

Albright Scout Reservation Guide to the 5.2-Mile “Albright Trail” Loop

Welcome to the 5.2-Mile “Albright Trail” Loop. It is a series of trails that include the following:

- Midnight Trail – (White Blazes) A trail connecting the Camporee Parking Lot (PL3) to the Wilderness Trail. Note that the blazes on this trail are reflective making them easily visible by flashlight. This trail can be used by units wishing to avoid roads to get from the parking lot to “Wilderness” camping areas. It can also be used by non-participating units to avoid disruption of camporee events.
- Wilderness Trail – (White Blazes) A trail connecting the Finley Camping Area to the Wilderness area and runs along one leg of the power line.
- Leave No Trace (LNT) Trail – A trail running through the woods southeast of, and parallel to, Wilderness Road. It starts at the south end of the Wilderness Trail and runs to the “LNT” camp sites ending near Lake Chesdin.
 - Only a short segment of this LNT trail (White Blazes) is utilized for the 5.2-mile loop trail. A short spur (Blue Blazes) connects to the Wilderness Kiosk area.
- The “Albright Trail” – This is a set of three trails in the “Wilderness” area of Albright on the northwest side of Wilderness Road. It was built by the Trail Crew from the Nawakwa Lodge of the BSA Order of the Arrow. Construction started in spring of 2013 with other events taking place to continue improvements. Individual groups and Units have also contributed to maintaining the trail and construction of the various bridges.
 - ADA Trail – (Blue Blazes) A trail intended to be wider, flatter, and smoother, this trail is intended to allow access for those with disabilities. Future improvements will improve access. This trail runs from the Wilderness Kiosk to “CenterPoint”.
 - North Loop – (Orange Blazes) A small loop trail starting and ending at “CenterPoint”.
 - South Loop – (Red Blazes) A longer loop trail starting and ending at “CenterPoint”. This trail features many bridges, access to the waterfront, and access to some of the “Ivey Trail” campsites.
 - Adirondack Shelter – While not officially on the 5.2 mile loop, this shelter can provide a respite from hiking or allow for camping with a “hiking theme”. It is designed in the spirit of the various shelters along the Appalachian Trail and is dedicated to John Hankins, the HOVC’s legendary Scout Ranger who served from the early 1960’s until his recent retirement a few years ago (2014? 2015?).
- Cedar Trail – A trail connecting “CenterPoint” to the back of Cedar Field and providing return access to the Camporee Parking Lot PL3.

This Trail Guide was put together by the local “Takachsin” Chapter of the Nawakwa Lodge to help everyone to access the trails described above.

Hike: Parking Lot to CenterPoint

- Start at the “gate” at the corner of the large “Camporee Parking Lot” (PL3). This is the start of the “Midnight Trail”.
- Proceed to the Tree / Rock Grove, about 150 ft. away (across the road from the pavilion – PV3). Note the nearby water spigot for filling water containers.
- Proceed down the hill (away from the pavilion) through the opening in the trees.
- Where the clearing widens, turn left (at the trail blaze) and you should see the entrance to the wooded portion of the Midnight Trail. Proceed. Note, this section can be a bit marshy during, or after rain.
- Exit the woods and enter the power line grassy easement. This is where the Midnight trail ends. Running left and right is the “Wilderness Trail”. Turn right and head up the hill.
- Go through the opening in the fence and fade to the left of the easement. Go past Pavilion 6 and continue along the left edge of the powerline clearing adjacent to the woods.
- Go around the left side of Pond 6. Go over its “dam”, continue around the pond, and back to continue along the left edge of the power line.
- Continue another ~100 ft. and right at the 0.5-mi marker, turn left into another grassy area. You should see the entrance to the “Leave No Trace” (LNT) Trail.
- Enter the “Leave No Trace” Trail. Go a short distance (~200 ft.?) along this wooded trail and look for the right-turn “spur” (branch trail). This “LNT Spur” will be marked with a sign. Take this trail.
- You will exit the woods into the clearing for Wilderness Road.

- Cross the clearing adjacent to the fence, the fence which separates the "Camporee" and "Wilderness" camping areas. Proceed to the information "Kiosk".
- Cross Wilderness Road from the Kiosk and proceed up the "ADA" Trail (Blue Blazes).
- Just past the 1-mile mark is a small clearing.

CenterPoint: (Please refer to the "CenterPoint" detail map for a generalized layout of this area.)

- This is CenterPoint, a point where the ADA trail meets both the north and south loops and cedar trail.
- Either of the loops can be hiked in the clockwise (CW) or counterclockwise direction (CCW).

