

A MESSAGE TO HIKERS—

We, of the Amaquonsippi Trail Committee, want this to be an enjoyable and memorable experience for all who take the trail. We will do all in our power to help in any way we can. A thorough orientation will be given at the hiker's convenience before taking the trail.

The small amount of profit realized from those taking the trail goes for maintaining and improving the trail, and to extend the interests of Scouting in general. Good Hiking!

TRADE-O-REE—

Trade-O-Ree, an annual event sponsored by the Amaquonsippi Trail Committee, is held the first weekend in October. Traders from all over have found, and are finding, this a "Must" on their list of planned activities.

An Indian dance contest is also held at this time.

For information write:

TRADE-O-REE

Box 251

Bradford, Ill. 61421



HIKER'S HANDBOOK —

This book, listing nearly all hiking trails, canoe trails, state and national park camping information, pilgrimages and other valuable information will serve as an aid in planning future hike trips.

To order write:

HIKER'S HANDBOOK

Box 251

Bradford, Illinois 61421

Price—\$1.00

THE AMAQUONSIPPI TRAIL



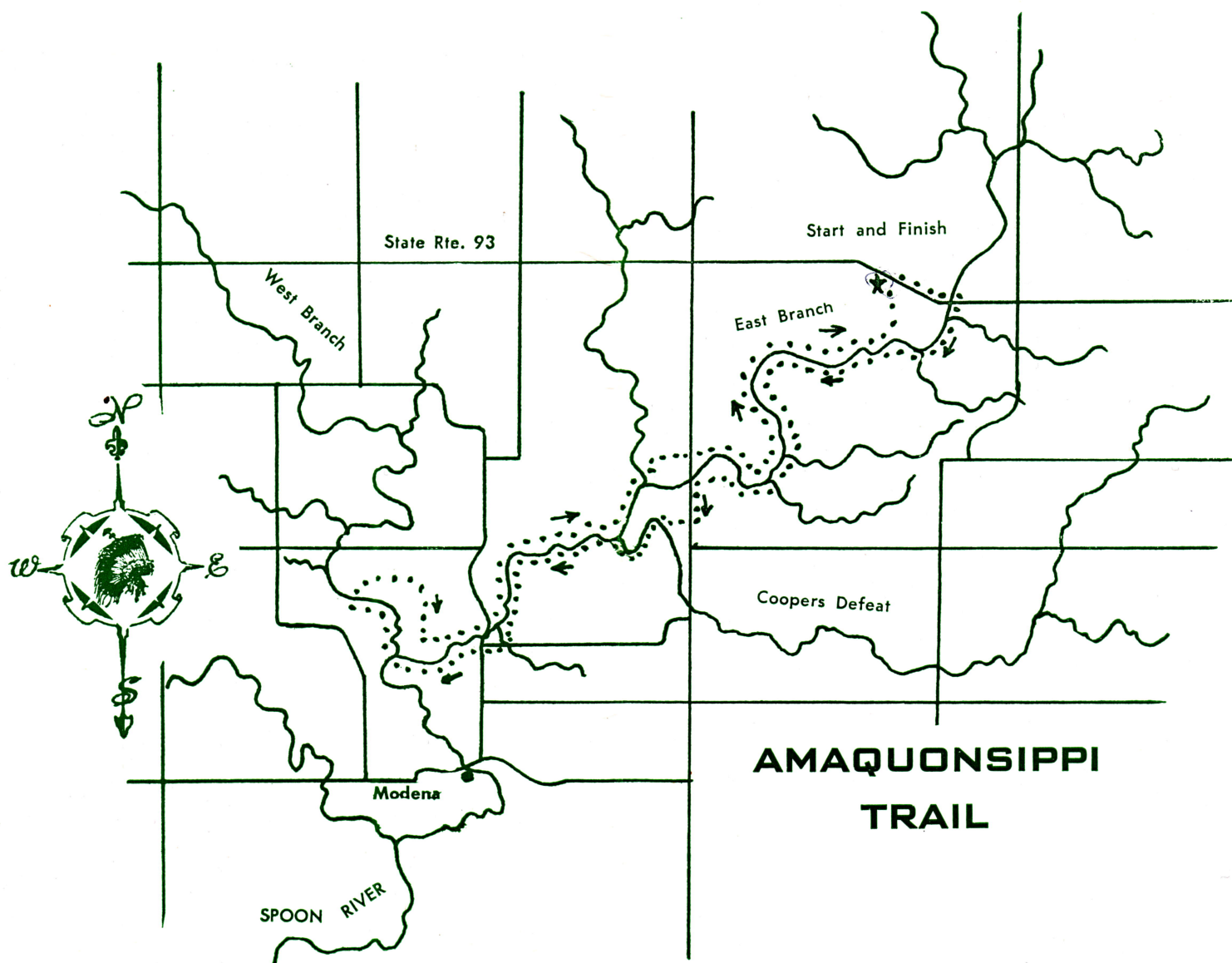
A WILDERNESS HIKING TRAIL

Sponsored by

AMAQUONSIPPI TRAIL COMMITTEE

Box 251

Bradford, Illinois 61421



INTERSTATE ROUTING TO AMAQUONSIPPI—

Interstate 80 runs east - west, 17 miles north of the camping area. Turn south on Illinois 88 at the Peoria-Rock Falls interchange.

Continue south on Illinois 88 to Illinois 93. Turn west for 1½ miles to the camping area, which is on the south side of the road.

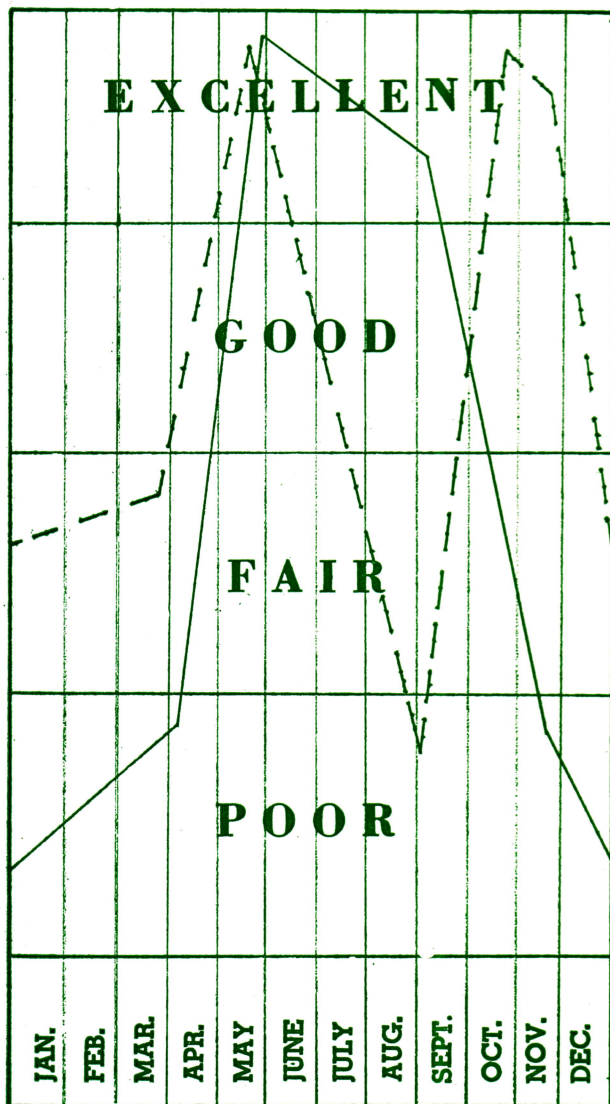
Interstate 74 runs Southeast - Northwest 37 miles south of the camping area. In Peoria, turn north on Illinois 88 at the Knoxville Avenue turnoff. Continue north on Illinois 88 to the junction of Illinois 88 and Illinois 93. Go west on Illinois 93 1½ miles to the camping area, which is on the south side of the road.

