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&  
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Vannevar Bush Retreat

Deep Creek Lake, Maryland

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WELCOME

The Vannevar Bush Retreat on Deep Creek Lake is a quiet place in the woods in the mountains of western Maryland. Carnegie employees, fellows, and their families can swim, fish, row a boat, or just do nothing at all. The Retreat was completed in 1966 with funds donated by Vannevar Bush, president of the Institution from 1939 to 1955. The Retreat is designed to provide the simplicity and peacefulness that Dr. Bush believed was especially needed to revitalize the soul.

The Retreat is a property of approximately 35 acres with about 1000 feet of lake front. There is a Lodge with two bedrooms and a large central room, a smaller Cottage with three bedrooms, and four lean-tos and campsites.

Deep Creek Lake is the largest freshwater lake in the state; its 65 miles of shoreline offers fishing, boating, and swimming. The lake is full of trout, bass, pike, yellow perch, and pickerel. In the winter, there is downhill skiing at the nearby ski resort and cross-country skiing at nearby State Parks. The Wisp is the largest ski area in Maryland; the resort covers 220 acres of mountainside, with an elevation of 3,080 feet and a vertical rise of 600 feet.

RESERVATION PROCEDURES

The Vannevar Bush Retreat is open for use by all present and retired employees, fellows, and visiting investigators of the Institution. The Lodge, Cottage, and campsites are available weekly from 6:00 p.m. Friday to 11 a.m. the following Friday.

To reserve a facility, use the on-line calendar located under the employee section of the Carnegie website. Check the availability and email your request to DeepCreek@carnegiescience.edu No phone calls please. Reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis and are processed in the order that they are received.

A Few Reservation Rules

Only employees, fellows, retirees, visiting investigators, and their families may use the facilities. They are responsible for the proper use of the facilities. The Carnegie associate who makes the reservation must be present for the reserved period.

When you leave the Lodge or Cottage, be sure that it is in the same, or better, condition as when you arrived. Failure to complete Departure checklist (pg. 11) will result in the loss of rental privileges. Please note: Move-in time is 6:00 pm and move-out time is 11:00 am. The lodge/cottage must be unoccupied from 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM. Failure to do so will result in the loss of renting privileges.
Full payment is due two weeks prior to reservation. Failure to make a payment by 5pm on the Friday prior to your reservation will result in cancellation of your reservation. Failure to cancel a reservation at least one week prior to the reserved period will result in the forfeiture of the entire fee, unless the facility can be rented to another Carnegie individual.

The restroom and water facilities for campers are winterized and closed from September 15 to May 15 of each year. However, camping during this period is still allowed.

**Reservation Policy**

*High Season: 15 May – 15 September*

- A reservation may not be made any earlier than six months before the requested reservation date.  
  *(Example: January 11, 2018, you can make a reservation for July 12, 2018.)*

- **Only one building** (cottage or lodge) may be reserved. However, four weeks from your scheduled reservation, you may reserve the second building if it remains unreserved.  
  *(Example: If you have a reservation for the lodge beginning July 12, 2018, and you want to reserve the second building, the earliest you may do so is June 14, 2018.)*

- Only one reservation may be made during the high season. If there is an opening and it falls within four weeks of the requested reservation, you may make a second reservation.  
  *(Example: If you want to reserve the cottage beginning June 7, 2018, the earliest you may reserve it is May 16, 2018.)*

*Low Season: 16 September – 14 May*

- A reservation may not be made any earlier than one year before requested reservation date.  
  *(Example: January 4, 2017, you may make a reservation for January 3, 2018.)*

- **Only one building** (cottage or lodge) may be reserved. However, eight weeks from your scheduled reservation, you may reserve the second building if it is unreserved.  
  *(Example: If you have a reservation for the lodge beginning October 25, 2018, and you want to reserve the second building, the earliest you may do so is August 30, 2018.)*
• Only one reservation may be made during the low season. If there is an opening eight weeks from the day of your requested reservation, you may make a second reservation.

(Example: If you want to reserve the cottage beginning December 27, 2018, the earliest you may reserve it is November 1, 2018.)

*High season rates effective April 1, 2014: Lodge $200, Cottage $175, Campsites $10

Costs

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*New rates effective April 1, 2014.