North Loop of Albright Trail (Orange Blazes) (As of this writing, the trail blazes are only placed for CCW)

- Mile markers are placed for hiking this loop in the clockwise (CW) direction. Head across the clearing and slightly to the right. You will see the trailhead sign.
- At one point, you will pass through a cut-through in a large fallen tree where there is a huge boulder (similar to those at the tree/rock grove). Walk a bit further along to the 1.5-mile marker. There will be 2-3 more isolated boulders down the hill (to your left) ~30 ft. off the trail. Some refer to this as the "Boulder Patch".
- Complete the north loop and go back to CenterPoint. You have completed about 2.1 miles.
- This is a good opportunity to visit the **Adirondack Shelter**. It is on the west side of the CenterPoint clearing about 60 ft. down a side trail.

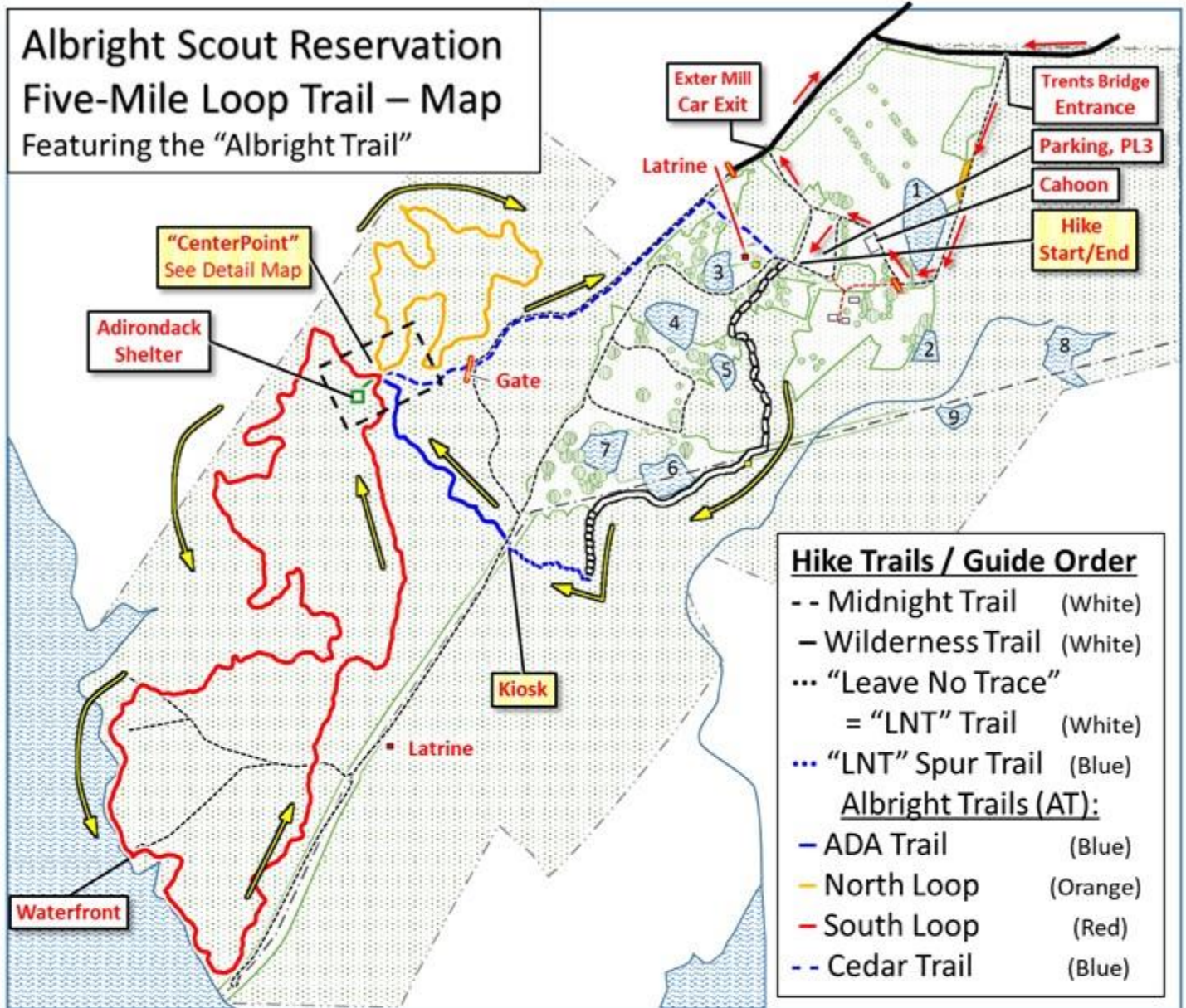
South Loop of Albright Trail (Red Blazes)

- This is the longer of the loops. It crosses several roads used to access campsites and includes many small bridges.
- Return to CenterPoint and turn left. You will see the entrance to the AT South Loop or "Red Trail".
- From CenterPoint, follow the trail in the CCW direction. This follows the mile marker order.

