

# Oh! The Places You'll Go!

**You're off to great places, today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so... get on your way! – Dr. Seuss**

Here is a list of great places Southgansett troops have been! Where will you take your troop on its next adventure?!?

Please remember to let your Service Unit Manager know whenever you are not meeting at your regular meeting place or time.

## Southgansett's Annual Activities

September: Recruitment Events / Pioneer Day

October: Halloween Party at Camp Hoffman, Bronze Award Recognition Ceremony

November: New Leader Tea, Veteran's Day Parade, Silver Award Recognition Ceremony, Older Girl Workshop

December: Plan a Community Service with your troop!

January: Cookie Kickoff

February: Thinking Day

March: Bake off (age level: Brownies and above)

April: Becoming a Teen (grades 5&6) OR Hootenanny (every other year)

May: Memorial Day Parade, Leader/Daughter Ice Cream Social

June: Community Bridging Ceremony

## Meeting Activities / Field Trips

Glass Blowing

Rock Spot – Climbing and Team Building

Launch Trampoline Park

POW Science!

Bowling Alley

URI Pool

Escape Room

Build a Bear

Fields of Fire

Biomes Marine Biology Center

Movie Theater or Movie Night

Pajama Party – PJs, hot cocoa, smores, stories

Fishing – lots of local ponds are stocked every spring! And you can borrow poles from Carolina Trout hatchery!

Reel to Real Recording Studio, Inc. - Cranston

Grocery Store – get a tour, teach budgeting and donate purchased food to a food pantry

The South Kingstown Neighborhood Guild – see their schedule of activities

Library – Peacedale, Narragansett, etc. – check out their websites for activities

Old Mountain Field Hike and picnic (around the pond in back)

Frosty Drew Observatory - stargazing

All That Matters – Yoga

Platinum Fitness for a Zumba Class

Talent Factory – dance class

Karate Studio – team building, self-defense, etc.

Aim High Academy – gymnastics

Ninja Gym at Laid Back Fitness

Dave and Busters – look for ½ price games night or specials

Sweenors Candy – tour

Colvitto's Bakery – tour and pizza making

Pier Pizza – tour and pizza making

Baked by Jessica Bakery – decorate cupcakes

SK Police Station - Home Alone Program offered through Guild

Narragansett Police / Fire Station Tour

K9 Officer Visit from Narragansett Police Dept.

Potter League for Animals

Animal Rescue League – they'll even come to your meeting!

SK Animal Shelter

South Bay Veterinary Clinic

Quonset Country Club – Women Warriors Luncheon

URI's Society of Women Engineers – they will come to your meeting and do STEM activities

URI's Forensic Science Partnership

R.I.S.E. Guest Speaker about Energy

Rebekah Cook Art Studios – Painting or Ceramics Workshop

Create Art Studio – pottery

Voila Art Studio – art classes

Creative Ceramic in Harrisville, RI – painting pottery

See a local High School or Middle School Play

Providence Performing Arts Center – see a show!

Trinity Rep – see a play!

Theater by the Sea

Sports Event – go see the Pawsox or P-Bruins play! Or attend a URI Women's Basketball or local high school game!

Letterbox Tour of Camp Hoffman

Camp Hoffman Museum

South County Museum

Farmers Markets

Highland Farm in Wakefield – haunted hayride

Farmer's Daughter – hayride, pumpkin painting

Clark Farms – they offer activities in the spring and fall

Carpenter's Farm in Wakefield – corn maze

Peckham Farm at URI

Local Town Hall or Visitors Center

Local Cemetery - cleanup, grave rubbings (history)

Joann Fabrics or Home Depot - kid craft programs offered

URI Bay Campus

Bike Path (don't forget to stop at Brickley's!)

Have a cookout or a pot luck!

Snow Shoeing (council has some you can borrow!)

