Welcome to the Museum

Here is the story of the Ten Mile River from the original people to present day. The Ten Mile River Scout Museum is operated by the Greater New York Councils, Scouts USA. It is dedicated to preserving the history and artifacts of the TMR Scout Camps (serving Scouts since 1927) and the local area.

Located at TMR’s Headquarters Camp, the museum consists of a main building, Kernochan Blockhouse, Karl Bernstein Cayuga/Kotohke Cabin, and Kunatah Trading Post. It is open to the public and offers various tours, indoor exhibits and outdoor programs.

2023 Summer Schedule

- Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, 1:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday - Friday: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon, 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
- Open by special appointment

Contact TMR Scout Museum

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Location of Museum

Ten Mile River Scout Museum is in TMR’s Headquarters Camp at 1481 County Road 26 (Crystal Lake Road), just north of County Road 23 and Blind Pond Road in Sullivan County, NY. The nearest major hamlet is Narrowsburg.

Featured in 2023:

- **Monarch Butterfly exhibit** about amazing insects that live on milkweed plants in Ten Mile River and travel to Mexico every year in the fall, returning each spring. Made possible through a grant from Upper Delaware Scenic Byway.
- An exhibit on B.S.A. co-founder Ernest Thompson Seton.
- Mugs from all TMR and GNYC Camps.
- Original Camp Kunath meal graces.
- **Tuesday evening history talks** in the open-air cabin at 7:00 p.m. Public welcome.
- **Alumni Weekend** from August 4 to 6 for everyone who has worked, camped or loved TMR in previous years.
- **Car Show** on Saturday, August 5 – old, new, vintage, classic, the best on four wheels!
- **TMR Scout Museum tables** at Zane Grey Festival and Narrowsburg Riverfest.

Museum Tour (60 minutes)

First-time visitors typically go on a tour of the museum beginning with a short video on the origin of Ten Mile River Scout Camps.

See memorabilia from all the camps created by the five boroughs of NYC. Other exhibits include: local geology, rock shelters, the Tusten Donut Farm, the Slide Farm, birds of prey and a record of all living things from the 2014 Upper Delaware BioBlitz.
Kernochan Blockhouse
Visit a two-level pioneer-era (1750s) reproduction miniature blockhouse. It contains copies of common items that were typically kept during the pioneering era. Here is an introduction into how blockhouses were used and what pioneer life was like along the Upper Delaware River.

Cayuga/Kotohke Cabin
A recreation of life in an actual Brooklyn Scout Camps open-air cabin from the 1930s and 1940s, complete with cots and straw ticks. Oversized photos depict cabins and tents from this era. A ten-minute video shows what camping was like in the Brooklyn Scout Camps. The display includes backpacks, kerosene lamps and other artifacts from typical camp life.

C.C.C. Camp Ten Mile River Walking Tour (60+min.)
A short video on the history of the Civilian Conservation Corps (C.C.C.) will describe this depression-era public relief and conservation program that made major physical improvements at TMR during the 1930s. A walking tour will take individuals to the sites of key buildings of the C.C.C. Camp Ten Mile River, which operated from 1933-36. The marked sites lead on a short walk around Headquarters Camp, ending at the museum. The tour guidebook shows the tour route and includes history and photos for each stop.

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The museum store has a huge variety of Scout memorabilia at low prices. Items include Scouting posters and literature, patches, neckerchiefs, campaign style hats, hiking sticks, bolo ties, Norman Rockwell plates, mugs, O.A. sashes, C.S.P.s, handbooks and magazines, old uniform, Jamboree and Philmont neckerchiefs. The $1 bin of patches contains treasures for all. Purchases benefit the museum. Donations are appreciated.

Specially for Scouts

Picnic Facilities – The museum grounds include three charcoal stoves, four picnic tables, drinking fountains, and clean-up sink. Units can arrange with their camp program director to have a bag lunch or evening barbecue.

Museum Historian Patch– This patch can be earned by completing requirements of a one-hour program including the video on the origins of TMR, a trivia scavenger hunt, and a visit to the recreated “Eight Scout” cabin.

Ten Mile River Historical Trails Award – Scouts can earn this award medal and patch with a 10-mile hike from their camp to the museum. For full requirements and information, contact the museum.

Merit Badges – Scouts can get partial credit (good for one year), and in some cases complete the following badges with the museum staff: Archeology, Indian Lore, Journalism, and Scout Heritage. Preregistration is required. For specific classes, contact the museum.

Outdoor Programs – The museum offers outdoor programs for Scouts, including a maze to experience visual impairment, campfire ring, volleyball, badminton and horseshoes.

TMR Scout Museum is a high adventure outpost and requires Scout Troops to sign up with their camp’s program director.