These rates are the same whether you stay for the week or just the weekend. Make checks payable to Carnegie Institution of Washington and send them to Deep Creek Rentals Attn: Shanique Washington at Carnegie Institution, 1530 P Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

Keys

Keys are available from your department Business Manager. You must present a receipt for your payment in order to retrieve the keys from the Business Manager. Be sure to ask for a key to the Cottage basement where the washer and dryer are located. If your Business Manager gives you keys to the entire Retreat on the same key chain, use only the keys to the facility you have reserved and the key for the laundry facility under the Cottage. The utility shed is locked and a key is hung on the bulletin board in the Lodge and Cottage.

DIRECTIONS TO THE RETREAT

The trip takes approximately 3.75 hours from the Washington/Baltimore area. Follow I-70 North to Hancock. At Hancock, take I-68 through Cumberland to Exit 14. At Exit 14, take US 219 South through the towns of Accident and McHenry (The Wisp ski area.) Continue to follow US 219 into Deep Creek until you reach Sand Flat Road. Turn left onto Sand Flat Road. Follow Sand Flat Road to Boy Scout Road, less than ½ a mile. Turn left onto Boy Scout Road. In about ½ a mile, you will pass the Pawn Run Saloon on the left. Continue on Boy Scout Road for another mile or so. Turn left at the second Paradise Acres Road, approximately half way up the hill. (Paradise Acres Road is a loop with two entryways onto Boy Scout Road.) Paradise Acres Road is a gravel road. At the fork on Paradise Acres Road, bear right. This is the driveway (very wooded) to the Retreat, which you will see the sign which reads, Vannevar Bush Retreat/Carnegie Institution for Science.
If you are staying in the Lodge, park in the gravel area above the Lodge. If you are staying in the Cottage, park in the small driveway leading to the Cottage, or in the parking areas. If you are using a campsite, park in the area designated for camping parking.

The address is: Vannevar Bush Retreat, Carnegie Institution for Science, 389 (Cottage) and 395 (Lodge) Paradise Acres Road, Oakland, Maryland. By way of water, the Retreat is located at the end of the Paradise Cover finger of the lake.

**What to Bring**

**The Lodge**

The Lodge has two bedrooms, one with two sets of twin bunk beds, and the other with a queen-size bed. There is one bathroom. There is additional sleeping for four on built-in daybeds in the living room area. **Maximum occupancy for the Lodge is ten (10) persons.**

The Lodge is equipped with stove, refrigerator, cooking, serving, and eating utensils, a microwave, toaster, and a coffeemaker. A charcoal grill is on the back deck.

There is a large fireplace in the Lodge. Firewood may be stacked near the back door by the deck. Visitors may chop wood from the downed limbs or purchase bundles of firewood from other local establishments.

What to bring (or buy after arriving):

- linens, blankets, and pillows towels and toiletries
- food
- cleaning supplies
- paper goods and trash bags
- life jackets (in summer)
- radio (if desired) - no TV (bad reception)
- games (assorted jigsaw puzzles and board games are already there)
- basic first aid items

Some items, such as charcoal and lighter fluid, cleaning supplies, and paper goods may have been left by the previous users (but don't count on it.) You may find it wise to do some of your shopping after you have arrived.
**The Cottage**

The Cottage is smaller than the Lodge (but nonetheless serene.) It has three small bedrooms, two with a set of twin bunk beds each, and one with a queen-size bed. There is one bathroom. **Maximum occupancy for the Cottage is six (6) persons.**

The Cottage is equipped with stove and refrigerator, cooking, serving, and eating utensils, a microwave, and a coffeemaker. A charcoal grill is outside on the deck.

What to bring (or buy after arriving):

- linens, blankets, and pillows towels and toiletries
- food
- cleaning supplies
- paper goods and trash bags
- life jackets (in summer)
- radio (if desired) - no TV (bad reception)
- games (assorted jigsaw puzzles and board games are already there)
- basic first aid items

**Camping**

There are four campsites. Each campsite is equipped with a lean-to and a fire pit with a grill top. There are two restroom facilities for all four campsites (one for men and one for women.) Each restroom is equipped with a toilet, sink, and shower. Drinking water is available from spigots near the bathhouse and the campers’ parking area. **NOTE: Restroom is only open during the summer months May 15 – September 15. Please note: Tents are only permitted in designated camping site.**

What to bring:

Everything you need to sleep, eat, cook, bathe, etc.

