

Troop 97 November campout: Backpacking Trip

Every year, Troop 97 does a backpacking trip in november: We choose a place to backpacking, and we make a short and long route for those who are more or less experienced; every year we get new scouts and generally they are inexperienced in the field of backpacking, and so they don't want to go too many miles.

We decided on going to Musser scout reservation and mostly take the red trail.. On the trip, it was VERY thorny. We made the trip to the first campsite, and that was one of the least thorny parts, thankfully. We had to hike at night because we arrived at a late time and needed to go to the campsite.

The next day, we left nearly an hour late according to our schedule. I personally was not that happy about that, but not everyone was that quick. We were supposed to go about 9 miles for the long trip and 6 for the short. When we were near the end of the trail to the campsite, we realized how thorny it really was. Those trails were not very well taken care of.

Both groups were supposed to arrive at the campsite, and then the short group would go on a short loop and the long group another. But we decided otherwise. After how terrible it was to go through the first path, we all decided that we would go on a much shorter route. The long group ended up going about 5½ miles, and the short just under 4 miles.

In the end, I really loved backpacking there, but the trails were not taken care of much at all. If I could choose to backpacking there, I would probably take a different trail. But backpacking is still as great as ever.