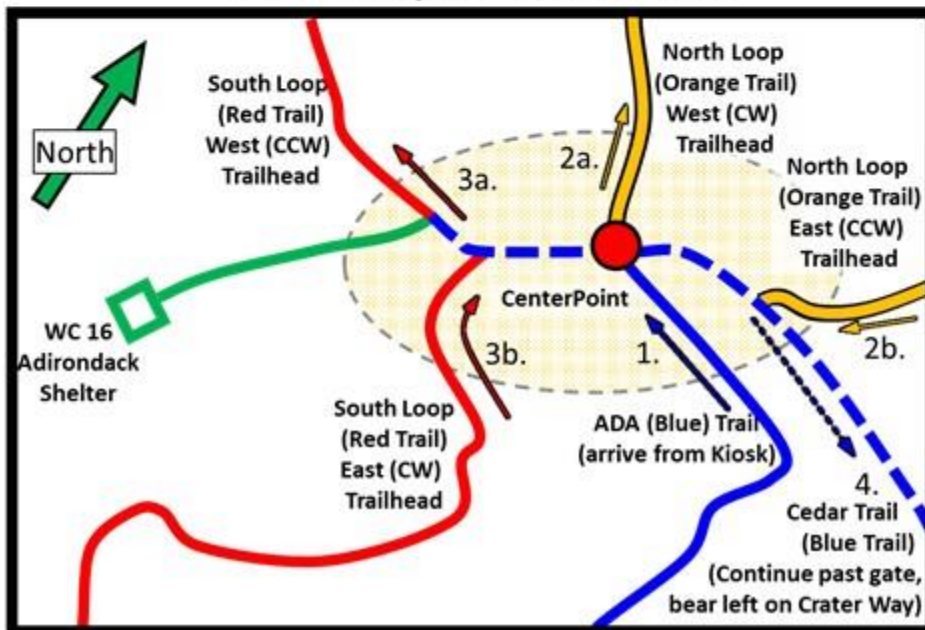
- Eventually, the trail runs into "Ivy Trail West".
- Turn right and proceed down "Ivy Trail West" for about 60 ft. On the left is the trailhead/marker to continue the south loop (If you enter WC 15, you passed it.).
- Continue along the south loop as it runs along the lake front. You will soon enter the grassy waterfront area at WC11.
- Turn left and walk about 25 feet up "Ivey Trail" road. You will see the trail continue on the right.
- After crossing a stream out-fall (bridge) you enter a hilly area of the trail. This "Bluff Area" is the most challenging.
- Soon, you will turn away from the lake and hike a section along (parallel to) the power line.
- Continue along the south loop and return CenterPoint.

Hike: CenterPoint back to Parking Lot

- As you enter CenterPoint, bear right and head out the Cedar Trail, an old farm road marked with blue blazes.
- You will come upon a closed gate where Cedar Trail meets Crater Way Road. The road from the right comes from the Kiosk area. To the left, this road runs toward Exter Mill and is sometimes used as an exit from a camporee event.
- Turn left and follow the Crater Way exit road (Cedar Trail follows Crater Way).
- After passing the 5.0 mile marker, and about 100 ft. prior to the Exter Mill gate, turn right (at the trail sign) and head back towards camp into the woods.
- Continue along the tree line (trees on your left) to the far left corner of Cedar Field. (This area is often used for a BB gun range at Cub Scout Camporee events).
- Enter the woods at the corner and cross the bridge in the soft (marshy?) area.
- Pass behind (to the left of) the latrine and Pavilion 3.
- Return to Parking Lot 3 (PL3).
- Total is about 5.2 miles.



Detail Map of “CenterPoint”



Mileage marker & Trail Guide order:

1. Arrive ADA Trail,
2. North Loop CW,
3. South Loop CCW,
4. Cedar Trail (Exit)

Enter Trailhead to go:
CW = Clockwise
CCW = Counter-CW