

Great Allegheny Passage (GAP) Trek
Eastern Continental Divide west to Ohiopyle, Pennsylvania
Friday-Sunday October 17 – 19, 2008



Overview: This outing is a bike hike on the Great Allegheny Passage Trail (GAP) which runs on the retired right-of-way of the Western Maryland Railway from Cumberland, Maryland (western terminus of the C&O Canal tow-path), past the Eastern Continental Divide, west of Frostburg, Maryland, to Ohiopyle, Pennsylvania, on the way toward Pittsburg – a distance of 150 miles. For this trip from the Continental Divide to Ohiopyle the total distance Saturday is 50 miles for those who choose to do it all.

Friday-Leave CCUMC at 3:00 pm and drive 2.5 hours to the Mason-Dixon Campground, Meyersdale, PA. We will stop at a fast-food place for dinner on the way. We will camp here, enjoying a campfire and camaraderie and get an early start Saturday. **Saturday-**Rise at 6:00 am and begin trek at 8:00 am at GAP milepost (MP) 24.5, near the Eastern Continental Divide. Bike downhill, west, toward Ohiopyle State Park on the Youghiogheny River (MP 72.5). Those doing the entire 50 miles to Ohiopyle will pass through the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile-long Big Savage Mountain Tunnel, pass over the Bollman Bridge, cross the Keystone viaduct, cross the 101-foot high, 1908-foot long, Salisbury viaduct over the Casselman River, will pass through the Garrett Wind Farm, pass the dam forming the Yough lake, pass the confluence of the Casselman and Youghiogheny Rivers, and bike into Ohiopyle State Park, renown for its beautiful scenery and great whitewater. Those who desire a shorter trip will be picked up at periodic spots along the way. **Sunday-**We will pack up, eat breakfast, and return. We will visit a fast-food restaurant for lunch. We will arrive back at CCUMC at 3:00 PM.



Leave: 3:00 PM Friday at CCUMC.

Return: 3:00 PM Sunday at CCUMC.

Cost: \$20 (campground/transportation)

Food: Friday-bring snacks for Friday night. Saturday-bring ready-to-eat (this means no cooking is required) breakfast and lunch, snacks for biking, and food to cook, by Patrol, for dinner. Sunday-bring ready-to-eat breakfast, snacks for biking, and money for lunch at a fast-food restaurant.

Water: Water is available at the campsites and at locations along the GAP. Carry 1 liter with you at all times. Drink a lot of water before setting out, and when at water sources. It is important to stay well hydrated. Your urine should be clear or pale yellow.

Friday:

03:00 pm Leave CCUMC (stop en-route for dinner at a fast-food restaurant)
06:30 pm Arrive Mason-Dixon Campground, make camp
11:00 pm Quiet time

Directions Chevy Chase to Mason-Dixon Campground, 4121 Greenville Road, Meyersdale, PA 15552-8518, Tel 814-634-5982, owner 301-689-2769, Emergency 240-580-6848, Hospital 814-634-5911: 144 miles, 2 hours, 15 minutes

- o I-495, Capital Beltway West
- o Exit 35, I-270 North to Frederick
- o At 36.6 miles Take I-70 West toward Hagerstown.
- o At 89.4 miles Take Exit 1A Left to I-68 West toward Cumberland.
- o At 140.1 Take Exit 29 Right to MD-546 toward Finzel.
- o At 140.4 miles keep right on MD-546 to Finzel.
- o At 143.8 arrive Mason Dixon Campground.

Saturday:

06:00 am Reveille, breakfast, break camp
07:00 am Depart for trailhead at Deal
08:00 am Start trek travelling east bound on GAP

Directions from Mason-Dixon Campground to Deal trail access:

Exit campground turning left onto MD-546.
Almost immediately Right onto McKensie Hollow Road
In approximately 3 miles Left on Deal Road
In approximately 0.5 mile Turn into Deal trail access parking

Cumulative trek miles/GAP Milepost/Location:

00.0 MP 24.5 Deal* (P)
00.5 MP 24.0 Eastern Continental Divide*
02.0 MP 22.5 Big Savage Tunnel west end
02.7 MP 21.8 Big Savage Tunnel east end
03.0 MP 21.5 Reverse Direction

Travel west bound on GAP

03.3 MP 21.8 Big Savage Tunnel east end
04.0 MP 22.5 Big Savage Tunnel west end
05.5 MP 24.0 Eastern Continental Divide*
06.0 MP 24.5 Deal* (P)

09.5 MP 28.0 Sand Patch* (P,T)

11.3 MP 29.8 Keystone Viaduct
11.8 MP 30.3 Bollman Bridge
13.3 MP 31.8 Meyersdale* (P,T)
15.2 MP 33.7 Salisbury Viaduct*

16.5 MP 35.0 Garrett Wind Farm

17.8 MP 36.3 Garrett* (P,T)

24.1 MP 43.6 Rockwood* (P,T) (huskyhavencampground.com)

29.9 MP 49.4 Markleton* (P,T)

30.6 MP 51.1 Pinkerton Tunnel detour

34.5 MP 55.0 Fort Hill*

38.8 MP 59.0 Harnedsville* (P,T)

41.1 MP 61.5 Confluence* (P,T,F) (Begin Ohiopyle State Park)

51.3 MP 71.8 Ohiopyle town* (P,T,F)

52.0 MP 72.5 Ohiopyle campground* (P,T)

End at 4 pm

RED=20 minute breaks

*=Vehicle Access

P=Parking

T=Toilet

F=Food

Sunday:

Make breakfast, break camp and head home.

Stop at a fast food restaurant on the trip home.

Return to CCUMC 3:00 pm Sunday

Directions from Ohiopyle State Park to home:

Exit campground left toward Ohiopyle town on Campground Road T-796.

Take left on SR-2019 Kentuck Road.

Take Right on PA-381 South.

Follow PA-381 South to Left onto US-40 East.

Follow US-40 South to I-68 East.

Follow I-68 to I-70 East.

Follow I-270 South.

You know the rest.



APPROVAL / PERMISSION SLIP

Approval/permission is granted by the parents/guardians of Boy Scout _____ for their son/Scout to participate in the activities of Troop 255, Chevy Chase, Maryland, National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Approval/permission is granted to the adult members of Troop 255 to authorize treatment of the Boy Scout named above in the event of an accident or emergency. Adult members of Troop 255 that authorize treatment of the Boy Scout in the event of an accident or emergency shall be released from any or all liabilities.

Necessary local and national tour permits will be obtained by Troop 255.

This approval/permission is valid for the October 17-19, 2008 Great Allegheny Passage Trail (GAP) Trek from the Eastern Continental Divide to Ohiopyle State Park, Pennsylvania.

I can drive: _____ YES _____ NO

If YES, I can carry _____ scouts including my own.

Parent Signature

Parent Name (Print)

Date

Contact Tel. _____