**Washer and Dryer**

The walkout basement under the Cottage contains a washer and dryer. All users of the Lodge and Cottage have access to the washer and dryer. When you use the washer and dryer, please do so at reasonable hour and respect the privacy of the occupants of the Cottage. The water is supplied by a well and the sewage goes to the septic system. Too much water usage could deplete the well and flood the septic field. Therefore, please limit your use of the washer. **Do not use bleach in the washer** – it is harmful to the septic system.
The Utility Shed
In the utility shed, located on the edge of the Lodge parking area, you will find canoe paddles, oars, sailing rigs, horseshoes, and other outside games. You will also find simple tools, such as a saw, crowbar, hand axe, and splitting maul. Be sure to lock the shed when it is not in use.

ARRIVAL - OPENING THE LODGE

The lodge is equipped with outside motion lights. Do not be alarmed if you arrive at night; the lights will turn on as you approach the door.

After you enter the Lodge, in the front bedroom with the bunk beds, you will locate the fuse box in the closet. Turn on the switches for the refrigerator and hot water heater. These circuit breakers are clearly marked.

The hot water heater needs some time to heat after breakers have been switched.

The Lodge is heated by hot water running through floor pipes. In the colder winter months, set the thermostat to a comfortable setting (usually 68 degrees).

ARRIVAL - OPENING THE COTTAGE

After you enter the Cottage, in the middle bedroom closet you will locate the fuse box; turn on the switches for the refrigerator and hot water heater. These circuit breakers are clearly marked.

The hot water heater needs some time to heat after breakers have been switched.

The Cottage is heated by a propane boiler. In the colder winter months, set the thermostat to a comfortable setting (usually 68 degrees).

ARRIVAL - SETTING UP YOUR CAMPSITE

If you use a tent (instead of a lean-to), be sure to pitch your tent in the designated campsite. Drinking water can be found in the bathhouse or from the spigot near the campers’ parking area.
DEPARTURE - CLOSING THE LODGE AND COTTAGE

When you leave the Lodge or Cottage, be sure that it is in the same, or better, condition as when you arrived. Here is a checklist of what you need to do to properly prepare the Retreat for your departure.

Failure to complete the checklist will result in the loss of rental privileges.

The Grounds

1. Pull and store all boats onto the boat racks on shore (unless other Retreat users are staying and will be using them).

2. Put all oars, paddles, and life jackets in the utility shed.

3. Put horseshoes, badminton equipment, and other games in the utility shed.

4. Lock the utility shed.

The Lodge and Cottage

1. Clean and scrub the bathroom (this includes the tub and shower walls, inside and outside the toilet, and the sink area).

2. Clean and scrub the kitchen area (this includes the stovetop, the sink, and the counter areas).
3. Remove all perishable food items from the property

4. Wash and put away all dishes, utensils, etc. and wipe off the dish rack.

5. Wipe out the microwave and clean the coffee maker.

6. Clean, defrost (if necessary), and wipe dry the refrigerator.

7. Sweep and mop all floors.

8. Wipe off all tables.

9. Take measures to insure that the facility is free of fleas and pet hair.

10. Make sure the fire is completely out and the fire screen is in place.

11. Make sure there are no hot coals in the grill.

12. Return the thermostat to 65 degrees.
13. Turn off the circuit breakers for the refrigerator and the hot water heater.

14. Take all bagged trash to the waste receptacles located a short walk up the driveway.

15. Be sure that the sliding glass doors are securely fastened.

16. Put away all games and puzzles.

17. Take all personal belongings with you.

18. Lock the doors behind you as you leave.

**DEPARTURE - LEAVING THE CAMPSITES**

When you break camp, be sure the campsite is in the same, or better, condition as when you arrived. Here is a checklist of what you need to do to properly prepare the campsite for your departure:

1. Take all bagged trash to the trashcans located a short walk up the driveway.

2. Make sure the campfire is completely out (douse it with water).

3. If there are no other campers lock the bathhouse door.

4. Make sure the lean-to is clean of all debris and leaves.

5. Take all personal belongings with you.

**RETREAT USAGE RULES**

**In General**

1. Try to keep reasonably quiet in the evening; you may have neighbors in the other facilities.

2. The dock light should remain on at night whenever people are on the dock or by the lakeside.

3. Properly dispose of all litter in and around the facilities.

4. Do not leave perishable items in the Lodge, Cottage, or campsite when you leave.

5. Remove all items from the refrigerator before departing.

6. Report any problems you encounter to deepcreek@carnegiescience.edu when you return.
7. All persons age 16 or older must have a fishing license in order to fish. Licenses can be obtained at Johnny's Bait House on US 219 as you enter Deep Creek or at any bait shop.

