



Letterboxing Trails

Letterboxing at Camp Tongawood

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1. This letterbox is hidden in a small wooded area behind a kiosk that greets you as you enter camp. If you go to the kiosk, take 10 steps towards the wooded area and you should find the letterbox at the base of a tree.
2. You walk past this letterbox when you head into the lodge. It is under a tree that does not lose its leaves in the winter. The tree that the letterbox is under is close to the fire circle.
3. This letterbox is behind the traverse wall. If you walk behind the wall and find the path that goes from the clearing to the road, you are close! Now look for a fallen tree in the wooded area by the path, and the letterbox is in the crook of the fallen tree.
4. This letterbox has a lovely view of the pond. If you stand on the porch of the outpost, you are very close to the letterbox. This letterbox is probably the most protected from the weather because it is under something that was built by a person.

SU 679 Donated Letterboxes

1. **Troop 3764** - Get ready to zip! Have a seat by the sign with no words. Enjoy your seat and look under your feet!
2. **Troop 636** - Start at the lodge. Head south 48 paces to a tall piece of lumber. Head south to the last tree. Head to the exit but stop at the Tongawood program center sign. Head east to the Archery range. Round and round I go...on windy days I make ENERGY!
3. **Troop 2021** - Start at the lodge front door. Face the flag pole. Turn to the right. Walk to the Girl Scout sign. Walk down 20 steps of the Nature Trail. Look for the trio of tree trunks!
4. **Troop 636** - Go to where the symbol of America flies. Go to a stinky place where you go #2. Go to the one direction. X marks the spot!
5. **Troop 3829** - Start at the lodge. Go down to the pond. Once you find the a big oak tree, go straight to the first fire pit. Take that Outpost trail as if you're going to the dock. Before you get off of the trail, turn right and go search by the Outpost.
6. **Troop 3826** - Start at the entrance of the Adirondacks walk. 80 paces south from the L shaped logs at the entrance, and then walk 23 paces SE from the tree with the purple and blue nails by the yellow rope. Then our letter box will be found.

7. **Troop 1409** - Start at the Chalets. You're tired and in need of a rest. Find the perma-tent with the double stacked beds. Go to the place where you will make a dutch oven cake. Before you can eat you must create a magnificent fire with tinder and leaves. Start at the extinguisher and take 36 steps forward to the trees. Turn to your right and a box you will see!
8. **Troop 4409** - Start at the lodge. Find the picnic table with the yellow x on it. Take 40 steps down the root trail. Turn right. Pass the two white pipes It is about 24 feet long, about 2.5 feet wide and 2.5 feet tall. It was tall, but now it has fallen. The final clue is X marks the spot.

Questions? Contact campdept@gksmo.org

Letterboxing at Camp Prairie Schooner

Making Friends Letterboxing Trail – Created by Troop 4121 in SU 604

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1. Start at the Tree House. From the trunk of the Tree House, take the trail heading NE, crossing the gravel road. From the NE side of the gravel road, take 50 steps continuing down the path. Look for a tree that would take about four Girl Scout sisters joining hands to reach all the way around the tree. Join hands and hug the tree. While hugging the tree, look down to find Box 1.
2. From the Hugging Tree, head South up the trail towards the tree trunk of the Tree House. From the Tree House trunk, continue heading South towards the pool. When you arrive at the pool, go to the West side of the pool fence. Follow the fence to the South corner of the pool. With a Girl Scout sister, look for the tree with a Nature Trail sign. Take 25 steps SW to the Nature Trail tree to find Box 2.
3. From the Nature Trail tree, head South/SW on the trail. Go past marker 21 and the "Five Finger" trees. Give your Girl Scout sisters a "High-Five" to celebrate getting this far. Look inside the circle the "Five Finger" trees created to find Box 3. HINT: One of the five trees has an old Pool sign on it.
4. From the "Five Finger" trees, take 11 steps South back to the path. Head East on the trail past the Flint sign. Continue East on the path past the flat "Picture" rock to the North. The rock is wide enough for a couple Girl Scout sisters to stand on side-by-side. If you have a camera, take a picture with your Girl Scout sisters! Keep walking, locate marker 18. Take 12 steps from marker 18 NW to the Triplet Tree to find Box 4.
5. Head East along the path and cross over the silver drain pipe. Continue SE on the path. Locate marker 15. On the NE side of the trail locate a tree that will never be alone to find Box 5.
6. From the "Twinsie" tee, head East on the trail. Pass under the tree that bends over the path. Follow the trail as it turns North. Continue North on the path past the "Hole" tree. When you get to the clearing at the end of the path, take 15 steps NW to the two "Fungus" trees. Look in between the "Fungus" trees to find Box 6.
7. Congratulations! Now you have all 6 letters from the 6 letterboxes you found on this trail. Sit down with your Girl Scout sisters and unscramble the letters to find out one of the most important things a Girl Scout can be to another Girl Scout.

