

CAMP & TRAIL



Classic Camping Notes





Every camper who has used the Stonebridge Folding Lantern has nothing but praise for its many excellent qualities. As a matter of fact, it is the only satisfactory solution of the problem of artificial lighting for the traveling party. By day it may be carried compactly folded in a leather case. At night it may be very quickly adjusted; and it will furnish adequate illumination for camp duties or for a bit of reading before one turns in. Its weight is extremely slight, and it will bum steadily in high winds. The old-fashioned non-collapsible lantern is one of the most awkward things to carry imaginable, and a candle stuck on a stick is extinguished by a slight puff of air. A blazing knot, picturesque though it be, cannot be used inside a tent. The Stonebridge is everywhere available and practical.

The Camper's Own Book, 1908



The Railroad Ranch Collection

Harriman State Park, Island Park, Idaho



In November of 1999, I was fortunate enough to photograph the display of recently discovered camping equipment belonging to E.H. Harriman and his family. The items were found in the attic of one of the ranch buildings. It has sat relatively obscure and unchanged since it was put on display over 10 years ago. I was just beginning my studies on the subject, so a lot went unnoticed. I plan to go back and attempt to persuade the park management to create a digital file similar to the Kephart exhibit at Cullowhee (www.wcu.edu/library/DigitalColl/Kephart/horacekephart/OSHdiscquest.htm) so this exhibit can be available to everyone.

We made notes of the items on display, but I don't think it's complete.

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| 1 Complete Stove | 1 Rubber Bath Tub |
| 1 Stove Pipe set | 2 "Tipi" tents |
| 2 Folding stoves | 1 Wall Tent |
| 1 Dutch Oven | 2 Green Canvas Lean-to tents (Abecrombie?) |
| 4 Canvas Buckets | 2 Folding Toilet Kit Holders |
| 2 Rubber Wash Basins | 1 Folding Table |