8. Nude and/or topless sunbathing is not permitted at any time.

9. Hunting is not allowed.

10. Do not feed the deer or attempt to lure wildlife to the retreat area.

11. It is not recommended leaving open containers of food out at night; there are resident mice.

12. Leave one night of firewood for the next users.

13. Do not cut down live trees for any reason.

14. Do not use bleach in the washer (try to use biodegradable cleaning solutions.)

15. Check the washer or dryer for clothes before you leave.

16. Do not drive nails into any tree.

17. Only tent-camping is allowed in the campsites - **no trailers.** Tents are only permitted in designated camping site.

18. Keep your pets under control.

19. Leave the facilities in the same (or better) condition as when you arrived.

**Fire Safety**

The Lodge and the Cottage:

1. The fire screen must always be in place when using the lodge fireplace.

2. Never use charcoal lighter fluid or other combustible fluid in the fireplace.

3. Make sure the living area is properly vented when using the fireplace; crack the front or sliding doors a bit.

4. Never leave the fire unattended.
5. Carefully watch small children around the fire.

6. Never go to bed with a fire blazing in the fireplace.

7. When cleaning the fireplace, use the metal trash can that is marked for that purpose (never use a paper bag).

8. Make sure the fire is completely extinguished before you leave.

**The Campsites:**

1. All campfires must be contained in the designated fire pit or grill.

2. Never use charcoal lighter fluid or other combustible fluid on a campfire.

3. Never leave the campfire unattended.

4. Carefully watch small children around the campfire.

5. Never go to sleep with a fire in the fire pit or grill.

6. Make sure the fire is completely extinguished (no hot coals) when you leave the campsite - douse the fire with plenty of water.

**Pet Rules**

1. Pets must be flea-free when they arrive at the Retreat.

2. The facility must be flea-free when you leave ("flea bombing" is not recommended as it tends to settle on plates and utensils - spraying specific areas is a better choice).

3. Pets may not sleep or lounge on covered furniture, pillows, and blankets belonging to the Retreat.

4. The facility must be free from pet hair when you leave.

5. While outside, dogs must be on a leash at all times (unless you alone are occupying the entire Retreat, or if all users of the Retreat agree to waive this rule).

6. Pet owners are expected to clean up after their pets.

7. It is the responsibility of the employee who rents the facility to assure that these rules are followed, regardless of whether or not the pet is theirs.
The Water

1. Never swim alone.

2. Do not swim far from the dock unless there is a boat with you.

3. Non-swimmers and young children should always wear life jackets when in and around the water.

4. A responsible adult should be "lifeguarding" children at all times.

5. Do not have glass containers near the water's edge.

The Boats

1. There must be a Coast Guard rated life jacket for each occupant of a boat.

2. Do not take the boats out at night.

3. Pull the boats ashore at night.

4. Children should never be out on the boats by themselves.

5. Users of all the facilities have equal use of the boats during their stay.
THE CARETAKER

The caretaker for the Retreat is Don Mason. His duties primarily consist of arranging for and authorizing repair service, plowing the driveway of snow, performing minor repair jobs, and generally “keeping an eye” on the Retreat. He may be reached at (301) 501-1432 (C).

If Something Breaks or Needs Service

If something should break or need service (for example, a backed-up toilet or a broken water pipe), contact the caretaker. The caretaker will notify the appropriate repair service with which Carnegie has an account. If the caretaker cannot be located, contact either Alexis Fleming at 202-939-1139 or Shanique Washington at 202-939-1147. Please let us know if the Lodge or Cottage needs minor repairs by completing the guest departure survey and emailing it to deepcreek@carnegiescience.edu.

