

Camp Rental Information



A Resource Book for Renters

We are pleased to have the opportunity to share Shiloh 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. 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. Shiloh is situated along the Middle River on the side of Kirbley Mountain. The camp faces the Shenandoah and one can hike into Shenandoah National Park from camp in a little more than an hour. The site has a long agricultural history but woodlands and forest have reclaimed the bulk of the valley over the last 100 years. Pastoral and mountain vistas are abundant in and around the site.

You should be aware that our facilities are **quite 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 (the Cedars and Ruby's Cabin) are enclosed but not heated or insulated. They have no plumbing and have minimal electrical service. The grounds are not lighted and flash flooding over the decades have left the terrain quite rugged. 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 Dining Hall and back porch are enclosed but not insulated. There is a fire place in the dining hall which can be used with care. Firewood is generally available at the fire circle but please plan to replace what you use. 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 100 and a three compartment sink for dish washing and sanitizing is available in the kitchen. The Bathhouses are equipped with toilets, four showers, and four sinks and hot and cold running water.

Central and Southern Virginia is famous for its snakes. A number of species have been identified at Shiloh including Copperheads. Camp is also a potential habitat for Timber Rattlesnakes. Close encounters with snakes are easily avoided when one is aware of the danger. Please watch where you are stepping and sitting while you are outside at camp. Snakes are much more afraid of you than you are of them, so avoid them and they will return the favor.

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 VA hunting seasons are available at <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/hunting/>

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 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 Ralph Reed, the caretaker at 540-948-3073 or David Hunter, the Camp Property Manager at 240-285-5186 (mobile) or 301-774-7663 (office).
- Any damage that occurs to the facility should also be reported to Ralph Reed or David Hunter.
- Use a calling card or reverse all charges on any calls you make from camp. The number is 540-948-5226. There is a phone on the back porch of the Dining Hall.
- Place all garbage in the corral by the garage outside the Kitchen and replace liners in trashcans.
- Please do not enter the Garage with out making special arrangements with the caretaker in advance.
- If you use wood from the fire circle area please replenish it by bringing downed, dead wood to the fire circle.
- The room to your right as you enter the infirmary (the building attached to the end of the girls bathhouse), the Caretaker's residence, the basement of the kitchen and the closets on the backside of the Girls bathhouse are all off limits to off season renters.
- 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.
- Recycling can go in the cans near the garage outside the kitchen.
- 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

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:

\$200 for up to 15 people. \$6.75 for each additional person

For Non-Quaker Groups:

\$275 for up to 15 people. \$8.00 for each additional person.

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

For Quaker Groups:

\$80 for up to 25 people. \$2.25 for each additional person

For Non-Quaker Groups:

\$105 for up to 25 people. \$2.75 for each additional person

Weekday Overnight Rental (noon to noon)

For Quaker Groups

\$120 for up to 25 people. \$5.25 for each additional person.

Non-Quaker groups

\$160 for up to 25 people. \$6.75 for each additional person

Ruby's Cabin (sleeps two) with shared bathhouse and kitchen facilities (noon to noon) This is a one room historic log cabin. It has a fireplace and is enclosed but not insulated. - \$55 per night

The Retreat at Shiloh – AVAILABLE YEAR AROUND (mid-August to mid-June) - (sleeps 10) – heated, with private bath and kitchenette

Monthly - \$475.00

Weekly - \$180.00

Per night – \$35.00

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?
- ⊗ Have the sinks been cleaned?
- ⊗ Have the toilets been cleaned?
- ⊗ Has the trash been taken to the corral?

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 the compost been taken to the composting bin at the end of the staff parking area?
- ⊗ Has all perishable food been removed?
- ⊗ Has the floor been mopped?
- ⊗ Has the recycling been taken out to the cans next to the garage?.

