



CAMP TRANQUILITY “HAWKCORPS I” SAT. FEBRUARY 21, 2009

Purpose: This event is designed so that Coosa Lodge 50 can give back to the local community through service to the local state park.

Camp Tranquility is located within the boundaries of Oak Mountain State Park and was built in 1936-37 by the Rural Works Administration and the Civilian Conservation Corps. Over the years it served as the summer camp for the Birmingham Area & Black Warrior Councils of the Boy Scouts of America. Designed as Recreational Demonstration Area, it included a Camp Office; Mess Hall; Infirmary; Guest Quarters; Council Ring; Beach and Waterfront Area; Latrines; Central Bathhouse and four Units – each comprised of about eight Cabins and one large Unit Lodge. It was a truly spectacular camp.

HawkCorps I Events: We will be working on cleaning up the Camp sites and making improvements to both the Camp and the Road to Camp.

What items do we need to bring:

- 1) Gloves
- 2) Shovels
- 3) Post Hole Diggers
- 4) Pruners – long handle
- 5) Claw Hammers
- 6) Bow Saws

- 7) Shears
- 8) Weed Eaters
- 9) Crow Bars
- 10) Paint Brushes
- 11) Adults Only – Chain Saws
- 12) Clothes you don't mind getting dirty
- 13) Extra set of clothes
- 14) Sleeping bag, Bed Roll and Food if you plan to Campout with the Muscogee Chapter on Saturday night of the event. We will sleep in Cabins so you do not need a tent.

How do we get to the site?

A Map is attached at the end of this flier. With the road newly graded, we can get all types of vehicles into Camp. However Parking is limited at the Campsite, so make sure you combine items and equipment as well as personnel in as few a vehicles as possible.

Directions: Enter the Main Gate of Oak Mountain State Park off of I-65 and the Cahaba Valley exit. When you enter the Park advise the attendant you are with the Boy Scouts for work at Camp Tranquility.

Follow this road about three miles past the Golf Course on the left. When the Golf Course ends, look for the first dirt road to the right. There will be a Gate there and this is the CCC Camp Road to Tranquility. It is about 1.5 miles to Camp from the road is newly graded – so cars and trucks can enter the site (remember to combine as much as possible. You can park at the Front Gate – do not block the Gate though).

We will start at approximately 8:00 a.m. – NOTE: Bring Food & Drink for Lunch.

What will we do at HawkCorps I?

Lodge Members will work to:

- 1) Clear the sites of saplings / vines / undergrowth with the direction of Camp officers.
- 2) Work on Cabins and Buildings within the Camp – general carpentry work.
- 3) Will also work to clear all brush and weeds from the side of the road leading to Camp.
- 4) Clean the culverts on the side of the road out so water will go underneath the roads...

****Remember:** Wear clothes you do not mind getting dirty and bring an extra set of clothes. You will be given specific directions as to your task upon your arrival at Camp.

What will we earn?

You will earn your Coosa Lodge Feather for the 2009 Backpatch and a special Camp Tranquility Patch available for those who put in 8 hours of Service.

HawkCorps Work Teams:

1) **Road Crew** – This group will work starting at Unit 2 and working their way down the Road toward the First Gate they come to (2nd Gate coming in). They will be responsible for the following:

- Clearing the sides of the road of all overhanging limbs, briars, etc that interfere with traffic coming in and out of Camp.
- Clearing fallen trees or removing those that appear to be ready to fall.
- Clearing ditches where the dirt has built up to create blockage with draining of water
- Complete cleaning out of all Culvert pipes that go underneath the road so that water freely moves through them – prevent washout
- Tools needed: Pruners, Bowsaws, Shovels, Hoes, Rakes, Chainsaw (adult only), Gloves, Protective Eyewear and set of clothes to get Dirty!!

Crew will be composed of:

Crew Leader – Reports who has worked their 8 hours and is entitled to their patch while overseeing the work that must take place – youth led. Will also Lead by Example and work with the Team.

Arrowmen – will work under the direction of the Crew Leader

Adult Adviser – work with Team and serve in an advisory capacity on the work to be completed. Also operate the Chainsaw where needed.

2) **Camp Crew** – This group will work starting within Unit 2 and working their way down the Road toward Unit 1 to clear all saplings and large Trees.

- Clearing the sides of the road of all overhanging limbs, briars, etc that impact the two Units.

