

Penns Creek Cabin

Thanks to Raymond (Foxy) B. Winter and his wife who sold the 430 acres encompassing 3.8 miles of Penn's Creek to the State of Pennsylvania we have this paradise in Central Pennsylvania. This would not have been possible without the effort and determination of the former Executive Director of the Pennsylvania State Fish Commission, Ralph W. Abele, to which a memorial has been erected at the "Fish Commission Cabin" about a half mile upstream from "Penns Creek Cabin".

This section of Penn's is abundant with very nice size "wild" trout. Regulations require the release of all fish caught. There is no stocking of fish. Fishing is limited to barbless, single-hooked, artificial lures (flies). Most of the stream is walk-in" only. Please read and adhere to all PA Regulations regarding fishing this special fishery.

Kaarondinhah ("Shining Waters") is the name the Lenni Lenape, a Delaware Tribe of Native Americans, referred to the stretch of Penn's Creek, where shining waters run endlessly upstream, through a canopied gorge, from Coburn to Weikert. The American Chestnut was the most prevalent tree at the time, along with the Hemlock and White Pine.

Although you will find some signs of human intrusion in this beautiful valley, please bear in mind that you are in a very special place.

It is our hope that that you will enjoy and respect all the beauty and serenity in this splendid valley, from the delicate wildflowers to the majestic Bald Eagles. Leave only footprints behind you. Take the memories with you.

Fireplaces

Fires are only permitted in designated areas.

Identify Fire Extinguishers. One is located by the fireplace and one at the foot of the basement stairs. **Please leave a note or notify us if you used any fire extinguishers during your stay**

DO NOT START A FIRE IN THE FIREPLACE BEFORE OPENING THE FLUE.

To open the flue, pull the chain down and move to the right allowing the “ball” on the chain to “spring up” through the opening all the way.

Begin by building a small fire in the very back of the fireplace and slowly build the fire up to a medium fire. **DO NOT BUILD A BIG FIRE IN THE FIREPLACE.** The fireplace is for ambiance only.

Dry Firewood can be found either along the stone wall out front or below timber steps. If needed, please split wood, and kindling outside. Please use care when using woodcutting tools. Make sure you have a good wood solid base when using hatchets, axes, and mauls.

Please use firewood thoughtfully. **A large blazing fire in the fireplace is unnecessary and could cause smoke to billow out of fireplace into the cabin. The fireplace in the cabin is for ambience only.** A large blazing fire will only cause the need to open outside doors to cool the room(s) down, wasting heat energy. Please do not cook food in the indoor fireplace.

Outdoor Fireplace Use. Take a water fire extinguisher from the screen porch and keep it close by. Keep fires within the capacity of the fire ring. Cooking is permitted and encouraged over the Outdoor Fireplace. Be sure to use hardwood (oak, hickory) for cooking. You are welcome to use any of our open fire cooking utensils (round grills, wire basket, hot dog / marshmallow forks, etc.). **There is a heavy-duty BASE-grill** upon which you may put your cooking grills.

Please, **BURN ONLY WOOD in the Fireplace and Outside Fire Ring.** Burning pure paper products in the outside fire ring is permissible. Please, **DO NOT PLACE OTHER ITEMS** (bottle lids, STYROFOAM, cans, cigarettes butts, etc. in any fires.

BE SURE THE FIRE IS EXTINGUISHED AND THE FLUE IS CLOSED BEFORE LEAVING, ESPECIALLY IN EXTREMELY COLD WEATHER.

Propane Heaters in Basement

There are two propane wall-mounted heaters in the basement. Upon arrival, if the cabin is prewarmed and the propane heaters are on, please turn the settings down to pilot. If it is extremely cold and you need extra heat, turn the propane heaters up to the #1 setting. That should give you the heat you need.

Mini Split Heat Pumps

There are three mini splits in the upstairs of the cabin. The larger one is in the living room and will be enough to heat the entire upstairs provided the bedroom doors are left open. At night, when the bedroom doors are closed while sleeping, you may choose to use the mini splits located in two of the upstairs bedrooms. For detailed use instructions, please look for an additional page in the Cabin Use Manual green notebook.

In winter months, please adjust the temperature to 55° when you check out. This prevents the pipes from freezing while conserving energy.

Air Conditioning. Mini splits are available for air conditioning during the summer months. Keep outside and basement doors closed. Keeping the bedroom doors open will help keep them cooler.

Dehumidifier. Please leave the dehumidifier on during the spring, summer, and fall months.

Breakers

Usually, all breakers will be on upon arrival.

If needed, check the electrical breakers in the utility room in the basement to make sure they are all on.

Make sure that the water pump has been on, and the Hot Water Tank is filled before turning the “hot water breaker” on.

IN THE EVENT OF A POWER OUTAGE AND YOU ARE UNABLE TO REACH US, TRAVEL EAST UNTIL YOU REACH CELL SERVICE OR USE THE LANDLINE PHONE AT THE CABIN TO CALL PP&L.

PPLs phone number is 800-342-5775. Reference our account number (47760-51028) and make sure they know that it is the Weikert Property that needs power.

Bring your own flashlight and keep it with you in your luggage for quick access in case of power outage. There are two battery operated lanterns on the dry sink just inside the front door.

In the event of a power outage, there are oil lamps and candles with holders in a specified cabinet.

Snow plowing

In the event of snow, we will plow the driveway one time during your stay. If staying for 6 nights or more, we will plow at no charge every 5 days as needed. Any additional plowing will be the financial responsibility of the guest. It is normally \$50.00.

Sidewalk and steps to cabin will be cleared and Ice Melt applied prior to your arrival. Guest is responsible for maintenance of clearing sidewalks and steps during their stay.

