

USING THE SCOUT MAP

The Canadian Trails Map for the Scout Section depicts the six Program Areas of the Canadian Path as trails scattered across the country. Encourage your Scouts to use this map when planning and reviewing a program cycle. Note that the icons on the

map match the icons on Trail Cards—a great source of ideas for Adventures! The Canadian Path is a balanced program that serves Scouts Canada's mission to develop well-rounded youth, better prepared for success in the world.

How can Scouts plan Adventures for all six Program Areas using the Canadian Trails Map?

- When Scouts brainstorm their Adventures, let them share and decide what they most want to do. Consult the map later to broaden the possibilities for Youth-led Adventures.
- Scouts should be able to recognize what Program Areas they have included in their plans. They may require some prompting or guiding questions. Some Adventures might include more than one Program Area. In these cases, they should count for one or the other. For example, planting Scoutrees should be counted as either a Citizenship (Rideau Trail) Adventure or an Environment & Outdoors (Mackenzie River) Adventure, but not both.
- Scouts should decide how they want to plan Adventures for every Program Area. If they do not have a Beliefs & Values (West Coast Trail) Adventure planned, for example, they should

either plan one or find a way to include this Program Area (in a significant way) into an Adventure that's already planned. For example, a canoe trip could be reimagined as a spiritual retreat, with an emphasis on exploring faith (i.e. wonder, gratitude, beliefs about the outdoors) while out in nature.

- Scouts should also use the Canadian Trails Map when reviewing their Adventures and their entire Scouting Year. This will help them to see how some Adventures touched on different Program Areas in ways they didn't plan or expect, and it will help them to make their Adventures as well-rounded as possible in the future.

Resources: Canadian Trails Map (available at Canadianpath.ca)



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