HOW TO QUALIFY

Be a registered Explorer or Second Class Scout. It will be the responsibility of the unit leader to certify that the applicants are properly prepared and are physically able to endure the Trail. A First Aid Kit and Snake Bite Kit MUST be carried by each unit. Each hiker should make provisions to carry a one day's supply of water on the trail. It is required that one registered Scout or (unregistered adult over 21) accompany each ten hikers or fraction thereof at all times.

The Trail is well marked with aluminum rectangles. Breaking new paths must be avoided since it destroys plant life and causes erosion. Scout or Explorer uniforms are expected for all hikers.

It is the Scout or Explorer's duty to see that trees are not carved on or broken and flowers and shrubs are not molested. Remember debris cluttering the ground is unsightly and unpleasant. Use containers provided for leftovers, paper, bottles, and cans. Anyone littering the trail will be denied their trail refund or medal. Knives and axes are not permitted outside the campground.

Fires are permitted only in fireplaces that have been provided. Parking must be confined to parking lot or Vesuvius Furnace Stack or camp ground. A checker will be at the administration building. Should a checker not be on hand, this fact should be noted on the application. Upon arrival, the forestry officer should be contacted if camping space is desired. A camp fee is charged for use of the campground, by the Forestry Service. Wood, water and restrooms are available at the campground. Camping is on a first-come, first-served basis. A tour permit must be presented to the forestry officer. The trail is sponsored by Post 111 of Ironton, Ohio, and post officers and members will be happy to assist you in any way possible.

TO THE LEADER

Fill out the enclosed hike permit and return it to Explorer Post 111, before the hike is scheduled. Enclose $2.00 for each hiker who wishes a Trail Medal. Repeat pins are available for $.50. Upon approval, this hike permit will be returned to the leader with the individual credentials. If the medals are not delivered by the checker, they will be mailed, upon receipt of the permit and signed credential cards, to the unit leader. Patches are available to registered hikers at any time for $.75 each.
Explorer Post 111

VESUVIUS FURNACE TRAIL

To veteran hikers of many official trails in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana, the Vesuvius Trail is a capital "IT" in offering real Scouting adventure. Imagine a day-long trek that begins at a historic relic of the old iron-making days, and stretches along the ridges above scenic Lake Vesuvius, and crosses the lake's upper reaches at the Storms Creek entrance where land and water creatures live life's cycle in primitive isolation. Think also of a trail that takes you to natural coves, a forest ranger's fire tower perched loftily in Ohio's most rugged terrain, and goes hollow-hopping and ridge-running through uninhabited forests. The trail begins and ends at the Vesuvius Furnace Stock at Vesuvius Lake, nine miles north of Ironton, Ohio, just off state highway 93. The 20 mile trail is made in one day.

VESUVIUS FURNACE STOCK

The Vesuvius Furnace Stock, from which the area takes its name, was one of the first iron blast furnaces in the famous Hanging Rock iron district in Ohio. The furnace was built in 1833 and used charcoal and air blast in what was known as the "cold blast" method. The hot blast "process" which was more efficient, was developed at this furnace in 1836, and rapidly spread to other furnaces in the area. Competition with the northern Michigan and Minnesota mines caused a return to "cold blast" method in the late nineties. The final blast of the furnace was made in 1906 ending the great iron era in southern Ohio. In addition to the historical significance of the Vesuvius Furnace Trail, Scouts will have a chance to use their Scout skills. For those who wish to stay more than one day, the Vesuvius Recreational Area presents excellent camp grounds, bathing beach with bath house, picnic areas, and boat rental service, and fishing.

The Vesuvius Furnace Trail is a living memorial to Southern Ohio's greatest iron era.
VESUVIUS FURNACE TRAIL PERMIT
Application

_of__ (Group) of __________ and __________ (City & State) (Council) makes application to hike Vesuvius Furnace Trail on the following dates:

1-_________________________ 3-_________________________
2-_________________________ 4-_________________________

The hike leader is ________________________________
The hike leader's complete address is: ________________________________

The prospective hikers names are:

1-_________________________ 11-_________________________
2-_________________________ 12-_________________________
3-_________________________ 13-_________________________
4-_________________________ 14-_________________________
5-_________________________ 15-_________________________
6-_________________________ 16-_________________________
7-_________________________ 17-_________________________
8-_________________________ 18-_________________________
9-_________________________ 19-_________________________
10-_________________________ 20-_________________________

Remittance is enclosed for the following: $_______ for (No.)____ 1st time hikers

The hiking fees are: $00.00 $_______ for (No.)____ repeat hikers.

First time hikers and medals $2.00
Repeat hikers $0.50 $_______ for (No.)____ patches.
Patches $0.75 $_______ TOTAL REMITTANCE for____ hikers

Total fees should be forwarded to Mr. Carl E. Colegrove 1824 South Third Street
Ironton, Ohio ________ weeks prior to the proposed hike date (dates) in
order that credentials can be mailed to the hike leader. Fees are refundable
to those unable to hike. After the hikers complete the trail, the hike leader then
should mail credentials to the above address. All medals pins and patches will
be returned to the leader.

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Explorer Post III

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VESUVIUS FURNACE STACK

The Vesuvius Furnace Stack, from which the area takes its name, was one of the first iron blast furnaces in the famous Hanging Rock iron district in Ohio. The furnace was built in 1833 and used charcoal and air blast in what was known as the "cold blast" method. The hot blast "process", which was more efficient, was developed at this furnace in 1836, and rapidly spread to other furnaces in the area. Competition with the northern Michigan and Minnesota mines caused a return to "cold blast" method in the late nineties. The final blast at the furnace was made in 1906 ending the great iron era in southern Ohio.

