

Horseshoe Bend Trail



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TUKABATCHEE AREA COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS of AMERICA
P. O. Box 2054
MONTGOMERY 3, ALABAMA



Horseshoe Bend Trail Committee
Tukabatchee Area Council
P. O. Box 2054
Montgomery 3, Alabama

Your Council _____
Your Unit _____

Application is hereby made for _____ hiker's credentials. Enclosed is our remittance of
\$ _____ Our unit will hike the Trail on _____ and _____ 196____.

Adult leaders in charge: _____
_____ No. of hikers: Adults _____ Scouts _____ Explorers _____
_____ Has your unit conducted a series of conditioning
_____ hikers? _____ Have you secured a National Tour
_____ Permit? _____

Signature and Address of Applicant

TRAIL REQUIREMENTS

For Each Hiker →

Every Boy Scout taking the trail must have attained the rank of Second Class.

Scouts, Explorers and leaders are required to be in full official uniform while on the trail. Credentials of those not in complete uniform will not be approved.

Each Scout and Explorer shall read the Trail booklet covering the history of the Battle of Horseshoe Bend and the importance of this battle to our Nation before taking the hike.

Only registered members of the Boy Scouts of America may earn the Trail Award.

For Each Unit →

Each unit from outside the Tukabatchee Area Council hiking the Trail must first secure a National Tour Permit through their local council office.

Each unit must be accompanied by at least one registered adult leader for every ten Scouts or Explorers at all times.

All tents or suitable shelter, water, food, first aid kit and personal gear must be carried over the entire trail. No food is available on the trail. Food, equipment or personal gear cannot be transported into the overnight camping area on the trail. Water will be available at the starting point, at the overnight camp and at the park.

Conditioning hikes prior to your coming to the Trail are highly recommended. The days are warm most of the year and the terrain is rugged.

TRAIL INFORMATION

→ Horseshoe Bend Trail credentials may be obtained by writing to the Horseshoe Bend Trail Committee, Tukabatchee Area Council, P. O. Box 2054, Montgomery 3, Alabama. Application for credentials may be made on the form on the back of this folder.

The Trail starts near Dutch Bend Gold Mine 8 miles northeast of Alexander Cty. Overnight camping facilities are available at this point.

Hikers will receive orientation instructions from the Official Host 8:00 A. M. (CST) on Saturdays. Credentials of each hiker will be checked at this point. Each hiker must carry his own credential.

The Trail is cross-country, over very rugged terrain, following closely the footsteps of Andrew Jackson's Tennessee volunteers in their march to encounter warriors of the Creek Nation at Horseshoe Bend. Signs are posted at frequent intervals to mark the trail.

The trail is approximately eighteen miles. The first day's hike will be approximately twelve miles to the overnight camp site. Credentials will be checked before you leave the camp site Sunday morning, and again at the military park.

Congress has enacted legislation for the development of a military park at Horseshoe Bend. On August 12, 1959, President Eisenhower proclaimed the 2,040 acre battleground donated by the Alabama Power Company and the State of Alabama as the Horseshoe Bend National Military Park. The plans are that the park will be completed by the summer of 1964.

Camping fires and smoking will not be permitted within the park area.

A fee of \$2.00 per hiker is charged to defray the cost of a booklet covering the history of the Battle of Horseshoe Bend and the importance of the battle to our history, the Trail Award, and promotion and maintenance of the Trail.

