

Civilian Conservation Corps Geocaching Adventure



with Parker the Red Fox!



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Now that Parker has put time and hard work into building his cabin just like the CCC, he can kick back, relax and, enjoy a nice, Adirondack style cabin complete with a warm fire place.



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Chisel



CCCG10

Latitude: N 36° 52.696'

Longitude: W 081° 31.458'



Parker the Red Fox is getting ready to start building a cabin the old fashion way using authentic tools used by the CCC during the construction of Hungry Mother State Park. He will need his tools to be nice and sharp to get the job done efficiently. He is using a file to sharpen his chisel. The chisel can be used to cut and shape wood and stone for his cabin.

Complete tool rubbing here..



Double Cross Cut Saw

CCCG1

Latitude: N 36° 53.142'

Longitude: W 081° 31.493'

Parker has just used a double cross cut saw to cut up a larger log. This saw takes two individuals to operate. In order to cut against the grain of wood with the sharp, jagged teeth, the two corps members would have to get into a rhythm by alternately pulling the saw towards them. Do not push, or this saw will not work properly.





Froe

CCCG2

Latitude: N 36° 53.153'

Longitude: W 081° 31.469'



Parker is now beginning to add shingles to the roof using a froe to cut and peel them out of the remaining timber. The froe has a small sharp end that is good for splitting the small sheets of wood needed for the roofing.



Draw Knife

CCCG3

Latitude: N 36° 53.171'

Longitude: W 081° 31.463'

Now, Parker is using a drawknife to sharpen and smooth his logs into the shape he wants. By gently removing small shavings from the surface, he will have smooth, easy to work with timber.





Wooden Mallet

CCCG4

Latitude: N 36° 53.224'



Parker's next step is to use a wooden mallet to drive and wedge various pieces together. The wooden mallet has many uses as it can also be used with a chisel to smooth and chip away any knots or imperfections in the timber, and it is also used with the froe to help cut the shingles.



Single-Bit Axe

CCCG5

Latitude: N 36° 53.259'

Longitude: W 081° 31.411'

Parker is using the single-bit axe to carve the surface of logs and chop branches into smaller pieces. These smaller pieces of timber will be used for other parts of the cabin like door frames, window frames, and shingles.



Masonry Hammer



CCCG6

Latitude: N 36° 53.319'



Parker is now beginning the stone work for the cabin using a masonry hammer to chip and cut stones into the shapes he needs. CCC stone-workers would often use this tool to create magnificent pillars, buildings,



Plumb-Bob

CCCG7

Latitude: N 36° 52.350'

Longitude: W 081° 30.631'

Now that Parker has his timber ready, he is using a plumb-bob to make sure he is building his walls, door frames, and chimney straight. The plumb-bob is a pointed weight that gives a guideline for a truly vertical structure, much like the modern day level.





Double Bit Axe

CCCG8

Latitude: N 36° 52.263'

Longitude: W 081° 31.050'



Parker is now using a double-bit axe to chop down the trees he needs. These trees will form the frame and walls of his cabin. It has a sharp side used for “falling” a tree and a dull side used to clear smaller branches off the fallen log.



Log Peavey/Carrier

CCCG9

Latitude: N 36° 52.270'

Longitude: W 081° 31.389'

Parker’s next step is to use a log peavey and carrier to hook and relocate large logs to where they will be used for the cabin. Log peaveys latch on to logs and allow them to be rolled. The carrier is operated by two people and swivels to allow for easy placement and rotation.

