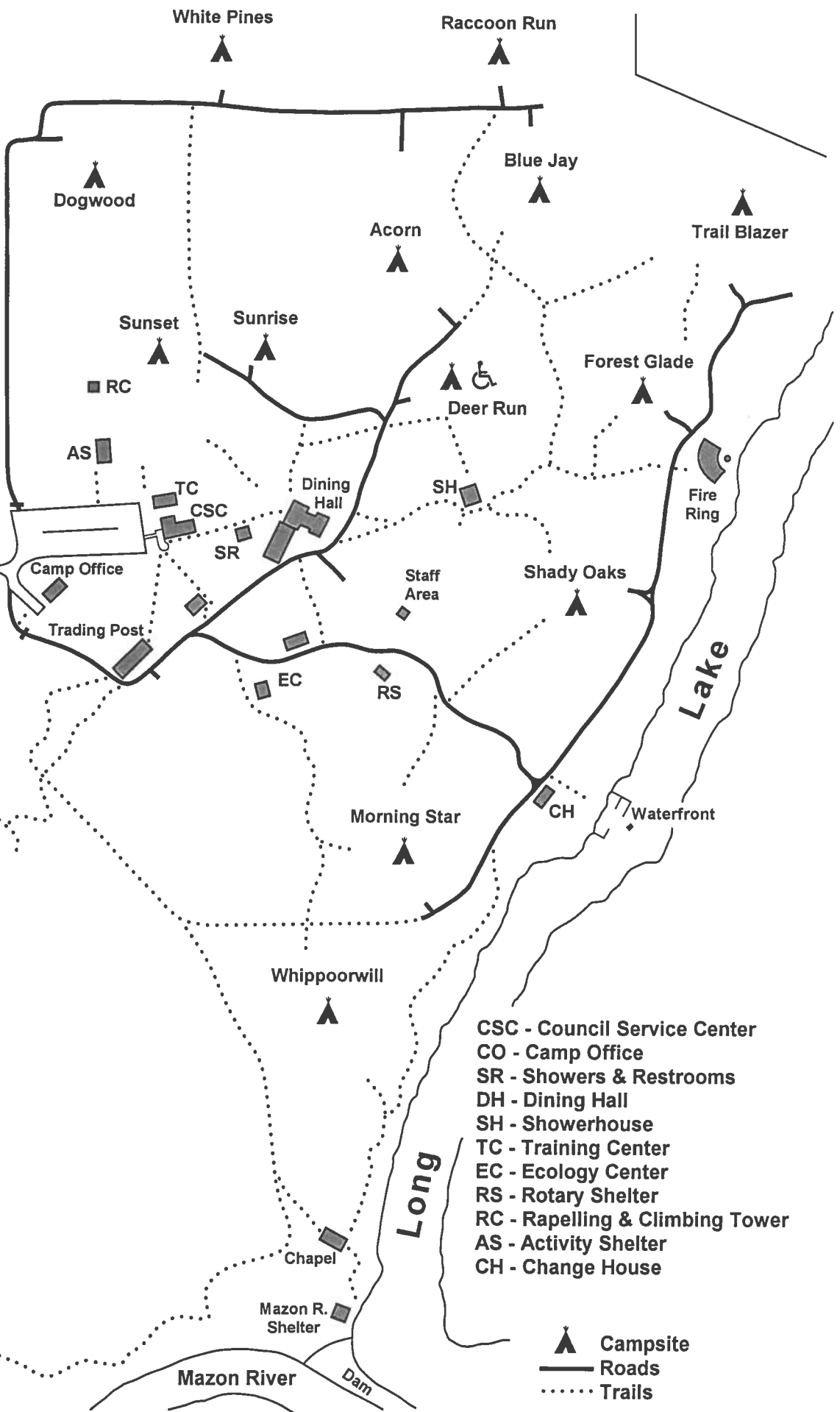


2017 RAINBOW SCOUT RESERVATION MAP



Rifle Range
Archery Range

Winterbottom Rd.



- CSC - Council Service Center
- CO - Camp Office
- SR - Showers & Restrooms
- DH - Dining Hall
- SH - Showerhouse
- TC - Training Center
- EC - Ecology Center
- RS - Rotary Shelter
- RC - Rapelling & Climbing Tower
- AS - Activity Shelter
- CH - Change House

- Campsite
- Roads
- Trails

Rainbow Scout Reservation Camping FAQs

Q: Can we bring firewood to camp for our campout?

A: No! State regulations prohibit transporting firewood. You will often find a "courtesy pile" left by previous campers in your site, and should leave a courtesy pile as part of leaving your weekend home ready for the next campers. Downed wood may be scavenged.

Q: Can we have a campfire?

A: Sure! Campfires are marked with a half circle of benches. These are the only locations fires are allowed. Keep your fires small, and let them burn down to ash.

Q: What campsite will we be in?

A: Weekend campsites are assigned a few days before the weekend. Weather, size and number of groups, facilities rented, work projects going on in camp, hazards, and maintenance are all factors in site selection.

Q: When can we arrive?

A: Weekend camping check in is after 6:00pm Friday. Our campmasters are not available until that time. Ranger staff are making preparations for camping most of the day Friday and not available to check in early arrivals.

Q: What is "check in"?

A: When you arrive, go to the yellow cabin and let the campmasters know your group is here! Bring a roster of campers, tour permit, and settle any fees left at this time. At check in, the campmasters will ask what time you would like them to come inspect your site for checkout. While your unit leaders are checking in, campers should begin unloading vehicles of gear at the parking lot.

Conditions may permit one vehicle with trailer of group equipment to go to your site. You may bring wagons if needed.

The campmaster will take you to your site and show you around.

Late additions to your group should arrange to meet you at the parking lot at a certain time.

Q: What can we do at camp?

A: Cook in the outdoors. Take a hike. Meet requirements for advancements. Look for wildlife. Make new friends. Play disc golf. Study the evening sky. Share a candy bar. Smell smouldering cherry woodsmoke. Build a fire without matches. Learn if trees fall and make a sound. Catch a fish. Try boiling coffee. Cook an egg in an orange peel. Try out your echo voice down the lake. Listen for whippoorwills and owls at night. Balance on a log. Discover.

Q: What is a Campmaster?

A: Campmasters are scouters with ample camping and program experience, and familiar with Rainbow Scout Reservation. As your host for the weekend, they assist with check in and check out, and any assistance you may need to support your weekend program. They tour the camp

throughout the weekend, and can help answer questions, find solutions, and offer support. When you first arrive at camp, check in with the campmaster at the yellow building near the parking lot.

Q: What is in the area nearby?

A: Illinois and Michigan Canal, with hiking and interpretive exhibits. The Goose Lake Prairie State Park. Scouting Museum in Ottawa. W.D. Boyce Memorial. Dresden Lock and Dam. Gebhard Woods State Park. Midewin. Chief Shabbona's grave. Starved Rock. Morris Hospital and Emergency Room. A large Walmart at Route 47 and I-80 in Morris, as well as "fast food".

Q: I have a CPAP, can I get a site with electricity?

A: We have no electric at campsites. You may pitch a tent in the Camp Staff area and use electric there if you wish, but that site is not available for unit camping.

Q: Can we fish at camp?

A: Sure? Bluegill, bass, crappie, northern, catfish may be caught. You are welcome to fish anywhere except our waterfront and swimming areas.