



Hickory Run

This November's trip was to Hickory Run, where we hiked at Lehigh Gorge State Park and visited Boulder Field. Learn more about these places in the following links:

Lehigh Gorge State Park-

<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/lehighgorge/>

Boulder Field-

http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/cs/groups/public/documents/docume nt/dcnr_015931.pdf

On Friday evening at half past seven, about ten scouts and adults met at Bede's to leave. The drive to Hickory Run State Park was about two and a half hours. After setting up camp in site H, the troop fell asleep (which was around midnight).

At 6:30, we woke and had a quick breakfast of apples, orange juice and cereal. Two scouts and two adults drove up to meet us for the rest of the weekend. Once everyone had their day packs on, we drove to Lehigh Gorge State Park.

Off of a highway, we



stepped onto the trail and split into two groups: older scouts, and younger

scouts with adults. The former went 13 miles, and the latter went 10, both of which were proud accomplishments for the time span in which they were completed.



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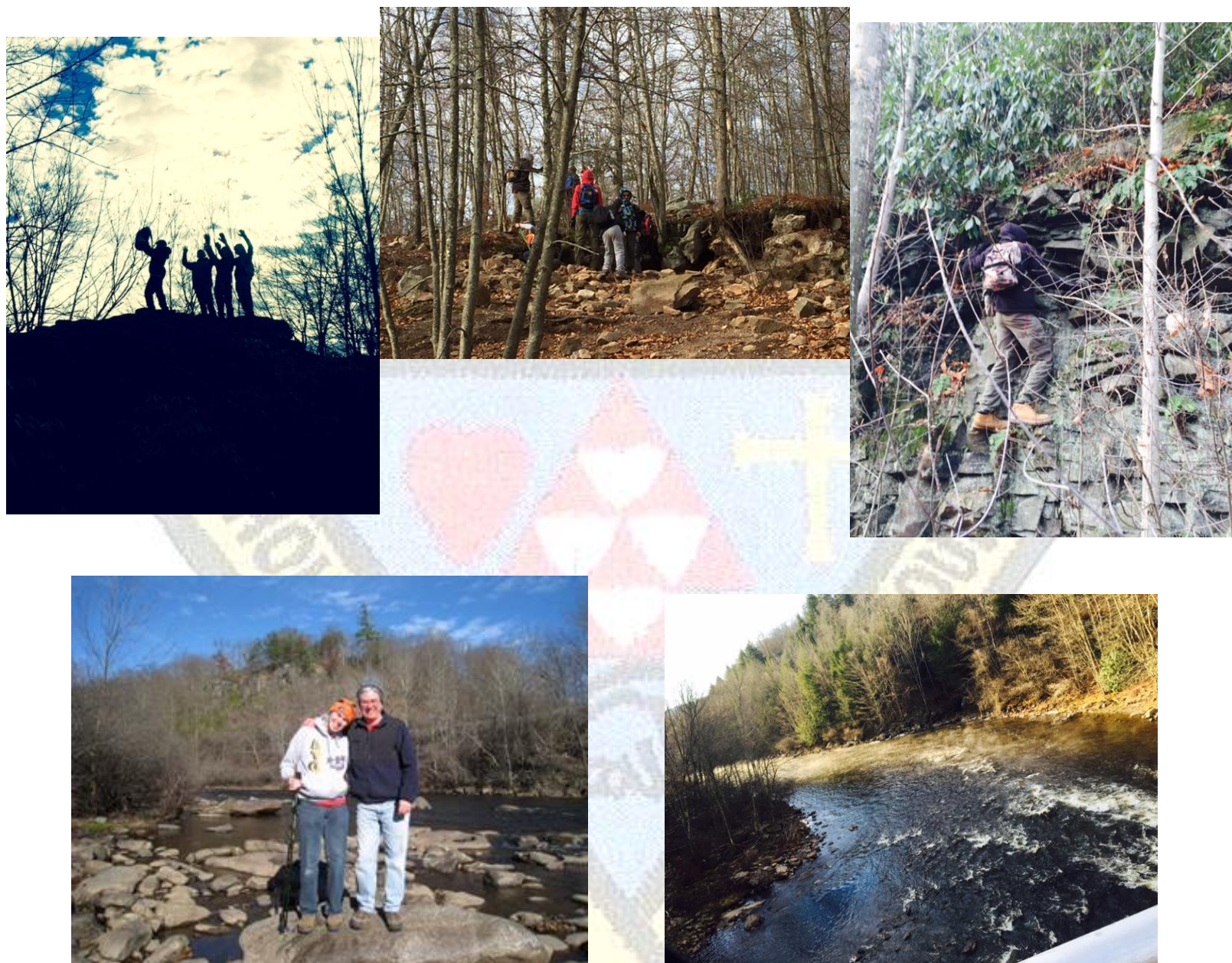
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The hike was comfortable and laid back. We reenacted the Lion King, saw abandoned locks to old canals, ate lunch at the top of an almost-cliff, fell off cliffs, and had an overall very enjoyable day.



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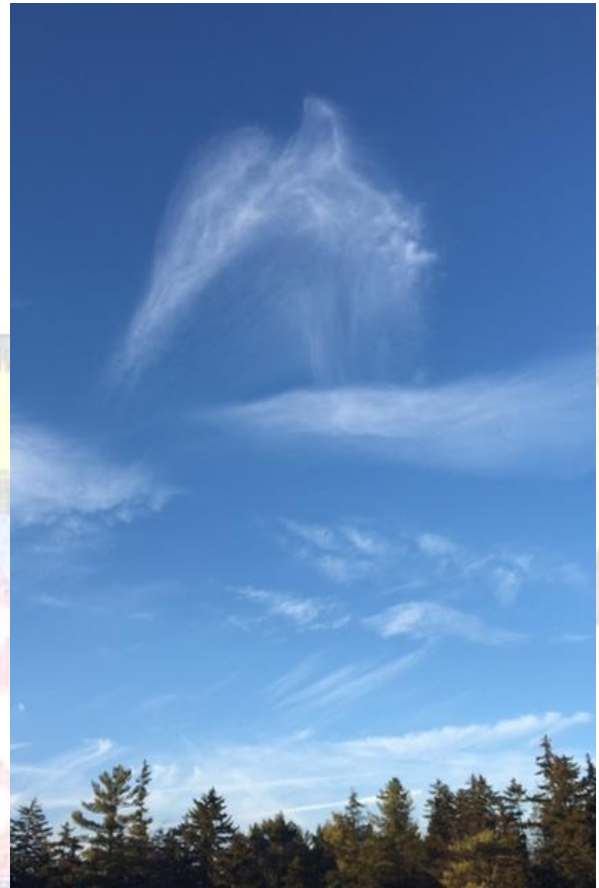


At three in the afternoon the troop was back at the cars. We decided to stop by the Boulder Field in Hickory Run. The sun set while we were inside that globe, making for some exciting picture (exciting for me, at least).

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panoramic across the sky, land on opposing gravities



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We went to have pizza, as it was dark and very cold. We had a nice meal; the food was great.

Back at the site, we sat around a massive fire, sacrificing all of our packed wood supply and eating Oreos and ginger snaps.

We woke at the same time on Sunday, packed tents and personal gear, and ate Pop-Tarts and leftovers (of pizza, apples and orange juice). Then we packed the cars and policed the site.

After realizing the “Saint Peter” church on our GPS was actually a real-estate place, we decided to attend 11:00 mass at Bede’s. This ended the trip. Hickory Run Weekend, in summary, was a simple and pleasant hiking trip (despite the cold).



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