BENEFITS OF THE TRAIL

In addition to the historical significance of the Vesuvius Furnace Trail, Scouts will have a chance to use their Scout skills. For those who wish to stay more than one day, the Vesuvius Recreational Area presents excellent camp grounds, bathing beach with bath house, picnic areas, and a boat rental service, and fishing.

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HOW TO QUALIFY

Be a registered Explorer or Second Class Scout. It will be the responsibility of the unit leader to certify that the applicants are properly prepared and are physically able to endure the Trail.

EQUIPMENT

A First Aid Kit and Snake Bite Kit must be carried by each unit. Water is available only at Vesuvius Lake Recreational Area. Each hiker should make provisions to carry a one day's supply of water on the Trail.

LEADERSHIP

It is required that one registered Scouter or (unregistered adult over 21) accompany each ten hikers or fraction thereof at all times. The Unit must travel as a group during entire hike.

UNIFORM

Complete Scout or Explorer Uniforms are required of all hikers and their leaders for the entire length of the Trail. No shorts may be worn. During June, July, and August, Scout or Camp T-shirts may be worn. When coats or sweaters are worn, a neckerchief must be in evidence.
VESUVIUS FURNACE TRAIL RULES

Absolutely no fires are permitted on the trail. Fires may be started only in fireplaces that have been provided.

Bath house and beach have been built. Swimming must be confined to this area and only when the life guard is on duty.

The Trail is well marked with bright orange paint. Breaking new paths must be avoided since it destroys plant life and causes erosion.

It is the Scout or Explorer's duty to see that trees are not carved on or broken and flowers and shrubs are not molested. Remember debris cluttering the ground is unsightly and unpleasant. Use containers provided for leftovers, paper, bottles, and cans.

Hikers must certify on their Honor as a Scout that they have:
1. Walked the trail every step of the way.
2. Followed the rules of the trail to the best of their ability.

CREDENTIALS STAMPS

Complete credentials should contain the following stamps:
1. Vesuvius Furnace Stack
2. Kimble Fire Tower
3. Vesuvius Fire Tower

Should a checker not be on hand to stamp the credentials, this fact should be so noted in writing on the map.

Credentials must be completely filled out before beginning hike.

Each hiker must carry his own credentials with him during the hike and must present his own credentials to be stamped.

ARRIVAL AT VESUVIUS FURNACE TRAIL

It is imperative that hikers get an early start as the Trail takes 6 to 8 hours.

Hikers must receive their final check before 5:00 P.M.

Parking must be confined to parking lot at Vesuvius Furnace Stack.

TO THE LEADER

Fill out the enclosed Hike permit and return it to Explorer Post 111 at least two weeks before hike is scheduled. Enclose ($2.50) for each hiker who wishes a trail medal with Hike Permit.

Upon approval, this permit will be forwarded to the leader along with the individual credentials and must be presented at check points along the trail.

No refund will be made to hikers who have paid for medals but do not take the trail within three months of date specified on Hike Permit or fail to finish it.

The Vesuvius Furnace Trail Medal

The Vesuvius Furnace Trail Medal is worn on the flap of the left pocket of the Scout uniform.
The Vesuvius Furnace Trail Medal (Cont'd)

The map and credentials when properly stamped, should be mailed to: Explorer Post 111, 1824 South 3rd Street, Ironton, Ohio.

The Vesuvius Furnace Trail is sponsored by the Explorer Post 111, Ironton, Ohio. Members of the Post, and officials and explorers of the United States Forestry Service form the Orientation Committee and will check the hikers while they are on the trail.
VESUVIUS LAKE RECREATION AREA
VESUVIUS FURNACE TRAIL
WAYNE NATIONAL FOREST
LAURENCE COUNTY OHIO

WATER is available only at Vesuvius Lake Recreation Area.
APPLICATION AND HIKE PERMIT

RETURN THIS PERMIT WITH CREDENTIALS WHEN APPLYING FOR AWARDS

The following group, under the proper ADULT leadership, makes application to hike the Vesuvius Furnace Trail according to all the Rules and Regulations as set forth by the Vesuvius Furnace Trail Committee in the information folder.

Unit or Group ____________________________________________ (PRINT)

Of the ________________________________ Council ________________ (print) City (print) State

Under the leadership of ____________________________________________

If above leader does not intend to walk the trail, please list in the space below the name of the leader who will be in charge of the group while it is actually walking the trail.

Trail Leader ________________________________ Position __________ Age ______

(Must be a registered Scouter or any adult)

Total number in Group ______. Date Trail will be taken __________ Month Day 19___ Year____

Signed ________________________________ Unit Leader

APPROVED FOR ABOVE GROUP TO HIKE ON DATES SHOWN ____________________ Chairman-Vesuvius Trail Committee

INSTRUCTION

Return this application with ($2.50) for each hiker who wishes a Vesuvius Furnace Trail Medal to Explorer Post 111, 1824 South 3rd Street, Ironton, Ohio.

You must start the trail at Vesuvius Furnace Stack at Vesuvius Lake, nine miles north of Ironton, Ohio on the state highway 75.

On the following lines please list your comments on our trail, suggestions for improvement, wildlife observed, etc.

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Make checks payable to Carl E. Colegrove, 1824 South 3rd Street, Ironton, Ohio.

HIKE CREDENTIAL ORDER

Please send me the following:

Hide Credentials at $2.50 each, to be used for securing Vesuvius Furnace Trail Medals.

AMOUNT ___