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Phones

There are no phones on the Retreat. If you have a cellular phone, please be sure you bring it with you. If you do not have a cellular phone, the closest phone for emergency is the pay phone located at the Sunoco station at the intersection of US 219 and Sand Flat Road.

Medical Emergency

The nearest hospital is: Garrett County Memorial Hospital (in Oakland).

Directions to the hospital: Take US 219 south into Oakland and follow the blue hospital signs (H) to the hospital. The address is 251 North 4th Street; phone is 301-334-2155. If you require an ambulance, the address of the Retreat is: 389 (Cottage) or 395 (Lodge) Paradise Acres Road. By water, the Retreat is located at the end of the Paradise Cove finger of the lake Dock Plate # 56214.
Fire Emergency

Fire extinguishers are located outside the bathroom and the back sliding glass door in the Lodge, the front room of the Cottage, and in the laundry room under the cottage. To operate an extinguisher:

1. Pull the pin.  2. Stand back 8 feet.  3. Aim nozzle at the base of the flames.  4. Squeeze the handle and sweep the nozzle back and forth.

Make sure the fire is completely out.

If the fire is out of control, evacuate the building immediately. Use either your cellular phone or a pay phone to call 911. The address of the Retreat is: 389 (Cottage) or 395 (Lodge) Paradise Acres Road, off Boy Scout and Paradise Acres Roads. By water, the Retreat is located at the end of the Paradise Cove finger of the lake Dock Plate # 56214.

FIREARMS

The use of arms of any kind (e.g. firearms, air guns, pellet guns, bow and arrow, etc.) is strictly forbidden at the Retreat. If violation of this rule is documented, the offending individual will be banned from future use of the Retreat. Employees and fellows are responsible for their guests.
Maryland and Deep Creek Lake
Statewide Boating Regulations for Non-Tidal Waters

Effective June 1, 2001, all children under the age of 7 must WEAR a United States Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device (Life Jacket - Type I, II, III or V) while underway on a recreational vessel under 21 feet in length on Maryland waters. Recreational vessel includes motorboats, sailboats, canoes, kayaks, rowboats, and any other device capable of being used for transportation on the water, when the vessel is being used for other than commercial purposes.

The Life Jacket must be the proper size for the child and must be in good and serviceable condition.

This requirement does not apply when:
*A vessel is moored or anchored.
*A child is below deck or in an enclosed cabin.

The following are the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regulations applicable to Deep Creek Lake:

1. Boating accidents must be reported.
2. When water-skiing, two persons in the boat (an operator and an observer) must be at least 12 years old.
3. No water-skiing between sunset and sunrise.
4. It is unlawful to operate a boat in a reckless or negligent manner, or while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
5. One Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) must be carried for each person aboard, and additional safety equipment may be required.
6. A valid registration must be on board and correctly displayed.
7. Waterskiing is not permitted within 100 feet of docks, shore, boats, or other people.
8. Navigation lights must be displayed between sunset and sunrise.
9. A Boating Safety Certificate is required for those born on or after July 1, 1972. Specific Regulations for Deep Creek Lake:
1. A vessel may not exceed 26 feet in length, except pontoon boats which may not exceed 30 feet.
2. Sirens are not permitted.
3. Houseboats are not permitted.
4. Engines may not exceed the manufacturers recommended capacity, or total displacement of 550 cubic inches, whichever is less.
5. Parasailing is not permitted on the lake.
6. Vessels shall be muffled so as not to exceed state noise level limits.
7. No garbage, sewage or other waste materials may be discharged into the lake.
8. Aircraft are prohibited on the lake and buffer strip.
9. Personal Watercraft (PWC) may not be operated on the lake between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on: Saturday, Sunday and holiday of Memorial Day weekend and Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from July 1 through Labor Day.
In addition to all other boating regulations, PWC must abide by a set of their own regulations, a few of which are:

* Persons must be at least 16 years of age to operate a PWC
* All persons aboard a PWC must wear a Coast Guard approved personal floatation device (PFD).
* A person may not operate a PWC in a negligent manner; i.e. jumping the wake of other vessels within 100 feet of vessel.
* A person may not operate a PWC between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

Restricted Skiing Areas and Speed Zones

1. On Deep Creek Lake, a person may not operate a vessel towing a skier, an aquaplane, or similar device within 100 feet of any bridge on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. between the Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day.
2. Waterskiing is not permitted beyond the buoys in the upper end of North Glade Cove from 12 noon until sunset each Saturday, Sunday, and holiday.
3. A person may not operate a vessel at a speed in excess of 3 knots within 100 feet of the shoreline anywhere on the lake, except that a person may tow a skier from a dock or shore and then immediately exit the restricted area.