Apple or Pumpkin Picking

Hike! See suggestions on the last pages of this list ☺

## Day Trips

Boston - Nutcracker Ballet  
Apple Picking at East Farm  
Fort Adams  
RISD Fashion Design  
Horseback Riding at Goddard Park  
Save the Bay Seal Watch  
Yawgoo Valley – Snow Tubing or Water Slides  
Boston Freedom Trail  
Block Island Bike Riding  
Roger Williams Zoo  
Southwick Zoo  
Microsoft in Boston  
Spring Hill Sugar House, Richmond  
Providence Children's Museum  
Bird Mist Netting  
TREC (Teens Reaching Extraordinary Challenges)  
Junior TREC (Teens Reaching Extraordinary Challenges)  
911 Programs – help with their training events by playing the part of a “victim”  
Ropes Course at Camp Hoffman  
“IT” Ropes Course and Zip Line at Jordan's Furniture in CT  
Clyde's Cider Mill in Connecticut (Fall)  
Mystic Aquarium  
Nautical Nightmares in Mystic Seaport (offered in October for ages 12 and up)

Take a Kid Fishing Day at Greenwich Marina – FREE event offered by the Saltwater Angler's Association every June (signups are much earlier!) Girls go fishing on boats in the marina. Everything is provided including a free t-shirt and cookout lunch!  
Carolina Trout Hatchery and Pond – Fishing! They supply everything – from the poles to the fish!  
Laffayette Trout Hatchery  
United Skates of America – roller skating, laser tag, video games, rock climbing tower, etc  
Hannah's Farm Alpacas in Ashaway, RI – farm tour  
Casey Farm in Saunderstown - farm and historical home tour, farm share and farmer's market (seasonal)  
Rocky Brook Orchard near Newport - apple picking  
Escobar's Highland Farm in Portsmouth – corn maze  
Wilcox Park in Westerly – offers pumpkin carving  
Scarecrows in the Pier (Fall)  
Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme CT – Fairy houses  
Kayaking or Canoeing (Narrow River, Wood River, etc)  
Cross Country Skiing  
Camp Hoffman – have an Outdoor Day at any of their campsites! Invite another troop (older, younger, or the same level) or do it on your own. Book the site through Council / Outdoor Training required.

## Overnights

Boston Museum of Science  
Old Sturbridge Village Program plus camped at local Boy Scout Camp  
NY City to see the Rockettes, Wicked, or other show, Rockefeller Center, American Girl, Radio City, 9/11 Memorial, The Body Show, Fashion District, etc.  
Idea: take the commuter train.  
Appalachian Mountain Club Huts (Lonesome Lake is great!)  
Rocking Horse Ranch in Highland, NY  
Roger Williams Park Zoo Overnight  
Camp Hoffman! Wellville Cabin, New Old House, Longhouse, Tent Camping, Kid Cabins (new!), etc!  
Have your own Mystery Overnight! Kristen Moricas has one you can use!  
Plan a Journey Weekend with other troops your age level to get a Journey done in two days!  
Battleship Cove – they even have a Girl Scout night!

Blue Hills Reservation, Milton, MA  
Strawberry Park Family Campground in Preston Connecticut  
Six Flags – they have scout nights!  
Crabapple Whitewater Rafting in MA (you can camp at the Country Aire Campground right down the street!)  
Wood River Canoe Camping  
Camp Rocky Farm in Newport – include a trip to the mansions or the beach!  
Mystic Aquarium Overnight  
Carabiners Rock Climbing Overnight  
United Skates of America Overnight – roller skating, laser tag, video games, rock climbing tower, etc  
Burlingame Campground  
If your troop is too young for a sleepover, have a Pajama Party event that includes everything right up until bedtime – even send them home in their PJ's!

## Community Service Ideas

Caroling  
Make Blankets for the Homeless  
Meals on Wheels - tray favors  
Beach or Park Cleanup  
Care Packages or cards for Soldiers or those in need  
Volunteer at a Community Food Pantry  
Coat/Hat/Mitten/Socks Drive

Nursing Homes or Senior Living Facilities – host a game or craft hour, throw a tea or ice cream sundae party or put on a skit for them! They just enjoy the company!  
Make Pies for Local Shelter or Holiday Meal Program  
SK Animal Shelter  
Plant Flowers at a local Nursing Home, Senior Center, School, Library, meeting place, etc.

