

# Camp Rental Information

## *Catoctin Quaker*



## *Camp*

### A Resource for Renters

We are pleased to have the opportunity to share Catoctin Quaker Camp with you and your group. We hope you enjoy your visit and cherish the site as much as we do. This pamphlet has been prepared to share information and help answer some of the questions you may have. The Camping Program web page is also a great source of information. Visit it at <http://www.bym-rsf.org/camping/>. If you still have questions after reading this pamphlet and the information on the website please feel free to contact David Hunter, Camp Property Manager by calling the Yearly Meeting office or e-mailing him at [davidhunter@bym-rsf.org](mailto:davidhunter@bym-rsf.org).

#### **General Information:**

We are pleased that you are interested in our rustic facility. Catoctin is nestled in an upland saddle between two ridges in the Catoctin Mountains. It is generally 5 to 10 degrees colder than its nearest city – Frederick MD. This offers a welcome relief in the warm months and enhanced wintry conditions in the cooler ones. Visitors often comment of the vast number of stars that fill the sky on crisp cool nights.

You should be aware that our facilities are **very primitive**. The Camper shelters are screened but open to the natural world as well as the elements. There are no outdoor lights or electricity in and around these cabins to mar the areas natural beauty. The staff cabins are enclosed but not heated or insulated. They have no plumbing and have minimal electrical service. The grounds are not lighted and flashlights are essential for getting around at night. Some visitors are able to find mattresses that are suitable for them but it is best to bring all of your own bedding.

The lodge is an enclosed stone building that has a fireplace and can be equipped with a woodstove. However, it is not insulated and can be quite chilly in raw weather. Visitors enjoy huddling close around the fireplace and sipping coco.

The kitchen is well equipped and has most of the utensils and appliances that one would expect. Stoves, refrigerators, pots, pans, bowls, utensils and table settings are available for you to use but it is often advisable to wash them first.

The Dining hall snugly seats about 110 and has a three compartment sink for dish washing and sanitizing. The Bathhouses are equipped with four toilets, four showers, and four sinks and hot and cold running water.

Renters should make themselves aware of the beginning and ending dates of the hunting seasons in the state. We do not allow hunting on our property during the rental season but cannot speak for the land owners around us. Dates for MD hunting seasons are available at [www.dnr.state.md.us/huntersguide/index.asp](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/huntersguide/index.asp)

### **Planning your visit**

We ask that you please replace any items that you use. You will do your own cooking and need to bring food and paper goods. Feel free to use the utensils and cookware that are available but be advised that they may need to be washed before use. Warm bedding or sleeping bags, camp mattresses, flashlights and bug spray are often important parts of a pleasant visit. Other items that you may want to consider include: Rain Poncho, Toiletries, Towels, Change of Clothes, Comfortable Shoes, Shower Shoes, Warm Sweater or Jacket, First Aid Kit, and Sunscreen.

### **General guidelines:**

- Leave camp in better condition than you found it.
- In the case of an emergency call 911. After the crisis has passed please contact the Caretaker at 301-271-2156, or David Hunter, the Camp Property Manager at 240-285-5186 or 301-774-7663.
- Any damage that occurs to the facility should also be reported to the Caretaker or David Hunter.
- Use a calling card or reverse all charges on any calls you make from camp. The number is 301-271-2184. The phone to this line is in the lodge.
- All swimming is done at your own risk.
- Place all garbage in the dumpster and replace liners in trashcans.
- If you need tools, please get them from the white log tool shed to the left as you face the lodge. Please stay out of the shop (building with carport).
- If you use wood from the porch please replenish the supply.
- The infirmary (up the hill behind the bathhouses) and the Caretaker's residence are off limits. It may be possible to arrange for the use of the infirmary if arranged ahead of time. It is available for rental year around, and is generally rented separately from the rest of camp.
- Tobacco, drugs and alcohol are not allowed at Baltimore Yearly Meeting Camps.
- Candles, propane and kerosene lanterns or open flames of any kind are not allowed in the cabins and bathhouses.
- The gas should be on and pilots lit on the stoves and hot water heaters. Please contact the caretaker or the camp property manager if they are not.
- Spaces that are available to renters should be unlocked and open for your use.
- Recycling can go in the cans behind the double doors at the end of the shop farthest from the pond.
- If you feel you need to be met by the caretaker when you arrive please make arraignments in advance. Please treat the caretaker's privacy with respect
- We do not recommend bringing pets to camp. There are many hazards to dogs on the mountain and it is sometimes difficult to anticipate how dogs will behave in the wilderness. If it is necessary to bring dogs to camp please dispose of their feces appropriately (scoop the poop). We work hard at maintaining good water quality in our pond and streams and appreciate your help.

**Fees:**

The fees below were approved by the Camp Property Management Committee in 2004. After you have visited camp, please **calculate your fees** using the information below and pay the balance due. Your \$50 *non-refundable* deposit may be applied to your fees. Please make all checks payable to Baltimore Yearly Meeting, and put the name of the camp you are renting and the dates of your rental on the memo line.

**Weekend Rental (4:00 p.m. Friday - 3:00 p.m. Sunday)**

For Quaker Groups:

\$240 for up to 25 people. \$6.75 for each additional person

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For Non-Quaker Groups:

\$315 for up to 25 people. \$8.00 for each additional person.

**Daily Rental (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)**

For Quaker Groups:

\$105 for up to 25 people. \$2.25 for each additional person

For Non-Quaker Groups:

\$145 for up to 25 people. \$2.75 for each additional person

**Weekday Overnight Rental (noon - noon)**

For Quaker Groups:

\$160 for up to 25 people. \$5.25 for each additional person.

