

TRAIL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

The trail is situated in one of the most interesting areas in the State of Wisconsin.

Along the shores of the Wisconsin River traveled many of Menomonees or "Wild Rice Eaters" and the Chippewas. Big Bull Falls (Wausau) was a favorite meeting place for these Indian Tribes as they traveled the countryside in quest of fish, furs and game.

The early pioneers came up the Wisconsin River to the great pine forests of Marathon County. Over its turbulent waters they poled up their supplies. From its banks they cut the majestic white and Norway pines which were sawn and floated down the great waterway. Year after year, during the log drives, the river exacted its toll in drowned men. Along some sections of the trail, huge, blackened pine stumps bear silent witness to the great pine forests.

The ravaging forest fires of the early century took their toll of portions of the trail territory. Paper birch and "popple" in abundance, serve as living reminders that man in all his carelessness destroys in minutes, what nature takes centuries to make beautiful.

From numerous vantage points along the trail one can observe Rib Mountain, a bold isolated crest, said to be the highest point in the state and having an elevation of 1,924 feet above sea level.

Portions of the trail pass through the Nine Mile Wildlife Area. No doubt you will see deer, ducks, rabbits, partridge and numerous species of small woodland birds. There are no poisonous snakes in the area. Food strips and potholes have been established for wildlife habitat improvement. Other sections of the trail pass through beautiful pine plantations.

On the trail south of County Highway "KK", is a scout-owned area where numerous fine overnight campsites are to be found. A good well is located nearby.

We hope you enjoy our trail, help us keep it clean and come back often. You are always welcome.

Boy Scouts of America
Troop 453

TRAIL OBSERVATIONS

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IN THE INTEREST OF CONTINUALLY IMPROVING

OUR TRAIL WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS

AND SUGGESTIONS.



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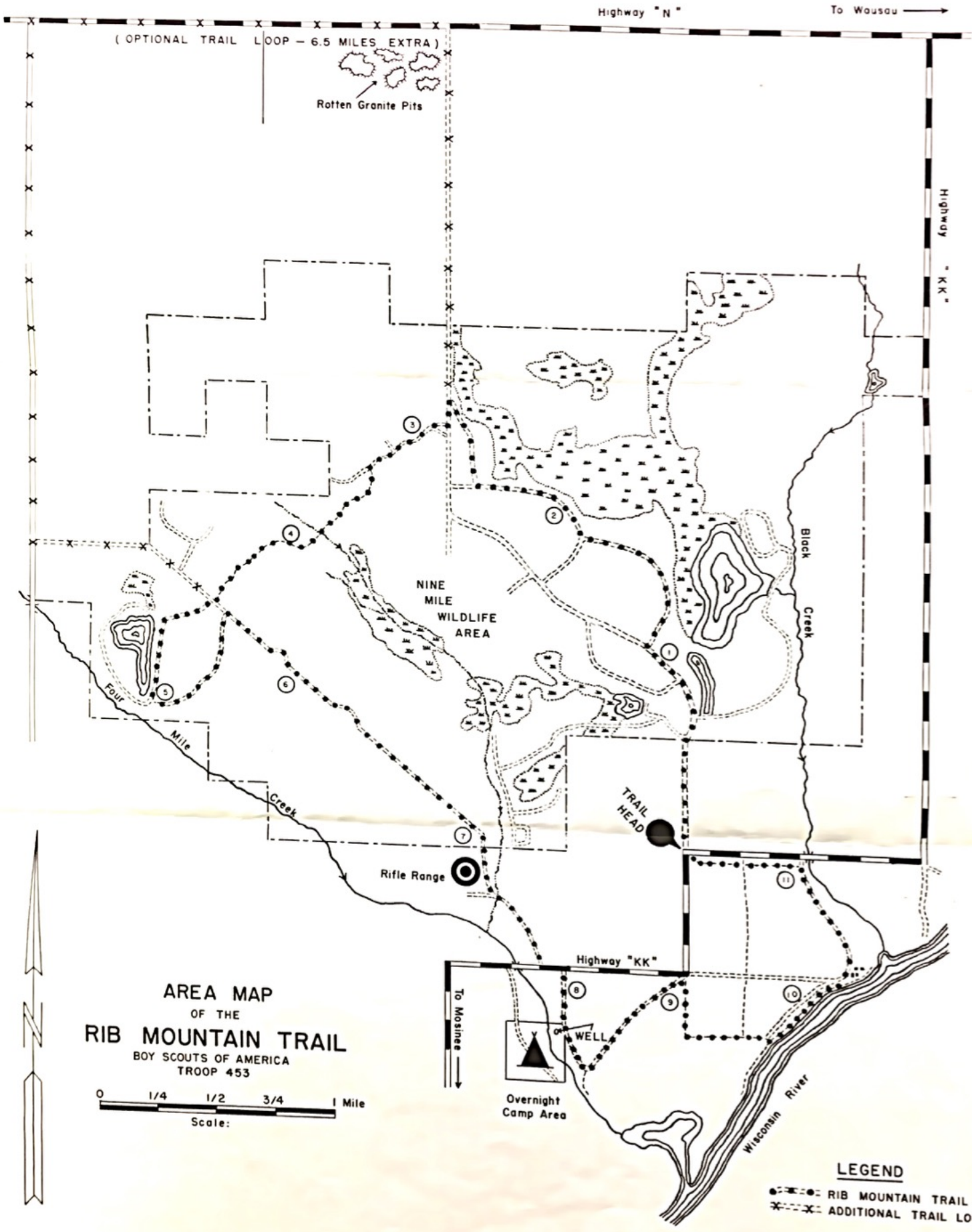
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CAMPING





AREA MAP
OF THE
RIB MOUNTAIN TRAIL
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LEGEND

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- ×-×-×-×-× ADDITIONAL TRAIL LOOP