



There's no shortage of exhibits and displays at the Ten Mile River Scout Museum, such as the one featuring Franklin Delano Roosevelt. He not only played a pivotal role in the establishment of the camps, but he's a former president of the New York City Boy Scout Foundation.



The Museum has a large selection of memorabilia from the several different camps that have called the Ten Mile River Scout Camps home for the past 90 years.



story and photos  
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# a museum full of memories on the river

**N**estled in nature is a history lover's paradise. The Ten Mile River Scout Museum (TMRSM), located in Narrowsburg, N.Y., offers a diverse collection of rare historical exhibits, documents and artifacts to pique your interest. The TMRSM, which is operated by the

Greater New York Councils and Boy Scouts of America, is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

They're dedicated to preserving the history and artifacts of the Ten Mile River Scout Camps, a 12,000 acre reserve that has been serving the Boy Scouts of New York City

since 1927, and the local area.

"The displays cover the 90-year history of the Ten Mile River Scout Camps and local history, including: the pioneering era, the lumbering and rafting era, archaeology and wildlife, and local businesses," Associate Curator David Malatzky said.

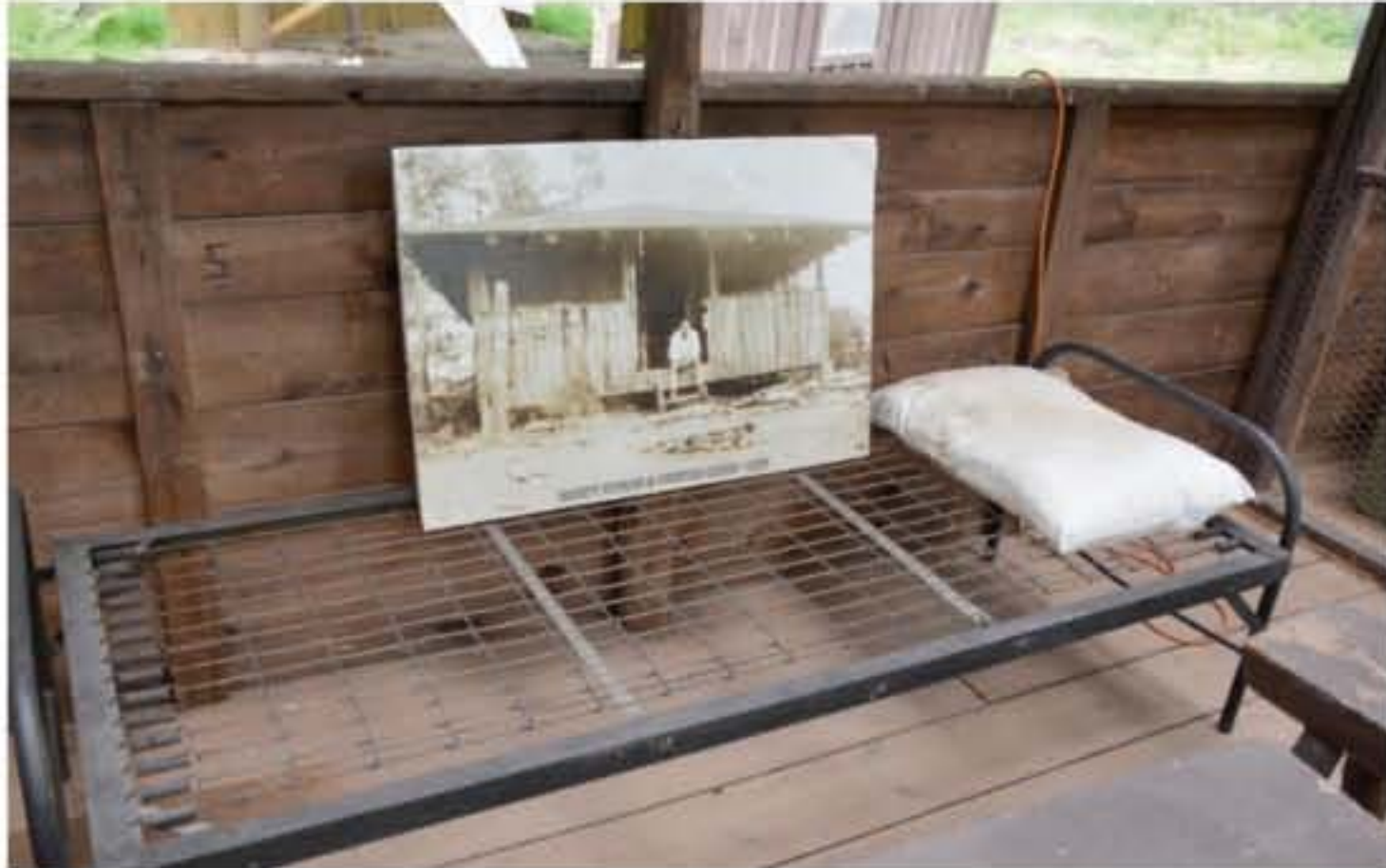
The Museum recently underwent an upgrade with Johannes Knoops, a TMR alumnus and an award-winning architect and instructor in design at the Fashion Institute of Technology, proposing and leading the museum's

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## Ten Mile River Scout Museum

1481 County Road 26 (Crystal Lake Road),  
Narrowsburg, NY  
July and August Hours  
Monday-Friday: 9 a.m.- Noon, 1-5 p.m., 7-9 p.m.  
Saturday: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Sunday: 1-5 p.m.  
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renovation which was completed last month.

Inside the museum, you'll find a Franklin D. Roosevelt exhibit, artifacts from three Native American Rockshelters, and artifacts from the lumbering and rafting era, TMR Wildlife, Donut Farm and Slide Farm displays, a large store with a huge selection of scouting memorabilia on sale and much more!

There is also a lot to see outside of the museum, like the Kernochan Blockhouse, a

miniature reproduction blockhouse from the 1950s with displays on the pioneering era, and the Cayuga/Kotohke Cabin, an actual TMR open-air cabin from the 1930s, recreating camp life in the 1930s and 1940s.

Visitors can also take a self-guided walking tour of the Ten Mile River Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camp.

The museum is open seven days a week in July and August, as well as select weekends in May, June, September and October.



With the Kernochan Blockhouse (left) and Cayuga/Kotohke Cabin (top of page), Museum visitors receive an up close and personal look at what life was like for campers. Also, don't forget to spend some time in the gift shop, which has several interesting items for sale.



The Museum also has exhibits showcasing the area's local history. This includes a vintage donut machine from the Donut Farm, a local family-owned restaurant on Route 97 dating back to the 1940s.



#### ALSO TO BE SEEN

There are few abolitionists as well-known as John Brown. One of the museum's unique artifacts on display is the lock and key to Brown's jail cell at Harpers Ferry, which at the time was part of Virginia. Museum Director, Deacon Paul Lumpkin (seen in photo on Page 12), is letting them borrow it. His grandfather was the secretary/historian of the New York John Brown chapter, so this historical object has been in his family for decades.

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