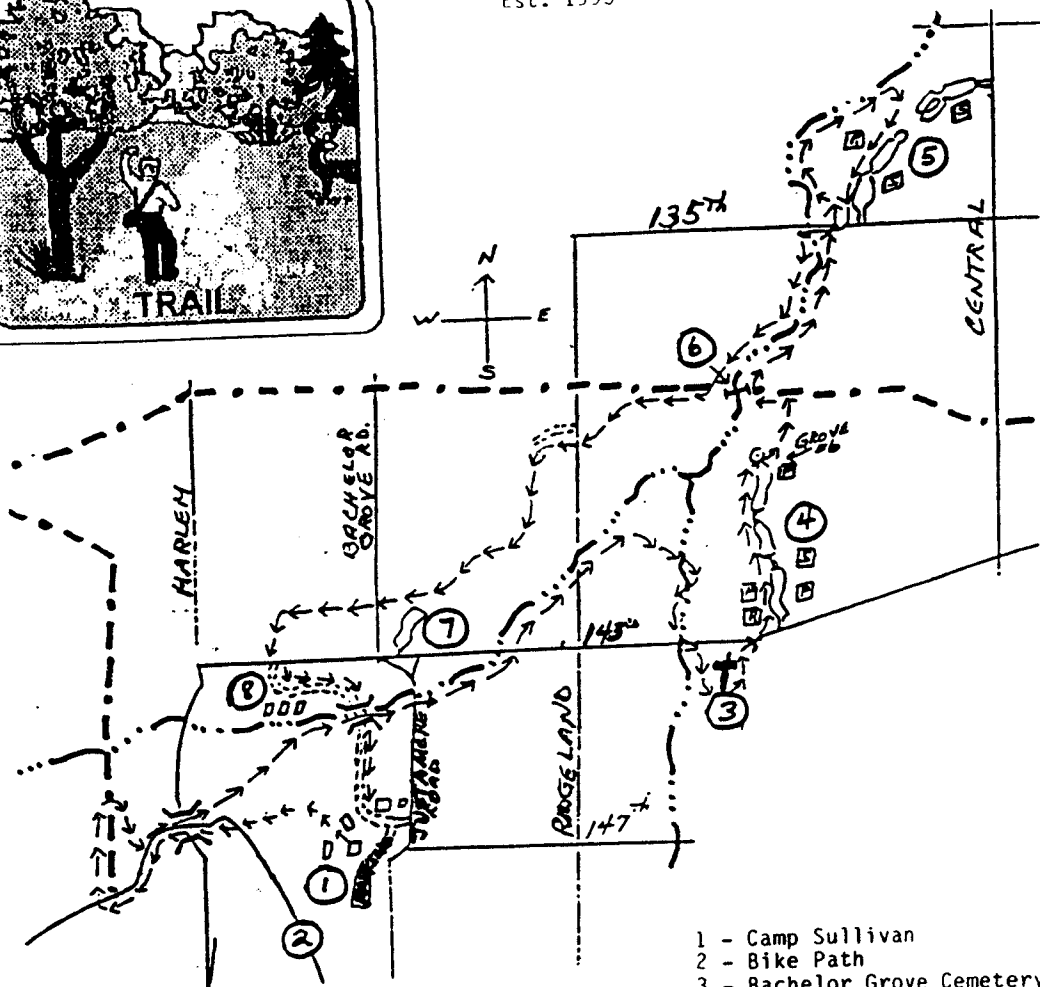




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DIRECTIONS FOR WALKING THE TRAIL

Starting at the SW corner of the Redwood Lodge, take a compass reading of 2150. Cross field and enter woods. Walk trail to bike path. Turn right, at marker go left into woods, back at bike path go left, passing through underpass to powerline.

Head north at line and at 2nd tower turn right into woods. Take trail back to bike path, go left, returning through underpass, watch for trail sign on left and enter woods. (This area is presently under construction for bike path)

When trail approaches creek, turn right, along this part of trail you have to go down a very steep hill. As trail nears creek again, turn right (Camp Falcon is just across creek.) Continue on and at service road bridge go straight across and follow trail.

When approaching Ridgeland Ave. Take path to left and cross street. In this section you will have to cross the creek twice. At 143rd street, take the trail down the middle of the two creeks.

Bachelors Grove Cemetery will be on your left, stay alongside of fence, at large path turn left and return to 143rd, continue a short way, cross street and enter Rubio Woods. At grove 6, in the cul-de-sac, enter woods and follow trail to the powerlines, turn left along line. Just before cable bridge, go right along creek and follow trail to Conkey Woods, enter at arrow and in Grove 2 the trail is on left. Keep on trail and at a concrete drainage at base of steep hill go up and out into Grove 5. Follow tree line back to 135th and exit at same place you entered. On 135th turn right and look for sign on other side of street and enter woods.

