

CTSR Trek

June 21-27, 2026 & July 5-11, 2026

\$425 per scout (Early Bird Price, register by 4/1/26)

The CTSR Trek Program offers 5 days of diverse adventures including: biking, kayaking, hiking, horseback riding, and ATV riding. Participants will leave CTSR after breakfast on Monday morning and return on Thursday for dinner. The program is open to Scouts BSA, Venturing Crews, and Sea Scouts.



Basecamp will be set up in the historical Oil Creek State Park. The park consists of a 7,243-acre tract of land preserves and 12 miles of winding gorge created approximately 10,000 years ago by the draining of an ice-dammed glacial lake. This area is also rich in the history of our own CTSR. Upper Drake and Lower Drake Campsites are named for Edwin Drake, who discovered oil in the valley on August 22, 1859. Throughout the park, there are many opportunities to see remnants of the region's rich oil history. While on the TREK you will stay at Wildcat Hollow, "The Wickedest Hollow East of the Mississippi," which was popular among my 'wildcatters' of the 1860s. Highlights of the week include a tour of Drake's Well Museum, and earning a horsemanship merit badge.

Prerequisites for TREK:

- Scouts must be 14 years of age or older
- 2nd Class Rank or equivalent
- Swimmer
- Must complete online ATV ESafety Course

Itinerary:

Base Camp- Wildcat Hollow Oil Creek State Park Cherrytree, PA

Sunday- CTSR Check In, TREK Shakedown, Opening Campfire

Monday- 10 Mile Bike Ride

Tuesday- Kayaking Oil Creek.

Wednesday- Hike approximately 6 miles. Then Tour Drakes Well

Thursday- Horseback Riding and Horsemanship Merit Badge at VAHRA in Franklin PA

Friday- At Custaloga Town for ATV Day and closing campfire.

Gear CTSR Provides:

- Kayaks, Paddles, and PFDs
- Guides and Maps
- Food- trail meals and in-camp meals
- Conservation Project/Tools/Supplies

Gear Scouts Provide:

- All personal camping gear- tents optional
- Clothes for the weather
- Closed-toed shoes are required
- Bike and helmet (a few bikes are available; prearrangements must be made)

Adult leaders are beneficial and welcomed for the trip. Adults will act as the crew advisors and assist with the transportation of scouts, bikes, and gear. Sign up as a Troop/Crew of 6 to 10 scouts and adult leader who attend the TREK will receive a discount on their leader price. Participants who complete the 5 days of adventure will be awarded the Trek Adventure Totem.

Packing List:

Camping Equipment:

- ☐ We will be sleeping in Adirondacks- Tent/stakes, ground cloth- optional
- ☐ Sleeping bag/pillow/air mattress or pad
- ☐ Mess kit- cup, bowl, plate, silverware, mesh bag, carabiner

Clothes Bag:

- ☐ Personal clothing for 4 days- pants/shirt/underwear/socks
- ☐ Camp shoes
- ☐ Raincoat/poncho
- ☐ Warm jacket/long-sleeved shirt
- ☐ Night clothes
- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Washcloth/towel
- ☐ Laundry bag
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Sunscreen/bug spray
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ Water Bottles
- ☐ Camp games- cards, frisbee, etc

Biking:

- ☐ Bike/helmet
- ☐ Sturdy shoes
- ☐ Water Bottle
- ☐ Bike shorts- (padded) optional
- ☐ Eye protection- sunglasses/safety glasses

Kayaking:

- ☐ Water Shoes
- ☐ Hat
- ☐ Swimsuit-sunlayer

Hiking:

- ☐ A sturdy small backpack to carry a mess kit/food/stove/water, etc.
- ☐ Hiking shoes
- ☐ Hiking pole- optional
- ☐ Hat

Horseback Riding:

- ☐ Sturdy shoes
- ☐ Long pants- jeans
- ☐ Hat