

APRIL 2013 CAMPING IDEAS

Location: Willow Canyon

Willow Canyon is located in the Stansbury Mountains on the west side of the Tooele Valley, about an hour from Salt Lake City. There are several developed campgrounds in Willow Canyon, which is actually two canyons, North Willow and South Willow. South Willow is more developed. There are five developed campgrounds in South Willow Canyon: Cottonwood, Intake, Boy Scout, Upper Narrows and Loop. All have picnic tables, fire pits and restrooms. A variety of hiking, mountain biking and ATV trails run through South Willow Canyon. The trailhead to Deseret Peak is at the Loop Campground.

North Willow Canyon is more primitive. There are no developed campgrounds but it is evident where people have camped. Please use existing fire pits. North Willow Canyon is more open whereas South Willow Canyon is more shaded and lush. From Salt Lake City drive West on highway 80 until you reach exit 88. Get off on exit 88 and drive South on Burmester Road until you reach a T in the road. Make a right and continue down North Street a bit, make a left on Hale Street and continue on that until you reach Main Street. Make a right onto Main Street and follow it until you see a sign pointing to the Willow Canyons. This road will be West Street. Follow West Street out 3.6 miles to the turn off for North Willow Canyon or drive out 4.9 miles to the turn off for South Willow Canyon.

Food: Pigs in Sleeping Bags

This is a variation on the old pigs in a blanket breakfast item. It requires a package of cocktail wieners and one container of crescent rolls.

Unroll the crescent rolls and separate into individual rolls. Cut each roll into thirds. Wrap the cut pieces around the individual cocktail wieners.

Coat the bottom of a 12" Dutch oven with butter. Place the wieners in a single layer on the bottom of the Dutch oven and cook over 9 coals with 15 coals on the lid for 20-25 minutes or until the crescent rolls are done. Serve with mustard and ketchup. Makes 24 pigs in sleeping bags.

Game: Lion Hunting

A lion is represented by one Scout, who goes out with a pocketful of corn and six tennis balls. He is allowed a head start of 15-30 minutes, and then the Patrol goes after him, following his spoor, each armed with one tennis ball with which to shoot him when they find him. The lion may hide or creep about or run, but he must drop a few kernels of corn every few yards to show the trail.

When they come near to his lair the lion fires at them with his tennis balls, and the moment a hunter is hit he must fall out dead and cannot throw his tennis ball. If the lion gets hit by a hunter's tennis ball he is wounded and if he gets wounded three times he is killed. If the hunters fail to find him in 30 minutes, neither wins the game and the game starts over with a new lion.

Tennis balls may be fired only once; they cannot be picked up and fired again in the same fight. Bean bags are a good substitute for tennis balls. Made up in bright colors they are hard to lose.

Each Scout must collect and hand in his tennis balls after the game.