Trail leads to an open field, follow treeline to a service road leading to powerline, turn right along powerline. At 3rd tower go to your left into open field and across Ridgeland and enter at service road.

Follow trail into woods and continue to clearing just before Bachelor Grove parking lot. Follow signs and cross Bachelor Grove Road and continue on trail for about 1/2 mile, enter woods on left, cross 143rd street and enter Camp Falcon. Follow service road to Camp Sullivan and the Red Barn and the end of the trail.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Remember this trail follows the creek and in spring and summer heavy rains could wash away some of the trail. If this happens, just make your way around the washout and continue on.

CAMPING FACILITIES

Overnight camping at Camp Sullivan and Camp Falcon must have a permit obtained from:
 Cook County Forest Preserve
 General Headquarters
 536 North Harlem Avenue
 River Forest, IL
 312-261-8400 (city)
 708-366-9420 (suburban)

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TRAIL PATCH ORDER FORM

Unit _____ No. _____

Council Name _____

District _____

Date of Hike _____

Youths _____ Adults _____

Name of Organization _____

Name of Leader _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

of patches @ \$3.25* _____

Ship & Handling* _____

TOTAL _____

* prices subject to change

Make money order or cashier's check payable to: and mail to:

Donna J. Brambora

Call for current address

1-309-432-3351

3rd class ship & handling charge

\$ 3.25 - 15.00 -- \$.70

15.01 - 25.00 -- 1.00

25.01 - 50.00 -- 1.50

50.01 and over -- 2.00

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- 1 - Camp Sullivan
- 2 - Bike Path
- 3 - Bachelor Grove Cemetery
- 4 - Rubio Woods
- 5 - Elizabeth Conkey Woods
- 6 - Cable Bridge
- 7 - Bachelor Grove Woods
- 8 - Camp Falcon
- R - Restrooms
- S - Shelter
- P - Water Pump

→ → → Trail

- - - - - Powerline

~~~~~ Creek

::::: Service Road

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## THE TRAIL

The trail is well marked with yellow markers and arrows, most on a black back ground. There is a lot of poison ivy along the trailside so be sure to stay on the trail. Have enough adult leadership because you will be crossing the roads and creek several times.

Hikers will find numerous trees and wildlife for nature study. Young scouts will find the trail ideal for advancement in the following: 10-mile hike, backpacking, edible plants, wildlife and cooking.

Bring a bag for litter, leaving the trail better than you found it. Bring a lunch, there are water pumps and restrooms at the groves.

The IROQUOIS SPIRIT TRAIL is sponsored by the Gene Kleehammer Memorial Fund, Chicago, IL. This trail is open to all Boy Scout, Girl Scout, and all other interested groups or persons. The IROQUOIS SPIRIT TRAIL is a 10-mile hiking trail running through the Tinley Creek Division of the Cook County Forest Preserve.

The IROQUOIS SPIRIT TRAIL was established in the memory of Gene Kleehammer of the Gage Park area of Chicago. Gene was in scouting for over 30 years, serving in many capacities at St. Simon's Church, 52nd and California, as a member of Cub Pack 3471 and Scout Troop 471, and held several district positions with the Iroquois District of the Chicago Area Council. His last 10 years were served on the Cub Scout Training Staff and he helped train hundreds of adult leaders in addition to his work with the Cub Pack and Scout Troop.

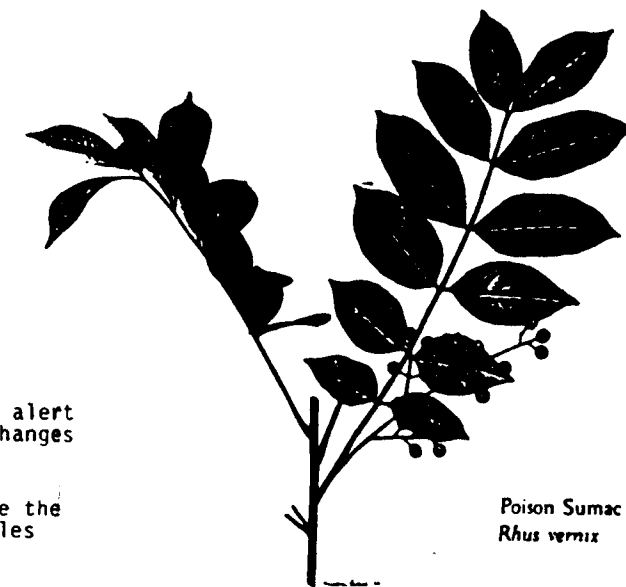
Gene loved every minute of scouting, especially the campouts, Powwow's, Scout Camporees and Klondike derbies. Camp Sullivan and Camp Falcon were chosen as the starting and ending points for this trail because these camps were sites used for the youth related activities Gene took part in for many years.



Poison Ivy  
*Rhus radicans*



Poison Oak  
*Rhus diversiloba*



Poison Sumac  
*Rhus vernix*

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