TOPOGRAPHICAL MAPS—

Topographical maps, 15 minute series, are available for the area of the trail for those wishing this type map.

Two quadrangular maps are needed, the Bradford quadrangle and the Kewanee quadrangle. These maps may be purchased from:

United States Department of Interior
Geological Survey Washington, D. C.



Conditions Probability For:

Hiking — — — — —

Camping — — — — —

The above graph is only for an outline to be used when planning a hike. The Amaquonsippi is hiked the year around.

PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW—

LEADERS:

AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR TO HIKE DATE—

1. Make roster of all hikers.
2. Have all hikers that are not of legal age get parents' permission in writing.
3. Fill out tour permit application, and get your tour permit.
4. Read to your troop the parts of the brochure that are printed in brown ink.
5. Appoint your scribe or an assistant Scoutmaster to collect all fees and award money.
6. Mail Reservation Card that is included in your information packet.
 - A. Make sure card is completely filled out and a postage stamp is on the card.
 - B. Mail reservation card so that it will arrive in Bradford at least three days before your arrival.
7. Have Certificate of Insurance Filled in and Signed.
8. Make sure all adults making the trip read this brochure in full!

AFTER ARRIVING AT THE

AMAQUONSIPI TRAIL CAMP—

1. Park all cars in the parking lot. If you bring trailers, they must be unhitched and parked beside the car.
2. Unload all troop and personal gear and place all boys under the supervision of an adult in your party. There is an assembly area just east of the parking lot.
3. Bring tour permit, roster, etc., to the Headquarters Building (See check-in time schedule elsewhere in this brochure). At this time all fees and money for awards will be collected. Trail Credential Cards will be issued for all hikers. Camp and Trail Packet, including maps and camp rules will also be issued at this time.
4. A camp guide will show you where water is available and latrine locations.
5. The guide will go with you to the assembly area to pick up your boys and then he will take you to your campsite.
6. Your troop may camp by patrols but please try to use only the camping room you actually need.
7. You are in complete charge of your troop as on any other camp-out, but remember there are other troops camping in the area. Please respect their wishes as to the noise, etc.
8. Place your S.P.L. in charge of seeing that the listed camp rules are enforced.

TRAIL ORIENTATIONS—

Orientations are given at your convenience on Saturday and Sunday mornings during the check-in hours.

Bring all hikers in your unit to the large trail map located near the flag pole.

Here your unit will receive a short but complete trail orientation.

AMAQUONSIPI TRAIL CREDENTIAL

Must Be Returned For Awards

Name _____

Rank _____ Unit Number _____

Town _____ State _____

Date _____

As A Scout I shall faithfully follow these rules:

1. I shall stay with adult hike leader at all times.
2. I shall leave all gates closed.
3. I shall cross fences only on stiles and not climb on wire.
4. I shall not molest any farm machinery or vehicles.
5. I shall not bother any farm animals or wild life.
6. I shall carry no weapons or take any dogs on the hike.
7. I shall not litter the trail in any manner, or molest trail markings.
8. I shall be polite to and obey the wishes of land owners.
9. I shall abide by the Scout Oath and Law.

"Any" infraction of these rules will automatically forfeit any claim to trail awards for your "Entire" unit.

This Card is to be in plain sight on your person while hiking the trail.



Absolutely no alcoholic beverages or fireworks are permitted on the trail camp grounds.

Possession of these items will mean immediate expulsion from the camping area.

POISONOUS PLANTS —



POISON IVY

These plants grow in profusion in the wilderness & may be encountered on the trail. Upon returning from the hike, wash in strong laundry detergent and rinse thoroughly.



POISON SUMAC

THE AMAQUONSIPI TRAIL—

When Indian tribes of the Illini nation were still on the banks of the Spoon River, they used clams from the river for food, and the clamshells for spoons. In the Algonquin tongue, the river was called Amaquonsippi; the word "Amaquon" meant shell or mussel, and the word "sippi" meant river.



Later the Potawatomi Indians used the Algonquin name of Amaquonsippi because of some of the river's peculiar bends which resembled their wooden and shell "spoons."