For Non-Quaker Groups:

\$210 for up to 25 people. \$6.75 for each additional person.

**Studio at Catoctin – AVAILABLE YEAR AROUND (mid-August to mid-June)**

Monthly - \$475.00                      Per night – \$35.00

Weekly - \$180.00                      Weekend (Fri 3:00pm to Sunday at 3:00pm) - \$55.00

**It is our most sincere hope that our properties will be used by all.** If you feel these rates pose a hardship for your group, please contact the Camp Property Manager to negotiate rates that enable you to use the property.

Checks may be mailed to:

Baltimore Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends  
17100 Quaker Lane  
Sandy Spring MD 20860  
301-774-7663

**Before You Leave Camp...** Here is a checklist we hope will be useful to you. It is not complete but it is a good starting place.

### **Cabins**

- ⊗ Are the cabins you used swept out?
- ⊗ Is trash and refuse removed from the cabins and trails?

### **Bathhouses**

- ⊗ Have the floors and showers been cleaned and squeegeed?
- ⊗ Have the sinks been cleaned?
- ⊗ Have the toilets been cleaned?
- ⊗ Has the trash been taken to the dumpster?

### **Kitchen**

- ⊗ Have the dishes, pots and pans been washed and put away?
- ⊗ Have the counter tops been cleaned?
- ⊗ Has the stovetop been cleaned?
- ⊗ Has the trash been taken to the dumpster and the trash can liners replaced?
- ⊗ Has all perishable food been removed?
- ⊗ Has the floor been mopped?
- ⊗ Recycling can go in the cans behind the double doors at the end of the shop farthest from the pond.

### **Lodge**

- ⊗ Is the woodpile replenished?
- ⊗ Have things been put away and straightened up?
- ⊗ Has the trash been taken to the dumpster?
- ⊗ Has the floor been Swept and mopped?

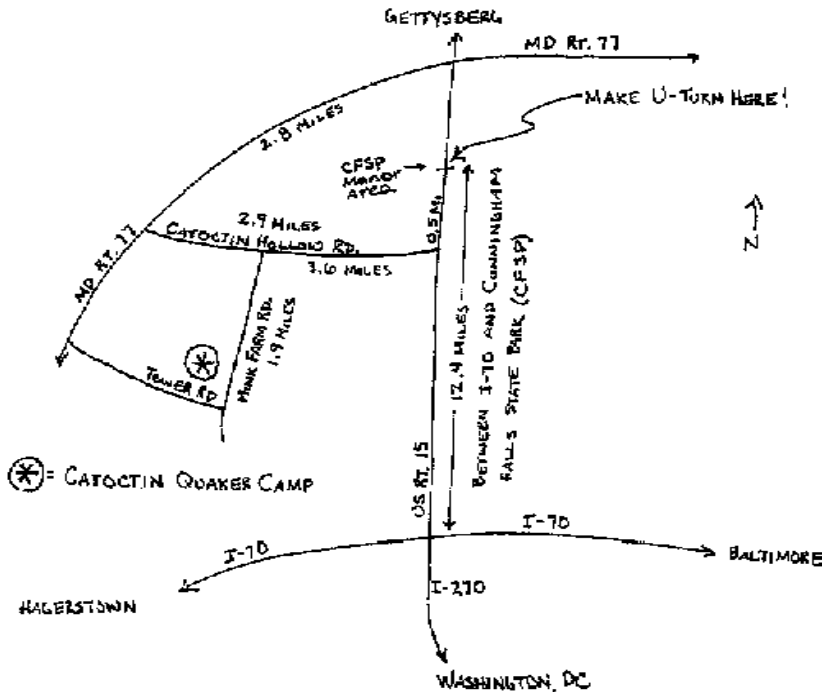
### **Grounds**

- ⊗ Has all trash picked up from the grounds?
- ⊗ Has all lost and found been claimed or removed?
- ⊗ Has all sports and canoeing equipment been returned to its place?



Contact us at:

## Driving directions to Catoctin Quaker Camp



**From Route 70, Route 270, and Route 340:** Take 15 North at Frederick, MD. Go about 10 miles north to the u-turn at the Cunningham Falls State Park - Manor Area. Proceed south on Route 15 and turn right after 0.5 miles at the next road which is Catoctin Hollow Road. Go 3.6 miles to Mink Farm Road and turn left. Proceed 2 miles turning right at Foxville-Tower Road. The driveway to the camp is on the right just beyond the bridge. See map.

**From points north on Route 15:** Take 15 south past Thurmont. Take MD Rt. 77 West at Thurmont for 2.5 miles. Turn left at Catoctin Hollow Road. After several miles turn right on Mink Farm Road. Follow it for 1.9 miles. Turn Right on Tower Road. The camp driveway is immediately on your right.

**From Hagerstown and Points West** (not shown on the map) – Take Interstate 70 east. Get off at exit 42 (Myersville, Gambril State Park). Turn left (north) on to Route 17. After .8 miles, turn right as indicated by the Greenbriar and Gambril State Parks sign. Also note the brick church on the left. Go only a short distance further to Route 40. Turn right on to Route

40. Turn left into Gambril State Park, just past the DanDee Motel (.7 miles beyond the turn off Ridge Road). Proceed to the top of the mountain. You will find that the road comes to a "T" at the High Knob Scenic Area. Turn right at the "T". Follow the paved road for 7.4 miles. At this point there is a "Y" in the road, marked by a Frederick Watershed sign. Take the left fork of the "Y" onto Mink Farm Road. Proceed slowly (15 mph) past Middlepoint Road (on the left) to Tower Road, one mile and on the left. Turn left onto Tower Road. The camp is on your immediate right.

