

Eagle Scout John S. Clyde Memorial Trail

The Orange Trail here at Griggstown Native Grasslands Reserve was laid out, cleared and marked by a team of Boy Scouts from Somerset Troop 113, under the leadership of John Stephen Clyde. Building this trail was John's Eagle service project, which was completed July 5, 2005. John revisited this site over the years to hike and maintain the trail.

John was an avid hiker who liked big challenges. He completed the Appalachian Trail, from Georgia to Maine, in 2007. He summited Mount Washington more than once. In 2010, he hiked the Pacific Crest Trail from Mexico to Canada. He shared his experiences through pictures, journals, and camaraderie with other hikers.

This trail reflects his love of the outdoors, his commitment to service, and his desire to preserve and protect the natural resources we have here in Franklin Township. It is entirely fitting that Franklin Township renamed this trail after John. We hope that those who visit this place of peace and natural beauty will enjoy hiking the trail, and will think of John along the way.