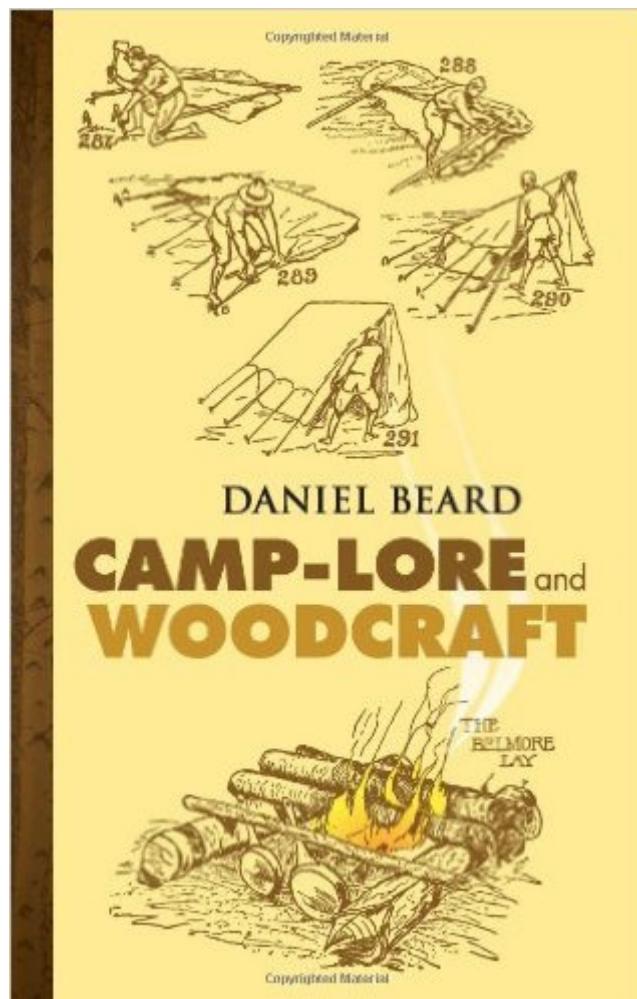


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# Camp-Lore And Woodcraft



## **Synopsis**

Known to millions of Boy Scouts as "Uncle Dan," Daniel Beard was also a Progressive-era reformer, a naturalist, illustrator, and author. Among his many "how-to" books is this entertaining collection of camp lore and practical notes on woodcrafting. In *Camp-Lore and Woodcraft*, Beard, an avid outdoorsman, provides youngsters and campers of all ages with detailed, easy-to-follow advice on building campfires for light and warmth; making a good fire for cooking; and packing, saddling, and mounting a horse. There are also some fine tips on preparing for a camping trip, choosing a camp site, and pitching a tent, plus notes on how to cut down a tree and the proper way to chop wood. First published nearly a century ago, and enhanced with more than 370 of the author's own illustrations, this engagingly written book by a man with a keen appreciation of the joys of nature will delight and instruct boys and girls with its celebration of traditional Native American lore and its helpful hints on how to safely enjoy hiking, camping, and exploring the great outdoors.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Great read, even if you aren't planning on using the information immediately. If your idea of "camping" is the Hilton, then this book is not for you. This book was first published in 1920, by a man who knew the woodsmen that lived the life, during his lifetime. The author, an experienced woodsman, or woodcrafter, interjects a more than a few personal antidotes throughout the book. It

is well written and illustrated, even though at times, finding the correct figure and illustration can be a little frustrating to some. Historically fascinating, as he comments on his talks with actual Civil War Veterans, and the wild men of the west. A lost art of actual surviving with what you have on your back...quite literally. I had to remind myself that when the author mentions "that back in the 60's" ...really meant, back in the 1860's, not the 1960's! The book is actual a precursor to one of the first U.S.B.S. scouting books. It has a very "scouting" feel to it. From building "cooking" fires to "warming" camp fires, shelters, and how to load-up packing horses. You will find the book entertaining to say the least, if not for the historical aspect. The writing style reflects language of the 1920's, both in context references and humor. I really enjoyed reading this and it's a good book to start on, for those interested in getting back to their frontiersman-like roots. This book will take you to a place before the industrial era. It's more of a starters guide and fairly basic. It will tell you the basics of gutting an animal, but not on how to hunt, trap or forage. There are more detailed books on these matters.

I recently discovered Daniel Beard's "Shelters, Shacks, and Shanties" Shelters, Shacks, and Shanties: The Classic Guide to Building Wilderness Shelters (Dover Books on Architecture) and really enjoyed the ideas, illustrations, and personality of the book. My family and I take camping trips regularly and I have tried to provide many opportunities for them to enjoy and appreciate the outdoors. This particular book by Beard offers even more fun ideas such as various ways to start fires, building camp kitchens, choosing a tent site, and the final chapters close with traditional Native American lore/customs concerning council grounds and fires. Beard references people and stories all along the way who he has learned from and have offered advice as well. The book was originally published in 1920 and it certainly provides insight into a time long gone by. The information and ideas concerning camping and woodcraft is provided in such a way that it's almost like sitting on the front porch with your grandfather and he's passing down the wisdom of the old timers. One of my favorite chapters in the book is the one concerning "Camp Food". There are some very interesting sections in this chapter concerning beaver tail soup and muskrat. He actually offers a good idea of improvising a Dutch Oven with two cast iron frying pans. Simple...yet I never thought of that.

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