# Hikes

Here is a list of Chocolate Chip's and Pooh Bear's favorites!

## Organizations

- ~ **Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS):** [www.fws.gov/northeast/](http://www.fws.gov/northeast/) > Rhode Island \*\*
  - ~ **Nature Conservancy/Rhode Island (NC):** [www.nature.org](http://www.nature.org) > United States > RI \*\*
  - ~ **RI Parks:** [www.riparks.com](http://www.riparks.com) > Parks -or- Other (maps available from other sites) \*\*
  - ~ **The Westerly Land Trust:** [westerlylandtrust.org](http://westerlylandtrust.org) > Recreation > Natures Trails \*\*
- (\*\*Note - Hunting may be allowed, check dates and requirements for wearing orange.)

## Arcadia

~ **Browning Mill Pond** - there is a trail that begins in the main parking lot and goes clockwise around the entire pond. Along the trail is a fish hatchery, a ruin of an old shelter and a covered picnic area, There are also additional picnic tables at the end of the trail in a grassy area by the pond which is a nice area to spend a leisurely day canoeing, kayaking and/or fishing. However, swimming has not been allowed for several years. Arcadia Management Area, which this site is in the middle of, is one of the largest blocks of protected land in the state of Rhode Island. There are lots of other walking trails in the area as well.

## Charlestown

- ~ **Burlingame State Park** - Vin Gormley 8 mile looped trail; North Trail and connector trails bring you to Kimball Bird Sanctuary, Watchaug Pond, and Kettle Pond Visitor Center. See RI Parks for info
- ~ **Francis C. Carter Preserve** - 6 miles of trails to choose from, based on your experience; take you through grassland, woodlands and by vernal pools. See Nature Conservancy - RI for hike info
- ~ **Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge/Kettle Pond Visitor Center** - lots of great activities for all ages and skill levels! Brochures and trail maps available at [www.fws.gov/refuge/Ninigret/about.html](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Ninigret/about.html) and in the <Visit – Visitor Activities> section – the trail map links are at the bottom of the page.

**Northern Trail Section** (enter through Kettle Pond Visitor Center – refer to Kettle Pond Visitor Center Trail Map on website) - Upland forest on a glacial moraine; vernal pool; wood frogs; access to Kimball Bird Sanctuary and Watchaug Pond for birdwatching. Within the Refuge, the trails are well maintained, easy to hike and easy to follow. Note: there are several different trails, but Daisies and Brownies will find the ½ mile Ocean View Trail an easy walk to the viewing platform that looks out over Ninigret Pond to Block Island.

**Southern Trail Section** (enter through Ninigret Park- refer to Ninigret Trail map on website) - Formally part of Charlestown Naval Auxiliary Landing Field; over four miles of flat hiking trails; observation platform for view of the largest coastal salt pond in Rhode Island; parking areas at each entrance; seasonal rest rooms. Brochure available - Trails Through Time: A Self-Guided Journey

**Other Info:** There is plenty of parking for the northern trail section at the Kettle Pond Visitor Center. Inside the Visitor Center they have exhibits, maps, discovery station, classroom for field trips & meetings, rest rooms, nature store. For further information contact: Rhode Island National Wildlife Refuges, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 50 Bend Road, Charlestown, RI 02813, Phone: (401) 364-9124

## Kingston

~ **Camp Hoffman** - there are trails for everyone right within the camp! Did you know that the Museum patch program includes a self-guided hike? Or that there is a Letterboxing tour of the camp? Just look for the big birdhouse at the entrance to get started! There are hikes for all ages at camp Hoffman... Daisies and Brownies can hike through camp and discover Gypsy Rest or Pooh Corner. Juniors and Cadettes can explore the trail system and visit the Greenwood Tree or the historic cemetery. Seniors and Ambassadors can maintain trails and lead younger scouts on adventures through a variety of habitats along the Paul Bunyan Trail. Reserve Tall Trees while you're there and you'll have a place for lunch and to make S'mores! For safety tips on the trail see: Brownie Hiker badge, Safety Activity Checkpoints, and LNT.org.

