

Get back outdoors with Troop 62 when we visit

# American Legion State Forest



West River Road, Barkhamsted, CT, May 16–18

Located in the Pleasant Valley section of Barkhamsted, the initial 213 acres of this forest were a gift from the American Legion in 1927 to provide citizens an example of proper forest management as observed by U.S. soldiers throughout Europe during World War I. The West Branch of the Farmington River, designated as a Wild and Scenic River by the National Park Service, is the center point of river-based recreational activities. Rugged terrain with steep, rocky hillsides typifies the remainder of the forest. The Henry Buck Trail, which winds through the forest for 2.1 miles, passes by historic mill sites and offers a view of beautiful rock formations as well as the river valley.

**Activities:** Scout skills like cooking and hiking.

**Bring:** Good hiking shoes, extra socks, day pack, water bottle, sunscreen, bug repellent, a hat, layers of clothes, rain gear, a cup for hot and cold drinks, flashlight, sleeping gear including sleeping bag, pad and pillow. (Consult packing list in Troop 62 Handbook.) Also to bring: Compass if you have one; backpacking stoves for demonstration if you have them. Electronics only allowed in cars. **Most of all – Bring good Scout spirit!**

**Leaving:** 6 p.m. Friday May 16, from St. Francis of Assisi Church parking lot

**Returning:** Approximately 2 p.m. Sunday May 18

**Cost:** \$25 per person, due by May 8. **Parents are encouraged to attend!**

Questions: Bob King at 648-1214

Also note:

- Summer camp is at Camp Hinds, Raymond, Maine, July 26-August 2. A **\$50, non-refundable deposit is due May 1**. Total cost is \$295.
- If you wish to get access to shared pictures of Troop 62's recent Gettysburg trip, send an e-mail to bobking18@yahoo.com