REQUIREMENTS

Rank requirements left to discretion of Unit Leader.

UNIFORM: Complete scout or explorer uniform is required of all scout hikers and leaders.

LEADERSHIP: All units must be accompanied by a registered adult leader (21 years or older) over entire length of trail.

CHURCH SERVICE: If trail hiked on Sunday, the trail is convenient to churches of all faiths.

OVERNITE CAMP: All units desiring to camp out prior to or following hike will find Otter Creek Park Camping only ¼ mile from trail’s start. A National tour permit from Local Council is necessary. Small camping fee per person. For further information contact:

Clinton G. Johnson, Director
Route 1, Vine Grove, Kentucky
Phone: Windsor 2-3641

Also, overnight camp facilities available at Doe Run Inn at end of trail, small fee.

HOW TO APPLY: Write to:

OHIO RIVER TRAIL COMMITTEE
PAUL E. ASH
3306 LESTER AVE.
LOUISVILLE 18, KY

The Ohio River Trail is open to all qualified hikers, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and organized hiking clubs.

Application must be obtained and properly filled out in advance. A fee of $2.00 for each scout, scouter or hiker taking trail must be forwarded with application.

GENERAL INFORMATION:
1. Your trail credential must be stamped at all 3 check points.
2. Trail must be completed during daylight hours. Trail starting time 7:00 A.M.
3. Money refunded for cancellation due to conditions beyond your control.
4. Camp sites must be thoroughly cleaned before breaking camp.
5. Boys will not be allowed to leave camp site without leaders.
6. Cooking fires must be supervised by adult leader.
7. Food and drinks at all 3 check points:
   (1) Pack’s Trading Post
   (2) The Diner
   (3) Doe Run Inn
8. Scout conduct must be maintained at all times.
9. Do not stop at houses on trail.

HISTORY OF TRAIL

The trail starts on the edge of Otter Cr Park and wanders through 18.8 miles of beautiful Meade County. The terrain is gentle rolling to hilly with 14.3 miles along dirt and rock county roads, two sections which are foot paths only.

The area abounded in game and served as a hunting ground for the Cherokees, Chocatts, Creeks, Mingoes, Miamis and Shawnee tribes.

Both Daniel and Squire Boone loved the area with Squire owning 9,000 acres near the mouth of Otter Creek.

Rock Haven became a river port of great importance during the Civil War. It is reported that General Morgan used Morgan’s Cave (about 300 yards from trail starting place) as a hide-out and later Jesse James was to hide out there.

Part of the trail follows the "Old Buffalo Trail" and Clark used it for his expedition to the Northwest Territory.

On the way, we pass the Olin Mathieson Chemical Plant, producers of many important products.

As we near Brandenburg, we come to Buttermilk Springs, cooling and approved for drinking water.

In Brandenburg, Ky., we find a friendly, warm spirit of hospitality; justified civic pride in the county seat of a county so rich in legend, folklore, historic background that limited space prevents a complete listing.

As we leave Brandenburg, we climb 169 steps to an overlook from which we can see the Ohio River and valley. From there we continue our journey through scenic countryside, ending our trail at the historic old (built in 1825) Doe Run Inn. The Inn building was the old grist mill with the clear, cold waters of Doe Run Spring (which gushes in great volume from a near-by hillside) operating the mill.