

Jim Stevens, 4 Jan 2020

Camp Wisdom is Boy Scout Circle Ten Council's original camp. It was donated in 1923 by farmer John S. Wisdom.

Over the years, over half of the farm fields have turned into overgrown woods that are different shades of green on the map. Most of the rest of the camp is mowed and shows up as beige open land, scattered open land with trees, or white open forest. There are many mowed camp sites in the woods (showing up as white on the map) with a significant network of trails. The vegetation boundaries of the mowed white wooded areas and open land are usually quite distinct on the ground but are not marked on the map with the black dotted vegetation symbols since it would significantly clutter up the map.

Due to the rapid underbrush growth – especially the green privet – the trail system and wooded open areas often change from year to year.

This past week, I updated the entire map so that all trails and buildings on the camp should be on the map and all trails and buildings on the map should be on the camp and all of the accessible open areas should be shown and vice versa.

The camp has a lot of man-made features. Most of the obvious man-made features are mapped. Many of the signs are marked with black X's. Most of the flag poles are marked with black O's. Most of the concrete circle fire pits are marked with red O's. Many of the larger rock circle fire pits are also marked with red O's. The concrete foundation slabs from what used to be buildings are marked as black rectangles filled in with grey or beige.

Most all of the boulders marked on the map are small, less than 1 meter in size.

About half of the map is dark green, slow running woods. The brown contour lines and ditches, and blue water courses can be hard to see where they are covered with the dark green. So take care when reading the contour lines to ensure that what you think is uphill is really uphill and not downhill.

There are a bunch of brown X's indicating rootstocks. (A rootstock is the root ball of the tree that is visible when a large tree falls over.) I only verified ones that were in or very close to the mowed areas and the ones I left were small, less than 1 meter in size. I suspect that most of the remaining mapped rootstocks in the less accessible areas are not actually there anymore, but didn't verify if they were or not.

There are several boy scout groups camping over the weekend and using the rifle and shotgun range. The rifle and shotgun ranges are shown as out of bounds on the map. (The BB gun range will not be used and is not out of bounds.)

I designed the courses so that all orienteers except for possibly Green and Red do not need to go through any of the campsites. Green and Red have route choice alternatives that might have

them go on the edge of one of the campsites. If you choose that route, please avoid disturbing the campers.

The camp has a lot of special features including a fort, a castle, a maze, two pirate ships, a man-made cave, and a ropes/skill course for the cub scouts and boy scouts to use. All of the courses will go through some of these areas. However, DO NOT play or climb on these features.

There are the normal White, Yellow, Orange, Brown, Green, and Red Courses. If there are a lot of White or Yellow orienteers, then we will have two (A & B) White and/or Yellow courses – otherwise we will just use the one White A and/or Yellow A course.

Course	Number Controls	Length (km)	Climb (meters)
White A & B	13	2.1	30
Yellow A & B	17	3.4	60
Orange	14	4.4	90
Brown	13	3.1	45
Green	17	4.4	120
Red	20	5.9	200