



Stalking PATCH

Can be earned by Scouts or Leaders

Try something “old” at camp. Just like when your granddad was a Scout in 1930, you can do the skills required for Stalking Merit Badge. Any Scout or adult leader in camp who passes the requirements can earn a special camp badge. (Note: This is no longer a current merit badge and will not count toward any advancement requirements.) While supplies last, badges may be purchased at the Osage River Trading Company for qualifying Scouts and adult leaders.

Requirements from the 1930 edition of the Boy Scout Handbook. To obtain a Merit Badge for Stalking, a Scout must:

1. Know and recognize the tracks of ten different animals or birds found in his vicinity. For boys living in the city, the tracks of domestic animals or birds may be counted.
2. Track an animal for one-quarter mile over ordinary ground without snow. In special cases where large animals cannot be found, a trail made by “tracking irons” or by a boy on stilts, may be substituted.
3. Make clear and recognizable photographs of live wild animals or birds, and score 25 points on the following basis. Bring a digital camera with your troop and the photography becomes easy.
 - a. Each different species of wild bird, photographed on the nest, or of young birds count two points.
 - b. Each species of adult wild bird, photographed away from the nest, to count three points.
 - c. Each species of small wild animal to count four points.
 - d. Each species of wild animal larger than a woodchuck to count five points.