4. A person may not operate a vessel in excess of 3 knots between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday, and holidays from the Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day in that area which lies between Beckman’s Cove and North Glade Cove.
5. A person may not operate a vessel at a speed in excess of 3 knots at any time in the following areas: Meadow Mountain Run, east of the Meadow Mountain Bridge; McHenry Cove, north of the restriction buoys; upper end of Red Run Cove, southwest of the restriction buoys; Thayer Ville Cove, southwest of a line of buoys extending from the easternmost point of the Arrowhead peninsula; upper end of Hoop Pole Cove, southwest of the restriction buoys; and upper end of Pawn Run Cove, northwest of the restriction buoys.

For more information, contact the Deep Creek Lake Recreation Area Office, 898 State Park Road, Swanton, MD 21561 or call (301) 387-4111. Department of Natural Resources Police Emergency Number (land or water) 1-800-628-9944 or Memorial Day through Labor Day call (301) 387-1101 for water-related problems.

Rowboats, paddle boats and non-gasoline powered crafts only are permitted on the lakes at Herrington Manor State Park, New Germany State Park, Savage River Reservoir and Broadford Lake. Rentals are available from park personnel at Herrington Manor, New Germany and Broadford Lake.
Maryland and Deep Creek Lake
Statewide Fishing Regulations for Non-Tidal Waters

Any person 16 years or older must have a valid Maryland fishing license before fishing on the Lake. A trout stamp is also required for all persons 16 or older in order to possess trout taken from the Lake.

A person may fish with rod, hook, and line, not to exceed three in number and not more than two hooks to each line (Artificial lures and plugs with multiple or gang hooks are considered one unit. This law does not apply to ice fishing, where five tip ups or rods are allowed.

All regulations as outlined in the current Maryland Freshwater Sport fishing Guide apply to Deep Creek Lake. You can get copies from the Lake Management Office, the Natural Resources Police office, the Visitor's Center, and most bait shops. Below is chart of the fishing seasons.

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MARYLAND NONTIDAL HOOK AND LINE FISHING SEASONS

(Open year round except where noted)

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<td><strong>Sunfish, including bluegills, rock bass (commonly known as Red Eye or Goggle Eye)</strong></td>
<td>None</td>
<td>15-daily</td>
<td>30-possession, in aggregate</td>
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<td><strong>Trout Statewide (all species.)</strong></td>
<td>None</td>
<td>2-daily and possession</td>
<td>None (except where noted)</td>
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<td><strong>Put-and-Take areas (all species)</strong></td>
<td>None</td>
<td>5-daily and possession</td>
<td>Closures and stocking schedules</td>
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<td><strong>-Zero (0) Creel and Possession Limit</strong></td>
<td>All trout caught in this area must be released on North Branch of the Potomac River from Westernport downstream to Pinto</td>
<td>Open year around</td>
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<td><strong>Walleye</strong></td>
<td>15 inches, except a 20 inch maximum in the Potomac River mainstream approximately 0.5 miles upriver from Chain Bridge upstream to the flood control dam in Cumberland from January 1 through April 15</td>
<td>5 daily and possession</td>
<td>Open year round all state waters except on Deep Creek Lake and the Youghioghey Reservoir downstream of the Rt. 42 bridge where a closure of March 1 through April 15 is in effect</td>
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<td><strong>Yellow Perch</strong></td>
<td>None (if caught in non-tidal lakes or ponds)</td>
<td>None in lakes and ponds, or upstream of them</td>
<td>Open year round</td>
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<td>9 inches in non-tidal streams and rivers</td>
<td>5 – daily and possession</td>
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**ALL OTHER FISH SPECIES** have no size limits, no creel limits and no closed seasons.