## Narragansett

- ~ **Black Point** - trailhead is located at 655 Ocean Rd, Narragansett, RI 02882 – very short trail that includes Scarborough ruins and ends at rocky bluffs overlooking the ocean. Trails run along the bluff.
- ~ **Canonchet Trail** - trail runs between Narragansett Community Center, Canonchet Farm and Narragansett Beach. Visit 'Friends of Canonchet; [canonchet.org](http://canonchet.org) for Trail Map, Geology Trail Guide, Activities for Children, and Teacher's Guide to Children's Activities.

### Narragansett (continued)

~ **Whale Rock** - The .5 mile easy trail leads to a scenic view of Narragansett Bay, Beavertail Lighthouse, and the remains of Whale Rock Lighthouse. Great for photography and sketching. Continuing south along the coastline brings you near the very limited parking near entrance to Camp Varnum at 33 Harvey Lane. Nature Conservancy (search maps online) [rhodeislandlighthousehistory.info/whale\\_rock\\_lighthouse](http://rhodeislandlighthousehistory.info/whale_rock_lighthouse)

### North Kingstown

~ **King Preserve (former Camp Narrow River) and the adjoining Benson Preserve\*** - Trail maps are located throughout the woods within the Narrow River Watershed. Visit Girl Scout Beach on the upper basin or take one of the loops. \*As of March 2017 some proposed trails were not open yet. Nature Conservancy - RI for hike info

~ **Rome Point at John H. Chafee Nature Preserve** - December to April viewing of Harbor Seals (check [romepointseals.org](http://romepointseals.org) for how and when), shorebirds, shoreline to explore.

~ **Wilson Park** - The town park has a Walking Path, Playground, Nature Trail and more.

### South Kingstown

~ **National Wildlife Refuge** - Trustom Pond - 3 miles of easy trails through grasslands and shoreline trees with a visitor contact station, observation platforms, and wildlife to view and photograph. See FWS

~ **Old Mountain Field** - est. 1938 - Trails enter the woods at several locations, most are an easy hike. There is one section that begins near the Indian Run Reservoir and roams upward until you stand at the top of the old quarry face. Choose the right trail and you'll climb the stone steps carved into the remaining stone. There is also a perfect beginner trail for Daisies and Brownies that goes around the small pond behind the field - bring a picnic snack to share on the bank.

~ **South Kingstown Land Trust** - trail maps at [sklt.org](http://sklt.org)

~ **Crawley Preserve** – SK/Richmond – 2+ miles of ascending/descending hilled, wooded trails that crisscross on the upper end.

~ **DuVal Trail** - 4 miles of hill and kettle topography, moderate hike, view of the ocean and Block Island from scenic overlook.

~ **Thewlis Trail** - 0.8 mile hiking trail of eastern white pine, scarlet oak, and beech. Turkey, coyote, fisher, and many other animals find food and shelter on this property, located near the center of Wakefield.

~ **Trustom Pond National Wildlife Refuge**

~ **Kettle Pond and Visitor's Center**

~ **Weeden Trail** – easy 1.2 mile trail at the SKLT Barn featuring stone walls, hay/corn fields, wildlife habitat and a large grove of larch trees. Stone Wall Geology Tour available for download.

~ **Yawgoo Trail** - 1.26 mile looped trail takes the hiker by a kettle hole bog, over Mud Brook, and through white pine trees and views of Yawgoo Pond.

### West Greenwich

~ **Tillinghast Pond Management Area**, Plain Meeting House Road – 4 loops and the Logger Trail allow a variety of short walks up to a 10 mile hike. See NC - RI for hike info

### Westerly

~ **Wahaneeta Preserve** (former Girl Scout Camp) - Various trails take you by the old Lodge, over brooks and to the Pavilion. Educator Guides available. See WLT