

# Grand Canyon of PA Hike or Bike Trip

Friday May 1 to Sunday May 3, 2026

**WHERE:** Pine Creek Gorge, also known as the Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania, is part of the Tioga State Forest near Wellsboro PA. We will be staying at the Leonard Harrison State Park, and we hope to catch some amazing views at the easy to walk to overlook from our campsite, as well as hike *or* bike the Pine Creek Rail Trail. The gentle grade of the rail trail makes it an enjoyable bike, scouts are encouraged to bring a bike and helmet (if in good working order) and they may opt to bike on Saturday *OR* they may hike. Sunday the troop will take the Turkey Path hiking trail from the Leonard State Park overlook area before our departure back to the cabin.

**Who:** Scouts & Registered Adult Leaders

**Cost:** Scouts, No charge  
Adults—\$30 food fee for registered adults

**Depart:** Arrive at the cabin Friday evening at 5:55 PM, BE ON TIME!

**Return:** Sunday afternoon about 3:00 PM to Cabin

**Transportation:** Bus for all Troop Members attending this trip, separate cars not available.

- **TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER NOTES:** Travel will be by Troop bus. Scouts will call approximately 1/2 hour prior to return to the Cabin on Sunday. Sunday return time has high variability. Additional cars driving ARE NOT allowable on this trip. If your bike has not been used recently or tuned up and checked DO NOT bring it and hike on the trip. The Troop cannot repair or service your bike for you. If you want to bike make sure your bike is in good working order. Helmets are required to be worn by all bikers.
- **MANDATORY BIKE PACKING MEETING – THURSDAY NIGHT BEFORE DEPARTURE:** All Scouts and adults planning to bring a bike MUST attend a mandatory bike packing and inspection meeting at the Cabin on Thursday evening, April 30 7pm, before the Friday departure. Attendance is required to confirm your bike is road-ready and properly packed. Scouts who do not attend the Thursday meeting will not be permitted to bring their bike on the trip.

**RESERVATIONS – DEADLINE APRIL 23 – SPACE IS LIMITED:** This trip is limited to the number of Scouts and adults who can fit on the Troop bus. **Once the bus is full, registration is closed.** Turn in the attached permission slip and let your Patrol Leader know no later than April 23 if you will be attending. Do not wait – late sign-ups cannot be accommodated once the bus is full.

**What to Bring:**

**Pack in a duffle bag**

Sleeping bag or sleeping bag w/blanket

Sleeping pad

Flashlight

Daypack (For hiking or biking to carry lunch and water)

Helmet **(Required if biking)**

Change of clothing

Warm clothes, gloves, pullover hat

Rain gear

Sturdy hiking boots **(Required)**

Extra synthetic or wool socks

Toilet articles

Water Bottle for Hike or Bike

DRINKING CUP

Money for "pit stops" and Sunday Lunch (snacks, etc.)

# WILLISTOWN TROOP 78 HIKE OR BIKE PA GRAND CANYON

## PERMISSION SLIP

Please complete in full and return this page per terms of handout.

Scout name: \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult attendee name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you Hiking OR Biking** (please circle which one)

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

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For Troop Registered Adults: Make check payable to: "Willistown Troop 78"

**If I am signing for a Scout:** I am the parent/legal guardian of the Scout named above, and my signature below constitutes my permission for my son to attend the 2026 Willistown Troop 78 Grand Canyon Trip. My signature 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 for any reason, I promise that my son will notify both his Patrol Leader and Mr. Bilson (610-547-7934) no later than April 29th at 4:00 PM. Missing the trip once you have signed up may result in a fee of \$80 per person to be collected, no matter the reason.

**If I am an adult attendee:** My signature below reflects my intent to attend, and I will notify the Troop promptly if my plans change. My signature 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. If I cannot attend for any reason, I promise to call Mr. Bilson (610-547-7934) no later than April 29 4:00 PM.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date of signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent signature, or signature of adult attendee)

**⚠ DEADLINE: SIGN UP AND RETURN THIS FORM BY APRIL 23 AT 8 PM AT THE CABIN – SPACE IS LIMITED TO BUS CAPACITY ⚠**