

SCOUTING SKILLS REFRESHER HIKE

APPALACHIAN TRAIL

Lehigh Furnace Gap to PA Route 309

May 29 – 31, 2026

Cost per Individual \$ 18.00

FRIDAY

5:00 P.M.	Meet Camp Spirit and pack food		
5:30 P.M.	Leave Camp Spirit		
6:00 P.M.	Arrive Departure Point – Lehigh Furnace Gap		0 Miles
6:15 P.M.	Hike Departure Time – West Bound		
	Friday Night Campsite Site		
	- Bake Oven shelter area camp site	2 Miles	2 Miles

SATURDAY – West Bound

Destination	New Tripoli Campsite	6 Miles	8 Miles
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SUNDAY – West Bound

10:00 A.M.	Pick Up Route 309	2 Miles	10 Miles
10:30 A.M.	Pick-Up Camp Spirit		

This hike can be considered to be the Camping Skills Weekend Refresher for older scouts. We will join the Camping Skills Weekend group somewhere along the trail, spend the night at the same camping area and provide some assistance with some rank advancements. Opportunities for Merit Badge requirements / camping & hiking.

Drivers would be appreciated for Friday Drop-off and Sunday Morning Pick-Up

Patrol Cooking

Friday	- snack
Saturday	- breakfast
	lunch
	dinner
	hot snack
Sunday	- breakfast

Money & Permission Slips are due May 11th

If you have any questions on this trip call Dave Kutzor at (610) 442-6045.

Any adult attending a BSA/Troop 72 overnight event must be a registered BSA Leader.

Troop 72 Permission Slip
2026 Scouting Skills Refresher Weekend
Friday, May 29 to Sunday, May 31

_____ has my permission to attend the event listed above.

During the event I can be reached at (Phone):

_____.

If I cannot be reached in the event of an emergency, the following person should be contacted:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

NOTE: It is the parent's responsibility to see that their son takes any medication on troop events. If it is important that the medication schedule not be disrupted, notify one of the leaders attending of the required dosage and schedule.

Medications and dosage:

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Please list any health concerns, allergies to medication, etc. that would be helpful in an emergency:

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Please list any food restrictions, allergies or dietary concerns: _____

In the event of an emergency, the adult in charge is authorized to act on my behalf.

If your Scout will be leaving early, please indicate day and time: _____

Adult who will pick up and take your Scout home after event:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

\$ 16.00

- Payment from Scout Account
- Pay by Check
- Pay by Cash

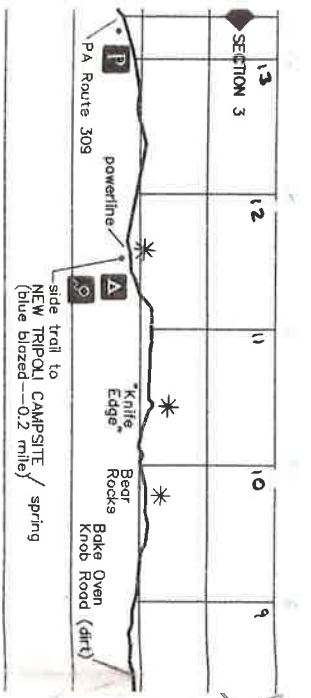
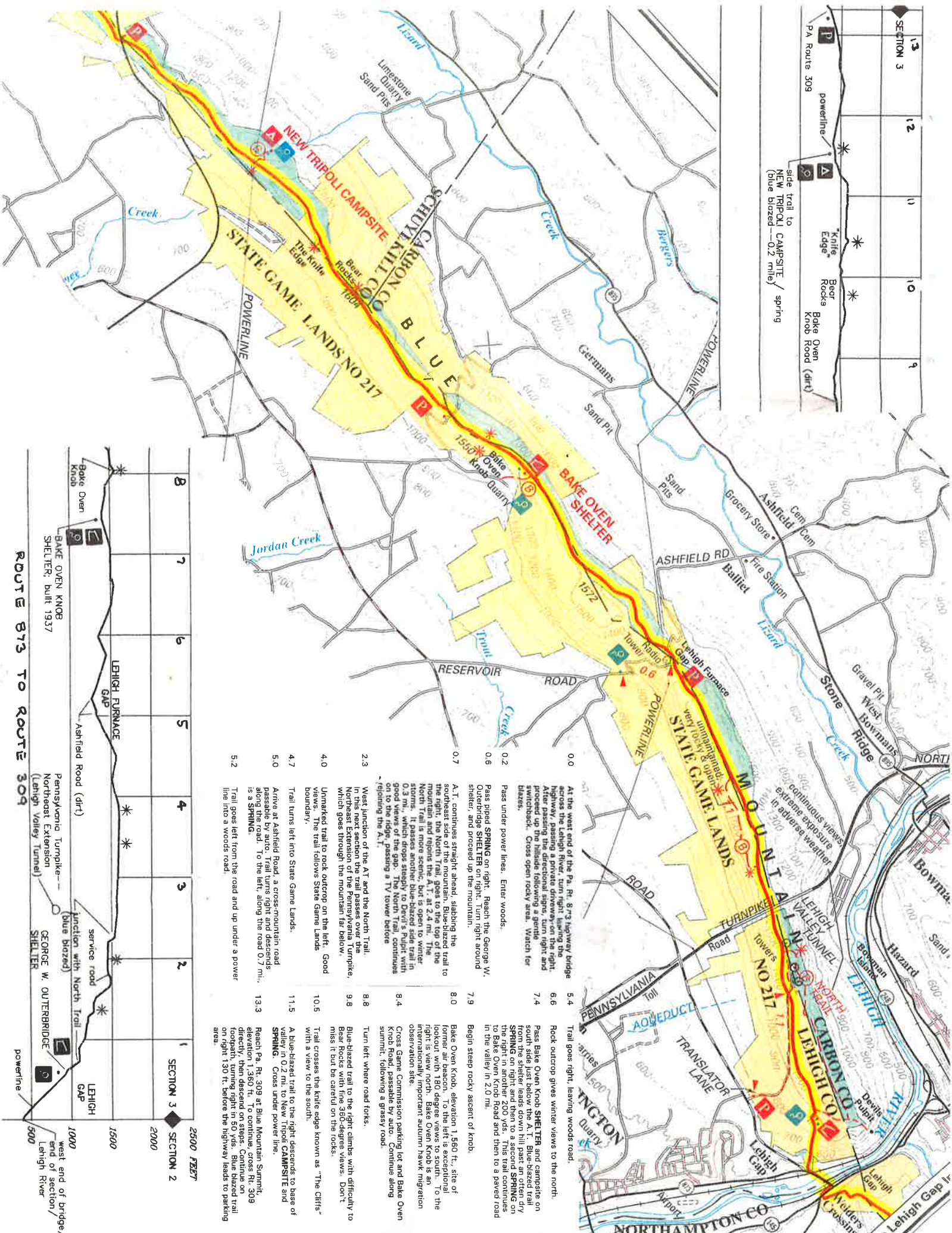
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Scout's Signature

