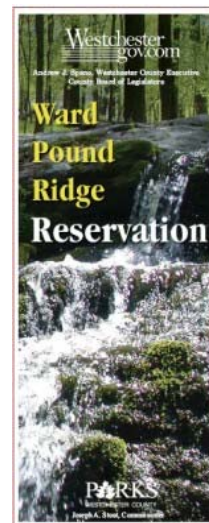


# White Plains Troop 73

## Fall Lean-To Camping Trip

Ward Pound Ridge Reservation  
Cross River, NY

November 5-6, 2011



On the weekend of November 5-6, 2011, Troop 73 will return to one of our favorite camping areas close to home – **Ward Pound Ridge Reservation** in Cross River. This is the largest county park in all of Westchester, and includes miles of trails, hills and valleys, swamps and streams, quite a few copperheads near the highest point in the park (they'll be hibernating by the time we come) and it is/was, of course, the home of *The Leatherman* (about once a month). For this weekend, it will be our home as well, in several of the park's finest lean-tos.

This camping trip will also present wonderful opportunities for advancement! The wildflower garden that grows behind the Nature Museum is the ideal place for Scouts working on First Class to study and identify native plants. There is an excellent orienteering map that will help Scouts working on Second and First Class complete map and compass requirements. And, of course, there will be camping, cooking, hiking, and plenty of free time for a game of capture the flag. **Ward Pound Ridge Reservation** has lots to offer, and we'll try to take advantage of as much as possible.

Our weekend adventure will begin on Saturday morning, when the Troop meets at the Highlands Middle School. We will meet at 8:00 am – please be on time, and have a good breakfast before you come! After a thorough gear inspection, we will depart for camp. We'll arrive back home on Sunday morning, probably before 11:00 am. As always, calls will be made to alert parents to a more precise arrival time back at the school.

To join your Patrol and Troop 73 on this camping trip, you must return the attached permission slip/consent form along with payment of \$20, by the November 1<sup>st</sup> Troop Meeting. As usual, we need to know the strength of our Patrols before the final menu planning and distribution of equipment so that we can properly plan. Please turn your permission slips and payment in at the start of the Troop Meeting.

More information and a personal checklist will be provided at the November 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting. Please clear this weekend on your family calendars and plan to join Troop 73 on this great fall camping weekend! Backpacks are available for loan if needed, as always.

### Questions:

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As previously noted, the photo at right is of *The Leatherman*, a 19<sup>th</sup> century man who for many years walked a 34 day/365 mile circuit through Westchester County and Western Connecticut, sleeping mostly in caves, and surviving on the kindness of those whose homes he passed in his travels. Despite the obvious similarities, this photo is *not* of Scoutmaster Michael Bennett after a week at BSA Summer Camp.