Fish caught during closed season shall be returned to waters of the State immediately after being caught. Fish with size limits are measured from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail or caudal fin.
LOCAL ACTIVITIES

There are many fun and educational things to do around the Deep Creek area. The Retreat's 35 acres (as well as other nearby woods and parks) provide ample room for hiking and walking, and even mountain biking. The nearby ski resort, The Wisp, provides downhill skiing, while nearby State Parks provide cross-country ski trails (including rental of ski equipment), and snow mobile trails (snowmobiles cannot be rented - you must have your own). "Falling Water" (the amazing house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright) and Muddy Creek Falls and Swallow Falls are also nearby, as well as horseback riding and Youghgheney and Savage Rivers.

Directions from the Retreat to nearby State Parks are below:

**Harrington Manor State Park** (Muddy Creek Falls, Swallow Falls, cross-country ski trails, snow mobile trails, fishing, and hiking): Right onto US 219 North and left onto Meyhew Inn Road. Follow the signs to the Park. The ride is about 20 minutes.

**Deep Creek State Park** (boat launch, fishing, hiking, snowmobile trails): Right onto US 219 North to traffic light at Glendale Road. Turn right and follow the signs to the Park (you will cross the Glendale Bridge). Or, follow US 219 North further over the Deep Creek Bridge (near Wisp) and turn right onto Rock Lodge Road and follow the signs to the Park.

For more information about local activities in and around the Lake, consult the Visitor's Center of Deep Creek Lake State Park at (301) 387-4111 or 4112, or the Oakland Promotion Council at (301) 387-4386. The Garrett County/Deep Creek Lake Vacation Guide (free and found in most places like grocery stores and markets) is full of activity ideas and special events. Hiking and canoeing information follows:

**HIKING – Fire Tower Trail, Deep Creek State Park**

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<th>Location</th>
<th>2-miles east of Route 219, off State Park Road  Garrett County  PH: 301-387-4111.</th>
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<td>Trail Access</td>
<td>Trail accessible at entrance of camping area 200-yards off Brant Road, past camping office.</td>
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<td>Parking</td>
<td>Park at campground entrance or in front of maintenance building.</td>
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<td>Distance</td>
<td>One-half mile; most of trail is up and down.</td>
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<td>Time</td>
<td>30-minutes to 1-hour.</td>
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<td>Trail</td>
<td>Trail begins at an elevation of 2,500 feet and ascends directly to 3,022 feet at the base of the fire tower. <strong>Note: Fire Tower is not open to the Public.</strong></td>
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Difficulty  High, due to extreme slope, loose rocks, water, and erosion.

Suitable for Families  Yes, but a very strenuous hike.

Hazards/Cultural Features  Loose and slippery rocks, stinging nettles, green briars. This area is open to public hunting and blaze orange is recommended during spring and fall hunting seasons.

Potable Water  Yes, at Deep Creek State Park.

Natural Features  Views of Deep Creek Lake, limited to foliage on the trees. The public, on a limited basis when accompanied by a ranger or naturalist, can access the fire tower. These programs are offered through the season from the Discovery Center.

Historic/Cultural Features  The Maryland Forestry Service used the fire tower during dire season. The fire tower has been inactive since the mid-1970’s, since there are better roads and volunteer fire departments throughout the county.

Biking  Cyclists are permitted on this trail. However, only the most expert cyclists should attempt this.

Camping  Camping is not permitted on this trail. Camping is available at Deep Creek Lake State Park, New Germany State Park, and Big Run State Park, 1-888-432-2267.

Other Points of Interest  Historic Brant Mine, located off the Meadow Mountain Trail, Discovery Center, Deep Creek Lake State Park, day use area, and Public beach area.

Other Accommodations  Motels and rental agencies are located in the Deep Creek Lake area.

Fees or Permits  Camping service charge.

Description  Fire Tower is an extremely difficult and strenuous. It begins at the entrance of the campground and ascends over 500 feet in elevation in about one quarter mile to the top of Meadow Mountain. During the fall the colors can be splendid and partial views of the lake are possible. Photographic opportunities available.
HIKING – Meadow Mountain

Location  Deep Creek Lake Recreation Area – 2 miles east of Route 219 301-387-4111

Trail Access  Trail accessible at the trailhead located at the entrance of the campground

Parking

Distance  Approximately 2.5 miles

Time  1 ½ - 3 hours

Trail  Foot path starting at 2,500 feet elevation and ascends to 2,950 feet elevation.

