

# Troop 61 **Devils Lake Campout** October 8-10, 2010

Towering cliffs, ancient river beds and huge bolder piles make Devil's Lake a popular camping destination. The park is filled with spectacular hiking trails with names like Balanced Rock, Devil's Doorway, Potholes, and Parkfrey's Glen. October is the perfect time of year for a weekend camping trip with autumn color at or near peak.

We encourage all scouts and dads to attend this hiking and camping adventure.

**Leave:** 6:00pm on Friday. Meet at the scout house. Leave when finished packing and cars are assigned.

**Return:** 3:00pm on Sunday. No one leaves until trailer is unpacked and gear put away. Please help out and be patient. Check lost and found. Call 414-915-6423 after 1:00pm on Sunday for a more exact arrival time.

**Uniforms:** Bring your Class A uniform for church on Sunday. Bring your Class B (red camp t-shirt) for hiking on Saturday.

**Food:** All food and beverages will be supplied by the Troop.

**Spending Money:** Optional. There is a souvenir / snack shop at the camp ground, but scouts without spending money do manage to survive.

**Bring:** Camera. **Do Not Bring:** IPODS etc.

**Trip Plan:** We will stay at Devil's Lake campsites 137, 138, and 133. After arrival late Friday night we will make camp and have a snack. Saturday morning after breakfast we will hike the East Bluff trail completing compass work – including a few off-trail cross country hikes. Saturday afternoon we will head into town for church services and then back to camp for a huge supper planned by the scouts. The evening will include capture the flag, relaxation (for the adults) and a campfire with s'mores. Sunday we will rise, eat breakfast, take a short hike, eat lunch and head home.

**Equipment:** Bring your gear to the Scout House on the Friday night. Mark all clothes and equipment with full name. NO radios, IPODS, electronic games, axes, or sheath knives are allowed.

**Tents:** The troop is fully equipped with tents. Scouts will be assigned to tents by buddy or patrol. Adults can share a troop tent with other adults or sleep alone in a two man troop nylon tent. Let us know your preference. (Some adults prefer to sleep under the stars if the weather is clear. Let us know and we'll pack extra tarps.) Adults, if you want to use your own tent, that is fine, but the troop is not responsible if it is damaged during the trip.

**Air Mattress or Pad:** A small cot or self inflating air mattress is highly recommended. The troop has a few you can borrow if you do not own one. Regular air mattresses should be no more than 36" wide. Full size and Queen size air mattresses do not fit in our tents. Scouts must have a pad or air mattress. A sleeping bag alone is not adequate.

**Emergencies:** The troop may be contacted in an emergency via Patrick Bieser's cell phone at 414-915-6423. Cellular service in the park is spotty. If no answer leave a message for Boy Scout Troop 61 and we'll call back.

**Food:** Meals and snacks will be provided by the Troop.

**Questions:** Please contact an adult leader at the Scout House on Monday or Friday evenings. Or call Patrick Bieser Sr. at 915-6423.



**Balanced Rock** — A difficult, steep, climbing trail with stone steps on the south face of the East Bluff. Spectacular views of Devil's Lake with the Balanced Rock formation off to the south of the trail. (.3 mile, approximate hiking time 1 hour)

**CCC** – A difficult, steep, climbing trail with stone steps on the south face of the East Bluff with many scenic views. (.6 mile, approximate hiking time 1 hour)

**Devil's Doorway** — This is an easy, level asphalt trail along the edge of the top of the East Bluff to views of Devil's Lake with drop-offs along the way. There is a notable side trail with stone steps to the Devil's Doorway rock formation. (.5 mile, approximate hiking time .25 hour) Access to this trail is from East Bluff, East Bluff Woods, CCC, Potholes and/or Balanced Rock trails.

**East Bluff** – A medium effort trail that is asphalt with stone steps as it winds back and forth between the edge of the bluff and the adjacent woods. Goes to the top of the East Bluff for many scenic views and drop-offs. Elephant Cave and Elephant Rock are at the north end. (1.3 miles, approximate hiking time 1.25 hours)

**East Bluff Woods** — An easy-medium, travel and grassy trail with one steep grade on the East Bluff between the North Shore and the Balanced Rock. Entirely in the woods. (1.3 miles, approximate hiking time 1.25 hours)

**Grottos** — A wide, easy going, compacted travel path along the base of the south end of the East Bluff connecting Balanced Rock Trail, Potholes Trail, and the CCC Trails. (.7 mile, approximate hiking time 1.25 hours) Accessible from Group Camp parking lot.

**Uplands Trail Loop** — A Medium effort trail that is long, winding, and grassy with variable grades through fields, brushy areas, and woods. Reaching the top of the East Bluff for some scenic views at the south end. (4 miles, approximate hiking time 2.5 hours) Hiker's and Cyclists need to be aware of each other.

**Sauk Point Trail** – Part of the 1,000 mile Wisconsin Ice Age Trail, this medium-difficult wooded, grassy trail runs between Parfrey's Glen and the Ice Age Loop. Highlights include spectacular views to the south and the Wisconsin River. (3.97 miles, approximate hiking time 3 hours) Trail Profile & 3D Topographical Map

**Johnson Moraine Loop** — An easy, grassy trail with variable grades crossing County Hwy. DL twice. Named for the terminal moraine of the Wisconsin Glacier which it follows on the north side of County Hwy. DL. There are a number of kettle ponds and marshes in this area. (2.5 miles, approximate hiking time 2 hours)

[Parfrey's Glen Trail](#) — An Easy-Medium trail with difficult creek crossings. It follows through a deep gorge left by glacial action and ending at a small waterfall. (.8 miles, approximate hiking time 1 hour) Leaving this trail is prohibited and subject to a fine. No food, beverages or pets are allowed.

**Potholes** — A very difficult, steep climbing trail with stone steps. Good views of the south areas of the park can be seen. Trail travels through an amazing split in the rock face about 2/3 the way toward the top. A series of rounded, eroded, depressions or potholes are located near the top. It is wooded near the bottom. (.3 mile, approximate hiking time 2 hours)

**Steinke Basin Loop** — An easy, level, grassy, wooded trail through an extinct glacial lake bed. Includes bridges and a variety of land covers. (2.5 miles, approximate hiking time 2 hours) Often muddy after periods of rain.

**Tumbled Rocks** — An easy, level, asphalt walkway winding through quartzite boulders at the base of the West Bluff at lake level. (.8 mile, approximate hiking time .5 hour) 1000 feet of this trail is accessible to wheelchairs from the North Shore picnic area.

**West Bluff** — A medium effort trail that is asphalt with stone steps and a steep climb on the south end and an easier climb up the north end. Goes across the bluff top past drop-offs with many scenic views of the lake and park. (1.5 miles, approximate hiking time 1.5 hours)