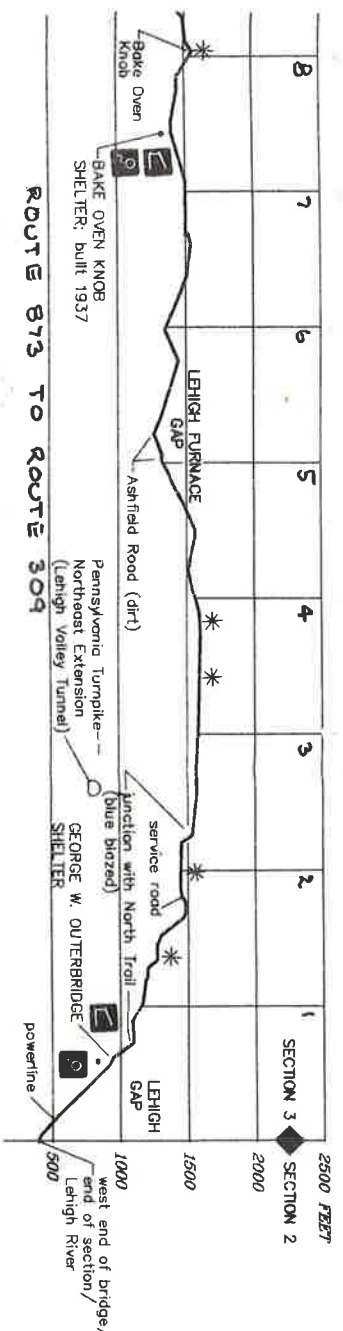
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Parent or Guardian Signature

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- 0.0 At the west end of the Pa. Rt. 873 highway bridge over the Lehigh River, turn right, leaving the highway. After passing the directional signs, turn right and proceed up the hillside following a gentle switchback. Cross open rocky area. Watch for blazes.
- 0.2 Pass under power lines. Enter woods.
- 0.6 Pass ridge SPRING on right. Reach the George W. Outerbridge SHELTER on right. Turn right around shelter, and proceed up the mountain.
- 0.7 A.T. continues straight ahead, slapping the southeast side of the mountain. Blue-blazed trail to mountain and ripens. It goes to the top of the North Trail is more scenic, but is open to winter storms. It passes another blue-blazed side trail in good views of the gap. The North Trail, continues on to the ridge, passing a TV tower before rejoining the A.T.
- 2.3 West junction of the AT and the North Trail. In this next section the trail passes over the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, which goes through the mountain far below.
- 4.0 Unmarked trail to rock outcrop on the left. Good views. The trail follows State Game Lands boundary.
- 4.7 Trail turns left into State Game Lands.
- 5.0 Arrive at Ashfield Road, a cross-mountain road passes the Baker Oven Shelter. Trail turns right and descends along the road. To the left, along the road 0.7 mi., is a SPRING.
- 5.2 Trail goes left from the road and up under a power line into a woods road.
- 5.4 Trail goes right, leaving woods road.
- 6.6 Rock outcrop gives winter views to the north.
- 7.4 Pass Baker Oven Knob SHELTER and campsite on south side just below the A.T. Blue-blazed trail from the shelter leads down hill past an open dry SPRING on right and then to a second SPRING on the left. On an old road side this is a paved road in the valley in 2.0 mi.
- 7.9 Begin steep rocky ascent of knob.
- 8.0 Baker Oven Knob, elevation 1,560 ft., site of former air beacon. To the left is exceptional lookout with 180 degree views to south. To the right is the north Baker Oven Knob hawk migration observation site.
- 8.4 Cross Game Commission parking lot and Baker Oven Knob SHELTER. Continue along grassy road.
- 8.8 Turn left where road forks.
- 9.8 Blue-blazed trail to the right climbs with difficulty to Bear Rocks with fine 360-degree views. Don't miss it but be careful on the rocks.
- 10.5 Trail crosses the knife edge known as "The Cliffs" with a view to the south.
- 11.5 A blue-blazed trail to the right descends to base of valley in 0.2 mi. to New Tripoli CAMPSITE and SPRING. Cross under power line.
- 13.3 Reach Pa. Rt. 309 at Blue Mountain Summit, elevation 1,360 ft. To continue, cross Rt. 309 directly, then descend on steps. Continue on footpath, turning right in 50 yds. Blue blazed trail on right 130 ft. before the highway leads to parking area.



ROUTE 873 TO ROUTE 309