate for breakfast. I find that crisp apples and bagels tend to pack well for these trips. Trash generated by each participant should be carried out by each participant.

AGENDA:

Saturday: Arrive, Hike, Stop for Lunch, Hike some more, Arrive at Camp, Set-upCamp, Dinner and Campfire, Pack in for the night.

Sunday: Wake up, prepare breakfast, Set down camp, Hike to the parking lot for a 10AM pick up.

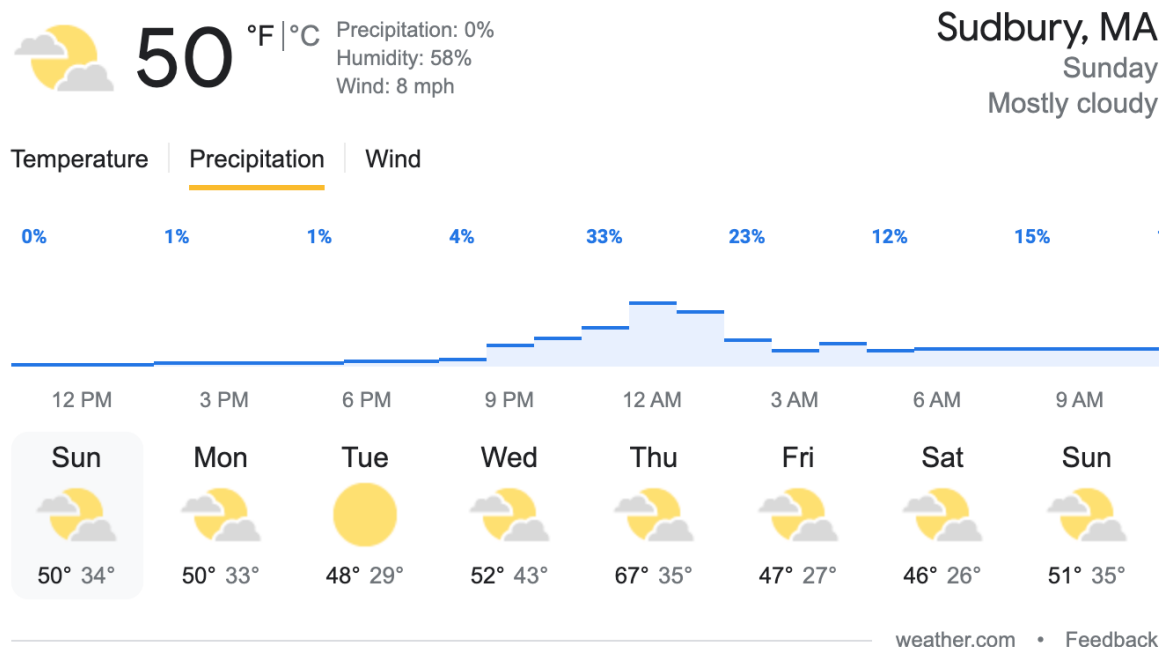
WHAT TO BRING:

Clothing: With temperature ranging from 20s to 40s deg F, bring comfortable/warm layers to wear through the day or night. This should include an internal wicking layer (polyester), a warming mid-layer (fleece) and a weather-proof outer layer (wind and cold protection). Bring rain gear in case the weather forecast changes (or is wrong). Hiking or shoes with good traction are required. Make sure to bring a set of dry clothes for sleeping.

Gear: Bring a tent (from troop if needed), Hammock or sleep in the Lean-To. You will need a hiking back-pack (some available to be borrowed), water bottle/s (2 liters min), mess kit, head lamp/s, jet boil (or ask to borrow), phone/camera for pictures. Optional: Hiking poles, camel-back drinking bladder.

Sleeping: Sleeping bag, insulating pad, sleeping bag liner (depending on bag rating), pillow (as desired).

Facilities: Latrines and water are available through the camp.



Mayflower Council, BSA Camp Rules and Regulations:

https://scoutingevent.com/Download/25179724/OR/Mayflower_camp_use_guidelines.pdf

SOME KEY BSA AND TROOP 1 CAMPING RULES

POCKET KNIVES – Pocket knives are a part of scouting and an important tool for use in the outdoors. It is very important that scouts be taught to use and handle them safely and properly. The privilege of using a pocket knife will be taken away from any scout who misuses or mishandles the pocket knife per the discretion of troop leader(s).

ALCOHOL, DRUGS, AND OTHER PROHIBITED MATERIALS AND ACTIVITIES – National Boy Scout policy prohibits the possession of, or use of, intoxicating beverages in any form, or any controlled substance, including, but not limited to, marijuana, cocaine, beer, wine, or hard liquors by either scouts or parents during scout functions. Fireworks and explosives are strictly prohibited for safety sake. Pornographic materials or the use of obscene language is inappropriate and not permitted.

CONSERVATION – We take care of the outdoors. We do not cut any living tree, shrub, or bush. Leave no trace.

INITIATIONS, HAZING, NAME CALLING & FIGHTING – These do not belong in scouting! Under BSA policy, these situations are regarded as child abuse or inappropriate behavior, and will not be tolerated.

SMOKING – Cigarettes, cigars or the use of any tobacco products by scouts is prohibited. Adults must smoke away from scouts and non-smoking adults. Smoking is prohibited in tents, cabins or in any scout building.