



WILLISTOWN TROOP 78

Backpacking Trip: Perkiomen Trail – Camp Delmont

November 14 – 15, 2020

Hiking along the scenic, multi-use, gravel Perkiomen Trail (known affectionately as simply “The Perk” – see <https://www.montcopa.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/Perkiomen-Trail-15>). Troop bus shuttle at the end of the hike to nearby BSA Camp Delmont (<https://colbsa.org/activities-2/musser-scout-reservation/>). Visiting Webelos: Accompany the Troop on the backpacking trek OR go directly to Camp Delmont for a fun day of camping activities and an evening meal of backpacking food and campfire fine.

SHORT TREK (for visiting Webelos, young Scouts and new backpackers)

- 5 mile hike from the parking lot adjacent to The Perk at Route 29 (Gravel Pike) and East Park Avenue in Schwenksville, PA to the takeout point at the Perkiomen Trail Crusher Road parking area. First group in will call Mr. D, who will arrange the bus shuttle and Camp check-in for hikers.

LONGER TREK (for senior Scouts and experienced backpackers)

9.65 mile hike on the from the parking lot at the Rahn’s Trailhead adjacent to The Perk at 465 Rahns Road, Collegeville, PA to the takeout point at the Perkiomen Trail Crusher Road parking area. First group in will call Mr. D, who will arrange the bus shuttle and Camp check-in for hikers.

SUNDAY TREK

All participants will be shuttled from Camp Delmont campsite to the Perkiomen Trail Crusher Road parking area. From there, we will all hike to the shorter trek put-in point parking lot adjacent to The Perk at Route 29 (Gravel Pike) and East Park Avenue in Schwenksville, PA. The bus will meet long trekkers there who need to be shuttled to their cars at the Rahn’s Trailhead parking lot.

IMPORTANT: All trekkers are to wear masks (see permission slip description) and hiking boots and wool or synthetic hiking socks. NO SNEAKERS ON THE TRAIL! See packing list.

SCHEDULE:

- Participants meet at their put-in point at **8:45 AM SHARP** on **Saturday morning**.
- Arrive back at the Rahn’s Trailhead parking lot at approximately **11:00 AM** on **Sunday**.

Notify your Patrol Leader by no later than **Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00 PM** if you will be attending. Let your PL know if your father is attending as well. If you do not own or cannot borrow a backpack, the Troop has a few to loan, but **you must let your Patrol Leader know by Tuesday, November 10th if you will need a backpack from the Troop!**

DADS WELCOME – AND NEEDED!

QUESTIONS? Call your Patrol Leader. **See you on the Perk!**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH MANDATORY PACKING MEETING: For the packing meeting, **bring your unpacked backpack, and bring your personal gear to the Cabin packed in a duffel bag.** You will then repack your personal gear, food and patrol equipment in your backpack. If you will be

using your own backpack, please bring it to the packing meeting – **but have your gear in your duffel bag for the meeting!**

WHAT TO BRING:

WEAR A MASK. Masks must be worn on the trail for the entire trip. “Mask” means a two-ply surgical mask; two-ply cloth mask; N-95 mask. A mask IS NOT a neck gaiter; a bandana or anything else. NO MASK, NO TRIP. Parents: YOU MAY NOT leave your son at the drop-off point until Troop leadership confirms that your son has a proper mask, health intake form, and temperature check evidencing no fever.

WEAR hiking boots (no sneakers on the trail)

Backpack (Troop has a **limited number available** for loan – see flyer for details. **Let your PL know by November 10th if you or your Dad need to borrow** one from the Troop)

Sleeping Bag: **winter weight**

Small flashlight or headlamp, with good batteries

Two filled one QT/L water bottles or a full Camelbak/hydration system

Plastic drinking cup

Bowl or large cup (consider a Tupperware or similar container); spoon or spork

Toilet paper (preferably a half-roll. Pack in a plastic sealed bag)

Toothbrush and toothpaste; soap (camping soap preferred)

Small bottle hand sanitizer

Pocketknife

Compass

Mole skin

Sneakers (to wear in camp, or in the event you have problems with your boots)

Wool or synthetic socks – wear a pair, bring TWO EXTRA PAIRS

Change of clothes

Brimmed hat

Small container of sunscreen; Chapstick

Warm winter knit hat and gloves

Rain gear

Jacket (**not just a sweatshirt**)

Layers: long underwear and a sweatshirt or sweater

Bungee cords (2)

Pack cover and trashbag or 2 large trashbags

REMEMBER - LESS IS BEST, KEEP IT LIGHT. The total weight of your pack (including patrol gear) should not be more than be 25-30% of your total body weight.

No cotton – bring synthetic only.

Be Prepared, Check the weather at:

https://www.google.com/search?q=weather+for+camp+delmont+pa&rlz=1C1GCEU_enUS820US820&oq=weather+for+camp+delmont&aqs=chrome.1.69i57j33i22i29i30i2.13613j1j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8

Troop 78 – Backpacking Trip Permission Form

Please complete and return this page per terms of handout.

Scout name and patrol: _____

Adult attendee name: _____

E-mail address and MOBILE phone number: _____

Allergies – please indicate any food allergies, dietary restrictions (for religious, medical or social reasons) or other relevant allergies (e.g., bee stings, gluten, medications):

For Adults: Return form with a check made payable to: “Willistown Troop 78.” Registered Adults, \$25. Other Adults \$35. NO CHARGE FOR VISITING WEBELOS OR VISITING WEBELO FATHERS

For Non Registered Adults: A copy of your YPT certificate, valid through at least December 31, 2020, must be attached to this form.

Select your trek: [] Longer trek [] Shorter trek [] Webelo going right to camp (11 AM arrival)

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If I am signing for a Scout: I am the parent/legal guardian of the Scout/guest named above, and my signature below constitutes my permission for my son to attend the November 14 – 15, 2020 Willistown Troop 78 Backpacking trip. By signing this form, I represent that I have read the Troop 78 COVID-19 guidelines found [at this link](#), and commit that the person for whom I am signing this permission slip has also read, understands and will abide by those guidelines. Without limitation, **I am committing that my son will wear an appropriate mask** (as described in the Handout that accompanied this permission slip) **at all times, including while hiking, when in camp, when in transit to camp, and at all other times except when consuming food or beverages or when sleeping in his tent.** My signature below also authorizes any registered Willistown Troop 78 leader in attendance to obtain medical treatment for my son if, in the discretion of such registered leader, such treatment is warranted. If my child cannot attend the trip for *any reason*, I promise that my son will call both his Patrol Leader and Mr. Bennett (267 615 4236) no later than 2 hours before the scheduled departure time.

If I am an adult attendee: By signing this form, I represent that I have read the Troop 78 COVID-19 guidelines found [at this link](#), and commit that I understand and will abide by those guidelines. Without limitation, **I am committing that I will wear an appropriate mask** (as described in the Handout that accompanied this permission slip) **at all times, including while hiking, when in camp, when in transit to camp, and at all other times except when consuming food or beverages or when sleeping in my tent.** My signature below also authorizes any registered Willistown Troop 78 leader in attendance to obtain medical treatment for me if, in the discretion of such registered leader, such treatment is warranted AND I am not able to grant consent to such treatment, in the opinion of that registered leader. If I cannot attend the trip for *any reason*, I promise that I will call Jim Bennett (267 615 4236) no later than 2 hours before the scheduled departure time.

_____ Date of signature: _____

(parent signature, or signature of adult attendee if submitted by attending adult)