Difficulty/Skill Level  Moderate due to rocky terrain.

Suitable for Families  Yes, with older children

Hazards/Restrictions  Rocky footpath & fallen branches. Area is open to public hunting in the seasons established by DNR.

Potable Water  None along trail. Water is available at the park office.

Natural Features  Abundant wildlife, including deer, turkeys, ruffed grouse, and black bears.

Historic/Cultural Features  Old Brant Coal Mine site.

Biking Rentals  Biking is permitted and rentals are available from local businesses around Deep Creek Lake.

Camping  No camping permitted on trail system. Campground is located at trailhead 888-432-2267

Other Points of Interest  Deep Creek Lake State Park, Herrington Manor SP, Swallow Falls SP, & New Germany SP.

Other Accommodations  Two private campgrounds located near or on Deep Creek Lake (Glen Acre & Double G Ranch.) Hotels, motels, and rental agencies are available in the Deep Creek Lake area.

Fees or Permits  None

Description  Indian Turnip Trial is a linear footpath trail starting at the campground and winds along Meadow Mountain and travels up to the ridge top where it meets Meadow Mountain Trail. This is a scenic trail that offers many opportunities for wildlife viewing and wildflower lovers.
**Canoeing – Meadow Mountain**

**Location**  
Deep Creek Lake State Park, Garrett County – 301-387-4111

**Launch & Takeout Site**  
Discovery Center launch area on State Park Road.

**Hours**  
Sunrise to Sunset year around

**Distance**  
2.5 miles

**Time**  
Three (3) hours

**Water Conditions**  
Flatwater

**Difficulty/Skill Level**  
Novice

**Suitable for Families**  
Yes (with older children able to paddle.)

**Hazards/Restrictions**  
Open water stretch can leave paddlers vulnerable during windy conditions. Morning trips recommended.

**Potable Water**  
Available at Discovery Center

**Natural Features**  
Freshwater Marshes, Forested uplands, Osprey nesting platform, Great birding opportunities; morning trips recommended.

**Historic/Cultural Features**  
Meadow Mountain is the area where one can find a historical coal mine and information on its inhabitants, George Beckman and Delphia Brant.

**Camping**  
Deep Creek Lake State Park, 888-432-2267 – Private campgrounds in the area.

**Other Points of Interest**  
Meadow Mountain hiking trails and historic coal mine. Man-made dam on Deep Creek Lake.

**Other Accommodations**  
Bed and Breakfasts, rental homes, hotels, motels, and cabins in the area.

**Fees or Permits**  
Service charge for naturalist-led canoe trip during summer hours.

**Description**  
Meadow Mountain Run is a small, non-tidal arm of Deep Creek Lake, located in the central portion of the lake. Paddlers will enjoy the cove’s secluded marsh and the mature upland forest of mixed hardwood and hemlocks rimming its banks. Meadow Mountain Cove and Deep Creek Lake is owned and protected by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. This public lake boasts 65 miles of shoreline, 3,900 acres of water, public boat launches, and a state park with a mile of beach.
LAKE MANAGEMENT AND POLICE

Lake Management Office - located in Deep Creek Lake State Park
Address: 898 State Park Road, Swanton, MD 21561
Phone: 301-387-4111 or 4112

Natural Resources Police - located on Brant Road in the Visitor's Center at Deep Creek Lake State Park
Phone: 301-387-1101 (Memorial Day – Labor Day)
1-800-628-9944 (Year round)

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Alexis Fleming (authorize emergency repairs) – 202-939-1139

Shanique Washington (for Retreat reservations) - 202-939-1147

Don Mason (caretaker) – 301-501-1432

Garret County Memorial Hospital (in Oakland) -301-334-2155

Visitor's Center (for Deep Creek Lake State Park) - 301-387-4111 or 4112

Oakland Promotion Council (for activity ideas) -301-334-1948

Potomac Edison (Power Outages) -1-888-544-4877
**NOTICE**

Areas shaded in Red indicates shallow water. Avoid these areas when boating. Stay away from shore line to avoid rocks and stumps. Always exercise caution. There are many uncharted hazard and shallow areas. You are responsible for the boat at all times.