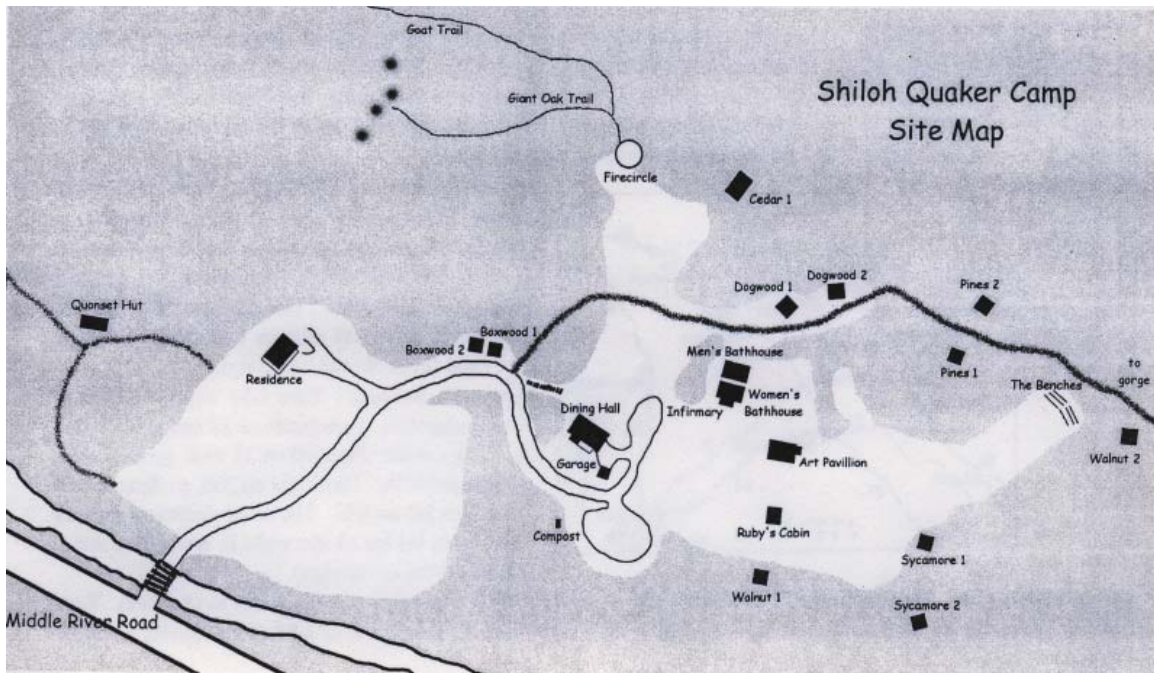
Dining Hall

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

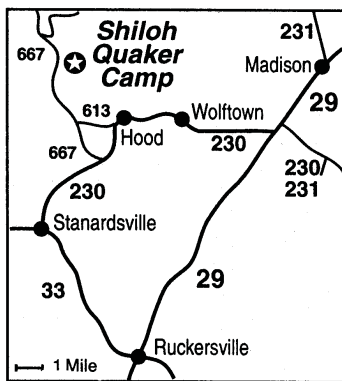
Grounds

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

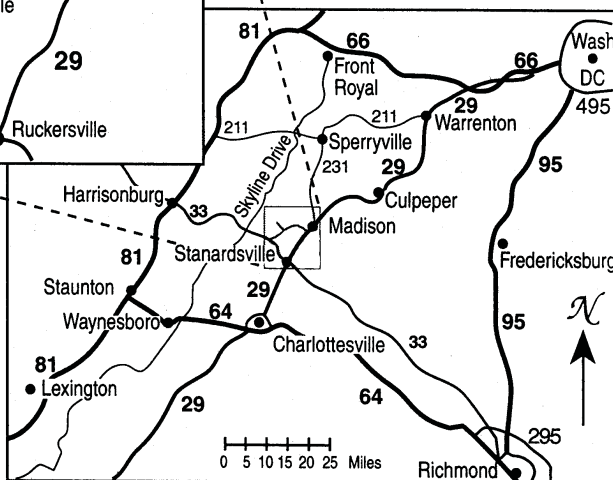




Directions to Shiloh Quaker Camp



From DC – From the Beltway go west on I-66 to exit 43. Go south on 29 for about 55 miles, past Warrenton and Culpeper. Two miles after Madison, turn right on 230. Go six miles to Hood, turn right on 613, and go three miles to the end. Turn right on 667, go 1.4 miles to the camp friveway which crosses a wooden bridge on the right (look for the camp sign).



From Frederick – Go south on 15 to jct 29 south above Warrenton. Follow directions from DC.

From Harrisonburg – Cross the Blue Ridge on 33 east to Stanardsville. Turn left on 230, go three miles, turn left on 667. Go approximately 5 miles. The camp driveway crosses a wooden bridge on the right (look for the camp sign).

From Richmond – Take I-64 west 71 miles to Charlottesville. Turn north on 29 and go 18 miles to Ruckersville. Turn left on 33 west, go five miles to Stanardsville. Turn right on 230, go three miles, then turn left on 667. The camp driveway crosses a wooden bridge on the right in about five miles (look for the camp sign).

From Winchester – Go south on 522 to Sperryville. Turn right on 231 south and go 18 miles to Madison. Turn right on 29 south and follow directions from DC. You could take 17 S to 29 S or I-81 if you prefer a longer highway route).