- Clearing fallen trees or removing those that appear to be ready to fall.
- Clearing overgrowth around the Buildings up to 10 yards behind each. Trees 6 inches in diameter or less must be cut down and drug into the ravines below.
- Clearing overgrowth and removing cut down Trees around the Rock Leader Lodge & two Black Jack Oaks in Unit 2.
- Tools needed: Pruners, Bowsaws, Shovels, Hoes, Rakes, Chainsaw (adult only), Gloves, Protective Eyewear and set of clothes to get Dirty!!

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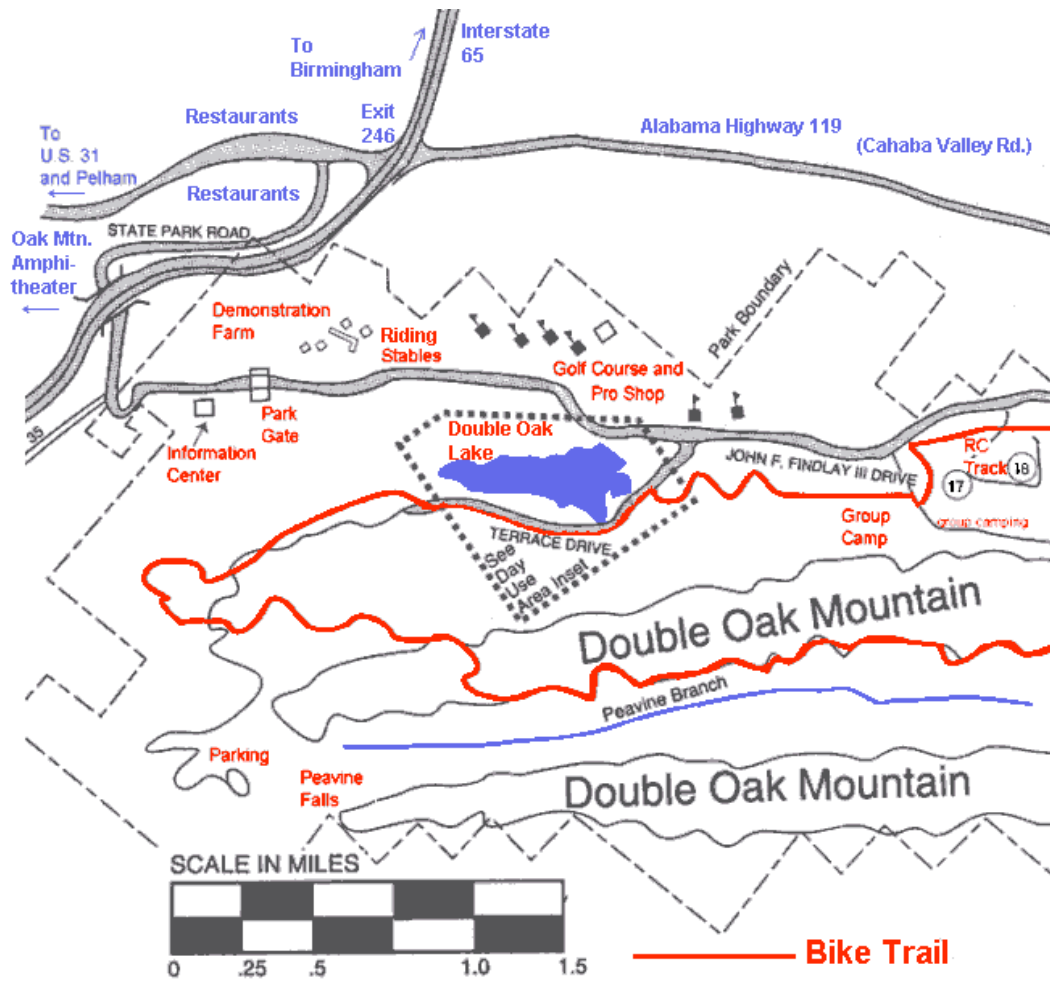
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- 3) Adult Work Crew** – This group will work on the Unit Lodge in Unit 1 to remove the wall and replace the foundation joists so that the wall can be shored up and the roof saved. Will also place a covering over the Lodge ceiling to prevent further leakage of water to the interior.

***Note:** This will be an all-day event and will require carpentry work. While prep work is going on, Adults can work on clearing out the woods from the old Dining Hall. Once the foundation is secure, all hands on deck to work on the walls and frame them in.



Camp Tranquility Entrance Map

Camp is located near the areas that state Group Camp and group camping. On John Findlay Drive (main road you entered the Park on) go just past the Golf Course as it ends on the left and the road that turns right to the Park Office / Day Use Area. Continue around the curve for about 1/3 of a mile and you will see a Gate on the right hand side of the road. This is CCC Road and leads to the Campsite. Go about 1.5 miles to the site.