

TROOP 48 BSA -- TRIP INFORMATION Outing: 2023

Channels of Virginia Day Hike

I. Dates and Key Times:

Assemble @ CHPC	8:00 AM	October 14, 2023	Saturday
Return to CHPC	5:00 PM	October 14, 2023	Saturday

II. Adult Leader NEEDS: Sign up (T48.org)

- Provide transportation to and from the Channels, about 57 miles each way.
- Enjoy hike with Scouts and families. Bring a camera and facilitate nice group photos.
- Combine vehicles to limit the number of spaces being taken up in the trailhead parking lot.
- In the event of the parking lot being full make arrangements with other drivers to carpool to the overfill lot (7.8 miles / ~ 18 minutes away).
- Provide oversite for LNT during the trip.
- Provide necessary leadership for advancement opportunities, and buddy system.

III. Cost

Description	Scout	Adult	Due	Pay To
Transportation	\$29		Registration	Treasurer
Meals (est)	\$10	\$10	Oct. 14	Self Pay

IV. Uniform Expectations

Full Trip

Class B (preferred T48 Branded)

V. Activities and What to Bring (not an all-inclusive list; see T-48 Camping Checklist)

Activity	What to Take
Saturday Lunch	Durable Sack Lunch
Trail Finding	Compass and/or handheld GPS receiver, if available.
Hiking	Small day pack, proper hiking clothes and shoes. ** Dress and bring clothes appropriate for weather conditions, including rain gear, watch. ** snacks, and water for the entire hike (all day). Personal first aid kit - Camera and/or smart phone. There are NO BATHROOM FACILITIES on or near the trail (be prepared).

VI. Trip Description

Carpool(!) and leave CHPC by 8:15 am. Follow I-81 north and exit just past Abingdon at Exit 24 (VA 80). Drive about 14 miles on VA 80 to Hyder Gap parking lot on left. 9:45 -10:00 AM rally at the trailhead after parking details are sorted. Hike about 3.3 miles in (mostly uphill rated moderate) over mostly dirt and gravel trails. 12:30 PM eat lunch at the top near the Channel Maze entrance. Explore the Channels maze (for roughly an hour) by squeezing through unusual, (~20 acre in size) ancient stone formations (USE THE BUDDY SYSTEM). For more details and photos, look up Channels of Virginia on the Internet. 2:00 PM rally for the return hike reversing the same 3.3 miles back. Arrive at the trailhead parking lot 3:45 PM and depart for CHPC shortly thereafter. Drivers may make a self pay food stop on the return trip.

Virginia Dept. of Conservation and Resources has posted on the Channels Natural Area Preserve webpage that: the parking area is limited to 10 vehicles. If the parking area is full when you arrive, please come back another time. Parking along Highway 80 is not permitted, and violators will be ticketed. The press release also stated: "No parking" signs have been posted along the highway.

There is a secondary parking area roughly 7.8 miles away which we may need to use. If that is the case the hike start time and possibly the return home may be impacted.