

Hiking Opportunities

Hiking is an important aspect of scout life and the camp experience. For beautiful views and memories that last a lifetime, you have come to the right place. A hike to a Boy Scout Camp or 2 miles on Goshen Trails completes one of the requirements for the Diamond "W" Award. A second hike to any of the beautiful vistas around Goshen or to the Maury River is a requirement for the P.M.I. Adventure Award. It is best not to rush a hike both for enjoyment and safety reasons, so please allow about 3 hours when scheduling this activity. We recommend hiking in the morning when it is cooler, but an afternoon hike will be less crowded. Please plan for each accordingly. We do require that all packs be in camp at breakfast and dinner (evening hikes are not approved). Boy Scout Camp program runs from 9-12 noon and 2:30-5:30 p.m.; lunchtime hikes to these areas are discouraged. Trail lunches are available for you to take on your hike to other areas. If your pack would like to request trail lunches for a hike, be sure to indicate how many trail lunches you will need on your Program Request Sheet. *All packs must sign out of camp upon leaving for a hike. The "Camper/Leader Log Book" is located on the clerk's desk in the Admin building office. Don't forget to sign back in upon returning to Camp P.M.I.* The following is a list of recommended hikes.

- The **Hike to Maury River (~2 miles one way, from PMI parking lot)** is an opportunity to go swimming in a slow and shallow stretch of the scenic Maury River. The hike will lead the boys through Camp Bowman, which is a chance for them to catch a glimpse of Boy Scout camping on their way to a cool, refreshing dip. Parking is available at Camp Post, at more than half the distance to the river spot.
- The **Hike to Viewing Rock (~1000 feet elevation change and ~1.5 miles away)** is a good 3-hour morning hike, with trail lunches as an option. "Viewing Rock" is a large rock outcropping in the mountains that overlook Camp P.M.I. The view is breathtaking. Be sure to bring your camera, binoculars, and full canteen.
- The **Hike to Jump Rock (~1.5 miles past Viewing Rock)** is an extra challenge to continue from Viewing Rock on to Jump Rock. Be sure to plan an additional 2 hours.
- The **Hike to Camp Bowman (~1 mile)** will provide an incentive for the boys to continue in scouting. Follow the Moore Trail south to find Camp Bowman! You can schedule tours only on Friday mornings for either 9 am, 10 am, or 11 am. Parking is also available in the Bowman overflow lot.