Many Indian burial mounds have been discovered along the banks of Spoon River. Many of the mounds measure 50 feet in diameter. Arrowheads, spearheads, axheads, tomhawk heads, and stone knives have been found near these burial places.

There are also earth works of an earlier race, the "Mound Builders". Little is known of this ancient civilization, though they left many magnificent earthen structures.



Indian trails met in the Spoon River Valley like spokes of a wheel. Many of these trails are still in use today, but as concrete highways.

It has been said that there was no section of the Country which the Indian tribes loved more than their beautiful Amaquonsippi country, with its fertile garden plots, comfortable sheltering wooded areas teeming with game, and a river alive with fish

and clams, and its easy access to the main trails.

LOCATION—

Bradford, Illinois is located 35 miles North of Peoria on Route 88; 65 miles Southeast of the Rock Island, Moline and Davenport area; and 140 miles Southwest of Chicago, Illinois. There are 8 Scout hiking trails within a 100 mile radius of Bradford.

AWARD—

An award will be made to participating hikers. The award will consist of a medal depicting a clam shell with the words Amaquonsippi Trail. The medal will be suspended from a black, gold, and gray ribbon. A Swiss embroidered patch in seven colors will also be given. Neckerchiefs may be purchased at extra cost.



REQUIREMENTS—



Who may qualify?

Any registered Scout, Senior Scout, Explorer, or Scouter is eligible.

The Scout uniform should be worn on the trail, but allowances will be made for boys who do not own a complete uniform, wet weather, or for any other valid reason.

Long pants should be worn to protect against sunburn, poison ivy, and nettles, as this hike is

nearly all along a narrow wooded trail.

Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls, and other hiking groups may also hike the trail by obtaining special permission from the trail committee.

HOW TO MAKE APPLICATION—

All that is required to make an application to hike this trail is a card or letter three days in advance. Please state estimated time of arrival, and approximate number of hikers.

Please address correspondence to:
Amaquonsippi Trail Committee,
Box 251
Bradford, Illinois 61421

TOUR PERMITS—

A tour permit must be obtained from your local council office for all Scout groups who wish to hike the Amaquonsippi Trail. A local tour permit is needed for groups coming from a distance of not more than 250 miles. A national tour permit is needed for groups coming from a distance of more than 250 miles from Bradford.

These permits are not intended as red tape, but as a check list and a safeguard for your group away from home.

Bring your tour permit with you! It will be inspected and stamped.

TOURS AND EXPEDITIONS—

B.S.A. Number 374A is an excellent book to help you in your planning for an outdoor experience outside your own council.

FEES—

The fee for hiking the trail is 25c per hiker. The awards, which include the Amaquonsippi Trail medal and Swiss embroidered patch, are \$3.00 per person. Send no money in advance. Repeat awards—\$1.00.

See complete Awards Price List elsewhere in this brochure.

PREPARATION FOR HIKE—

1. There should be one adult for every eight to ten boys making the trip.
2. Parent's permission should be received in writing for boys making the hike.
3. Unit leaders should see that thorough instructions and training are given in highway safety and courtesies; personal first aid; hiking preparation and techniques, before taking the hike.
4. Hikers should be given information on foot care and hiking equipment. Proper clothing for use in bad weather should be listed as essential.

ON THE TRAIL—

The Amaquonsippi Trail is a cross country trail. It is nearly all along Spoon River. There is very little hiking along the road. We therefore suggest that you come prepared to hike in the wilderness. Small streams will have to be forded, so please wear suitable shoes. There must be **one** adult hiker for every **ten** boys hiking. Do not let hikers get too far ahead or straggle behind.

The trail starts 2½ miles West of Bradford. The trail goes South along the East side of the river. About 3 miles from the start of the trail, you will come to a small creek known as "Cooper's Defeat". There is an interesting story of how this creek was named.

