

PIONEER TRACE

17 MILE CIRCULAR

RATED FOR: EXPERIENCED SCOUTS AND EXPLORERS

The Pioneer Trace is a rugged hiking trail within the Beaumont Scout Reservation. The trace circles the outer perimeter of our Beaumont Reservation. It begins on a bearing of 43 degrees from the Shippey Trail Center, near the pool. Parking space is available on the Wright Lodge parking lot. The Trace ends here.

Several outpost sites are along the Trace or close by its route. These, in addition to the main Beaumont camping areas, offer a variety of backpacking and hiking plans. Groups planning high adventure treks will find the trace to be a challenging "shake down."

The word, "trace" is seldom used today in describing a marked path or road. It would have been common for a soldier in the Revolution Army to talk about marching in file down a narrow trace.

The Pioneer trace uses animal paths and old roads within Beaumont as well as striking across a few ridges. A careful observer on the Trace will find homesites of people previously living in the area in addition to a wide variety of ecologies. The route reaches both the highest and lowest elevations in Beaumont.

The Trace is a hiking trail. Hikers encountering trail riders should ask them to not use the Trace. Backpackers using outpost sites should make a reservation through the Council Service Center because of the limited space. The names of the sites are on the map. Water is available at Blackberry Hollow, Nusser, and at Nagel which are all on the trace.

The Trace is marked with 2"x6" orange blazes. Exact mile markers are 2"x3" silver blazes with red numerals on this blaze. Routes off the Trace to camp sites, or access to the Trace from the Lane Area are marked with 2"x6" silver blazes.

PACK THE TRACE

The Trace reaches several wilderness sites, two with water and three dry sites. Closeness to facilities, help if needed, and many options as to hiking distance before reaching the chosen site (long or short) suggest this as a good place to begin backpacking.

A reservation is necessary from our Council Service Center. Please reserve your overnight spot at that time. A minimum of 2 Scouts and 2 adult leaders is required. Backpacking stoves may be used on this trail—please note on your reservation if you will be using any.

Pack out all trash, and as always give special care to fires. Field latrines may be necessary. See your *Fieldbook* (p. 101).

References:

Fieldbook Third Edition:
Check list - pp. 225 & 260
Food Packing tips - p 131
Trail Food - p. 126

Pack Frames - pp. 262 & 341
Trash Handling - p 100
Stoves & Fires - pp 105-109
Backpacking Merit Badge Pamphlet

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