



## Boy Scouts of America: Troop 280

### Appalachian Trail

Our troop returned to the Appalachian Trail for our first spring trip. We took the trail off of Route 309, which goes through the Knife's Edge. Only three scouts went, and we left Saturday morning around half past seven.

We were at the trail two hours later, and started off moving pretty quickly. The mountains were dry and warm with barely any wind. (I actually got sunburned, as I failed to anticipate the intensity of the weather.)

We crossed the Knife's Edge without any trouble and soon stopped for lunch. Scouts went climbing on awesome rock cliffs for an hour or so, which was really fun. The view was terrific and broad, absent of clouds, and the shrubbery was rich and green.

Everyone made their way back across the Knife's Edge to settle at a camp site close by. We stopped at a rocky and small spot, but soon decided to move to another site not far from there, one that was much flatter and had a well-developed fire pit.

Across the trail were cliffs, which from on the top of one could see the town and farmland spread out below.

There were dehydrated meals for dinner, so all that had to be done was boil water.



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We woke early on Sunday to view the sunrise, pack, eat breakfast (which was just snacks), and hike back to the cars. We attended 11:00 o'clock mass at Bede's, which concluded the trip. No one could have asked for better weather, so I'm happy the Appalachian Trail welcomed the troop so openly.



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