"The Winter of 1831-32 was the winter of the deep snow. The weather on December 23 was pleasant. A party of four men were equipped by a trader, John Hamlin, of Peoria, who was buying furs for the American Fur Company. Fitting the men out with an ox team of two yokes, and provisions for their journey from Peoria to the Winnebago swamps which was near the present town of Annawan; and with goods to trade to the Winnebago and Pottawatomi Indians, they started on their journey. On December 24, a heavy snow started to fall, and the air became bitter cold. The snow got so deep that the men had to abandon their oxen, and start on foot toward the small settlement of Boyd's Grove. With their destination in sight, three of the men could not go on. One made it to safety, but the other three froze to death, Christmas Eve, 1831, on the banks of a small stream. Two of these men were brothers, William and Jerry Cooper. The bones of the cattle and the men were found the following Spring by soldiers on their way from Springfield to the Blackhawk War. The stream where the men perished has since been known as "Cooper's Defeat".



Continue down the river until you come to the confluence of the east and west branches of Spoon River. Cross the cable bridge and continue on the trail until you come to an old logging road. The trail follows this road north for about 1 mile. You will then come to another cable bridge across the river. Cross this bridge and continue along the trail which leads back to the trail camp.

The trail starts and ends at the same place, therefore no transportation will be needed during the hike.

LENGTH—

The trail is **16 miles** long.

HIKING TIME—

The average hiking time for experienced hikers is **6 hours**.

CAMPING AREA—



The Amaquonsippi Trail camp is located at the start of the trail 2½ miles West of Bradford on Illinois Route 93. It is on the South side of the road.

The camping area consists of an 11 acre, rolling, wooded site. There are latrines, a shelter house, 3 Adirondack cabins, 2 wells, a wood shelter, and a parking area with a 50 car capacity.

GEAR—

Bring light overnight camping gear, as the parking lot is completely enclosed, and all gear must be packed to camping area. Maximum packing distance is 75 yards.

WATER—

Water is available but bring containers, as water is not piped to camp sites.

WOOD—

Some wood is usually available, but we suggest you bring charcoal for cooking.

GAS EQUIPMENT—

Gas stoves, lanterns and tent heaters are permissible but are to be used by adult leaders only. White gas may be purchased in Bradford.

GARBAGE—

We suggest you bring garbage containers from home. A trash can will be issued each unit at check-in time. This can will be inspected during campsite inspection just prior to your departure. The trash can may only contain: Burned and flattened tin cans and washed glass containers — **NO** garbage and **NO** paper. Garbage or cans **may not be buried**.

GROCERIES—

Groceries may be purchased in Bradford 2½ miles East of the camping area. Store hours: Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Sunday, 7:00 a.m. to noon.

Certificate of Insurance

Troop Accident Policy

TO: AMAQUONSIPI TRAIL
BRADFORD, ILLINOIS 61421

Insured: Troop Number _____
Post _____

City _____ State _____

Policy Number _____

Effective Date _____

Expiration Date _____

Signed _____ Unit Leader _____

Insurer: _____ Company _____

City _____ State _____

Agency _____

City _____ State _____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____
Authorized Signature For Insurer

AWARD ORDER BLANK

Item	No.	Each	Total
MEDAL	\$2.00	.....
<i>Patches</i>			
TRAIL PATCH	\$1.00	.....
RAIN DANCER	\$1.00	.....
EAGLE DANCER	\$1.00	.....
DEVIL DANCER	\$1.00	.....
CAMP PATCH50	.....
JACKET PATCH	\$2.00	.....
<i>Repeats</i>			
NUMBER 1	\$1.00	.....
NUMBER 2	\$1.00	.....
NUMBER 3	\$1.00	.....
<i>Neckerchiefs</i>			
REGULAR	\$1.25	.....
RAIN DANCER	\$1.25	.....
EAGLE DANCER	\$1.25	.....
DEVIL DANCER	\$1.25	.....

TOTAL PRICE.....

Enclose no money. We will bill you with order.

Mail Order To:

AMAQUONSIPI TRAIL
BOX 251
BRADFORD, ILLINOIS 61421



Mail Awards To: (Please Print)

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____