

Camp Rental Information Opequon Quaker



Camp A Resource Book for Renters

We are pleased to have the opportunity to share Opequon 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 a help answer some of the questions you may have. The Camping Program web page is also a great source of information. Visits 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.

General Information:

We are pleased that you are interested in our rustic facility. Opequon sits on a ridge that overlooks the upper Shenandoah Valley. The valley is known for its hot spring and late summer days and its brisk fall nights. The water at Opequon is safe to drink but has a strong flavor of its own. Many visitors prefer to bring bottled water for drinking.

You should be aware that all of our facilities are **very primitive** and Opequon is the least developed of our sites. 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. There are two staff cabins available to you, which 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 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. Some items may be packed away in boxes or bags. Please feel free to unpack them, use them and pack them away again when you are done. There is a three-compartment sink for dish washing and sanitizing.

The Dining Pavilion seats about 80. It is open to the elements, unscreened and offers an unmarred view of the natural world. There is a large and comfortable Den/porch attached to the back of the kitchen, which has storm windows that can be closed offering some protection from the wind. It is not heated or insulated. The Bathhouses are equipped with four toilets, four showers, and four sinks and hot and cold running water.

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 might 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 David Hunter, the Camp Property Manager at 240-285-5186 or 301-774-7663.
- Renters should make themselves aware of the beginning and ending dates of the hunting seasons in the state. Some hunting does occur on and around the camp. Dates for VA hunting seasons are available at <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/hunting/>
- Any damage that occurs to the facility should be reported to David Hunter.
- Use a calling card or reverse all charges on any calls you make from camp. The number is 540-678-4900. There is phone connected to this line on the wall between the kitchen and the pantry.
- You have rented the cabin, bathhouse and pavilion areas. The pool on the other side of Opequon Creek is not available to renters in the off-season. The field on the other side of the barbed wire fence to the west of camp and the lower field near the bottom of the hill are not available to off-season renters.
- All garbage and recycling should be removed from the site. A dumpster is available to the public at Clearbrook Park. The park is located on Brucetown Road where it meets route 11.
- Please do not enter the tool shed with out making special arraignments in advance.
- If you use wood from the fire circle area please replenish it by bringing downed, dead wood to the fire circle.
- The infirmary (the first cabin on the right of the four nearly identical cabins and the tool shed are off limits.
- 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 may need to be turned on and pilots lit for the stoves and hot water heaters. First turn on the gas at the tank (make note of the "open" and "close" markings on the knob on top of the tanks) and follow the directions on the hot water heaters. It may be easier to light the burners on the stove with a match each time you use them. Be careful with the discarded matches. The pilot for the ovens will stay lit after you light it the first time.
- Spaces that are available to renters should be unlocked and open for your use.

Fees:

The fees below have been approved for 2005. 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:

\$160 for up to 15 people. \$6.75 for each additional person

For Non-Quaker Groups:

\$210 for up to 15 people. \$8.00 for each additional person.

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

For Quaker Groups:

\$55 for up to 25 people. \$2.25 for each additional person

For Non-Quaker Groups:

\$80 for up to 25 people. \$2.75 for each additional person

Weekday Overnight Rental (noon to noon)

For Quaker Groups

\$90 for up to 25 people. \$5.25 for each additional person.

Non-Quaker groups

\$110 for up to 25 people. \$6.75 for each additional person

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 can be made payable to :

Baltimore Yearly Meeting
Camp Properties
17100 Quaker Lane
Sandy Spring MD 20860

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 removed?

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 removed and the trash can liners replaced?
- ⊗ Has all perishable food been removed?
- ⊗ Has the floor been mopped?

Den

- ⊗ Have things been put away and straightened up?
- ⊗ Has the trash been removed?
- ⊗ Has the floor been swept?

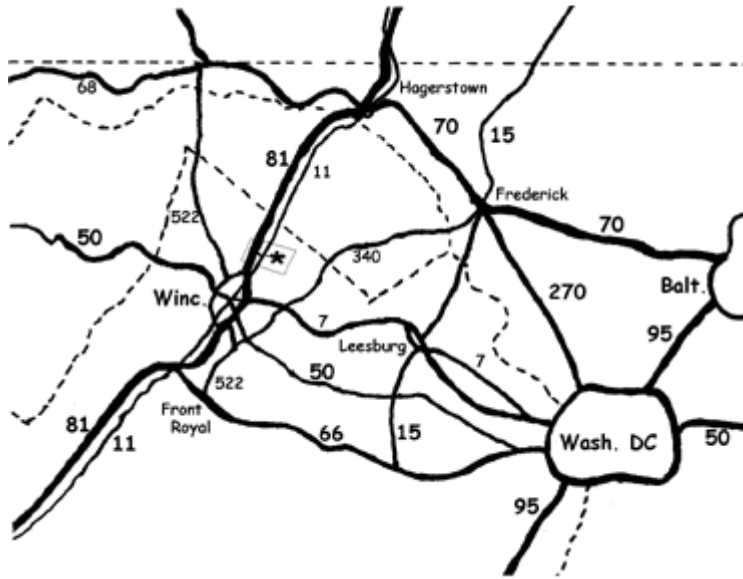
Grounds

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



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Map and Directions to Opequon Quaker Camp



Driving Directions to Opequon Quaker Camp

From I-81: Take exit 321 (Clearbrook). Go east on Hopewell Road to a 'T' with Route 11. There will be a church in front of you and the Olde Stone Restaurant to your right. Turn left, then *take your immediate right* onto Brucetown Road. Opequon is three miles from this turn

As you proceed on Brucetown Road you will pass Clearbrook Park, cross a set of railroad tracks, go through the little town of Brucetown and pass through a residential area. You will go down a hill passing several single family homes/trailers on your right. At the bottom of this hill make a right turn into the camp driveway. If you get to a 'Y', the right fork of which crosses a one lane concrete bridge, you've gone too far.