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Letterboxing Trail - Created by Brownie Troop 1519, Kansas City, MO

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1. Locate the hand water pump along the road by the swimming pool. Walk west along the road to the path leading to the chapel. Turn south on the path; take 20 steps to the forked tree on the west side of the path. Our first box is tucked snugly close by.
2. Return to the road and continue west. At the driveway to Flint, turn SE and walk 33 steps from the corner tree to the most southeast tree in the clearing. Look further southeast and locate the "mother/daughter" tree pair. Our box resides between this pair.
3. Return to the road. From the Flint sign, take the northwest fork and walk to the Covered Wagon sign. Box 3 is located near the "topless" tree.

Letterboxing Trail - Created by Brownie Troop 1037, Liberty, MO

9 boxes

For this letterboxing adventure you will need a pen, a piece of paper for recording letter clues and lots of stamina! Find each box, leave a stamp, troop # SU # and date. Record the letter you find on a piece of paper and at the end unscramble the two- word phrase! Please make sure and RESEAL the zip-lock inside the box and place it back exactly where you found it. AND HAVE FUN, WE DID!

- Box #1- start at the flagpole. Walk 62 paces north towards the zipline. Look for box 1 in a rocky protected place.
- Box #2- from box 1 take the trail NE towards buckboard/zipline, fork to the right to rejoin the trail. Walk until you find a bridge. Walk to the bridge, stop, turn around and look under a ledge.
- Box #3 – continue on trail and look for a hollow, fallen log with green moss on the south side of the trail
- Box #4- continue on the trail up the rocky slope to the fairy house. Look where the fairies dwell. Look high, look low... check every corner (especially the NE corner)
- Box #5- head east past the fairy house toward the buckboard gazebo/shelter stay to the left and from the gazebo go east towards the road take the road north towards the archery range. Near the entrance to the archery range look to the right for a tree that WAS "5 sisters", but now is 4... the one which has "passed" is hiding the secret.
- Box #6- from the archery range entrance go west on the road towards pack train and sunset rock. At pack train gazebo follow the trail by the storm shelter towards sunset rock. Cross over the bridge and then turn back and look under the tread.

- Box #7-back track and take the trail that goes between the gazebo and the latrine, back towards the archery range. Head south on the road toward the STAFF HOUSE and the rappel wall. The box is hidden under a place of “refuse”
- Box #8- Head back on the main road towards the home of a night bird. When you reach the home of the night bird enter the protected area surrounding the home and look towards the eaves.
- Box #9- you’re almost done! Head towards the lodge and look for a place where you can take shelter from a storm.

Congratulations! You made it! Now to unscramble the two- word phrase...

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Letterboxing Trail:

- Start to the left of the zipline and across from the trail building on the nature trail.
- You will find your first box behind the tree marking the Zipline and Conestoga paths.
- Take a right putting you on the zipline path
- When you cross the bridge count 2 big rocks and begin to search for your next box near that second boulder.
- Don’t go to Buckboard, proceed past the fallen tree
- When you get to the second bridge, don’t go to pack train, instead go to the biggest tree you can see from the bridge and look for you next box
- Continue on the path until you reach a fork in the road
- Sitting right in front of you is a tree with a sign that says “Conestoga Camp Ground” Begin searching near that tree for another box
- Continue up the left side, do not make a right!
- When you get up to the road take another left and look behind the holy tree for a box (Tree with a chapel sign)
- Take a right toward Dew lit center, and continue until you come to the path for the amphitheater and you know you’re where you need to be when you see a message of peace
- Stick to the right and follow the trail
- Your last one will be where everyone gathers to sing and laugh, near the firepit.

Have fun!