Emergencies

THE PHONE NUMBER (LANDLINE) AT THE CABIN IS 570-922-6935
The Address is 201 Winters Road, Weikert, PA

THE CLOSEST HOSPITAL IS IN LEWISBURG, **Evangelical. 1 HOSPITAL DRIVE, Lewisburg PA 17837. ABOUT 20 MILES EAST OF HARTLETON ON ROUTE 45. THE PHONE NUMBER IS 570-522-2000.**

Gas Grill

IF YOU USE THE GAS GRILL, MAKE SURE GAS IS TURNED ON AT THE TANK (front panel slides up a bit and can be removed. Return it to original position before leaving)

LIFT THE LID OF THE GRILL UP.

THE ARROWS ON THE KNOB SHOULD BE POINTING UP.

PUSH THE KNOBS "IN", HOLD AND TURN AT LEAST ¼ TURN OR MORE COUNTERCLOCKWISE (to the left) THEN RELEASE KNOB AND GENTLY TURN KNOBS CLOCKWISE UNTIL THEY STOP.

PUSH STARTER. GAS WILL NOW BE ON HIGH.

WHEN USING THE GRILL BE SURE TO "BURN OFF" THE GRILL ON HIGH for 10 minutes with the lid down until there is no more smoke emitting from the grill. Then clean the grill with the brush. Then you are clear to use the grill.

YOU CAN NOW ADJUST PROPANE TO DESIRED TEMPERATURE.

WHEN TURNING THE GRILL OFF, PUSH THE KNOB "IN" AND GENTLY TURN CLOCKWISE UNTIL THE KNOB STOPS. THE ARROWS SHOULD BE FACING UP, THEN ALLOW KNOB TO POP BACK OUT.

Beds and Linen

PLEASE DO NOT SLEEP ON BEDS WITHOUT PUTTING YOUR SHEETS ON THE BED UNLESS YOU BRING SLEEPING BAGS.

King bed linens (Cream) are in the drawers under the king bed.

Double bed linens (Blue) and Twin (Gray) are all in yellow bedroom chest of drawers.

Bath towels and wash cloths are in the chest of drawers in the king bedroom.

BEFORE DEPARTURE, PLEASE PUT YOUR USED SHEETS, PILLOWCASES, TOWELS, ETC. IN THE UPSTAIRS BATHTUB.

DO NOT PUT COMFORTERS IN THE BATHTUB! Leave them on the bed.

Housekeepers will get them.

Kitchen and Trash

BEARS ARE FREQUENTLY PROWLING IN THE AREA (Late March – end of November) AND THEY WILL BREAK INTO THE SCREENED-IN PORCH TO GET TRASH AND MAKE A TERRIBLE MESS WHICH YOU WILL NOT WANT TO CLEAN UP!

SO

PLEASE KEEP YOUR TRASH INSIDE AT NIGHT AND WHILE ABSENT FROM THE CABIN (out fishing, hiking, biking or on a day trip).

PERIODICALLY TAKE THE TRASH TO THE DUMPSTER BEHIND THE UNION COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB.

MAKE a donation of at least \$2.00 per bag in the box provided by the dumpster.

EMPTY THE GREASE CONTAINER UNDER THE GRILL IF NEEDED.

Please try to return all kitchen items to the cabinets where you found them. Also, please return any furniture, games, etc. to the cabinet, room, or area where you found them.

Please do not use pots, pans, or skillet on the grill.

General

Refrain from loud and boisterous activity after 10 PM

No smoking in the cabin.

Keep deck and porch doors closed as much as possible to prevent insects from coming in the cabin.

USE THE WINDOW SCREENS PROVIDED. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE WINDOWS OPEN WITHOUT THE SCREENS IN.

There are inner-tubes and two (2) PFD's (we use for floating Penn's during the summer season). **You use these at your own risk.**

We realize that accidents happen, and items occasionally are broken. Please let us know if any items are broken during your visit. It helps us know what may need replaced or cleaned up.

Fireworks and use of firearms on the property is not permitted. There are designated areas close by for shooting. You can join the Union County Sportsmen's Club to use their shooting range and enjoy very reasonably priced alcohol. You do not need to be a member to dine there.

Please remove cleated or wet wading boots before entering the cabin.

Pets (2 dogs maximum) may be permitted upon request unless other arrangements are made with the owners.

We reserve the right to terminate any rentals that do not adhere to rental policies or guests that engage in illegal activity.

Upon your return from Penns Creek Cabin,

Please let us know your intentions on re-booking time for next year so that we can block that time on our various calendars.

We do not send contracts out until 5 –7 months before your rental, unless we have a guest that is interested in your time slot.

If we do not hear from you within a week or two, we will have to assume that your time slot will be open to others.

Please let us know your intentions for next year as soon as possible.

One other thing, please let us know how your stay was this year including the fishing and any suggestions for providing better accommodations. If you have any pictures, please share them with us.

If you find the cabin cleaned well upon arrival, please consider leaving a tip for our housekeepers.

CHECK LIST BEFORE DEPARTURE (print this and take it with you)

- _____ Keep ALL trash inside and take it to the dumpster behind the Sportsmen's Club frequently and make the appropriate donation in the box (\$2 per bag)
- _____ Wash and put any dishes away in original location, please.
- _____ Make sure coffee pot is turned off, rinsed out and filter is emptied.
- _____ Make sure **all your belongings are removed.**
- _____ Place all used linens and towels in the upstairs bathtub. Leave Comforters on beds.
- _____ Return any moved furniture to original location.
- _____ Inform us of any broken items, non-working appliances, used first aid items and fire extinguisher usage.
- _____ Take any recyclables with you.
- _____ Make sure any litter is cleaned up outside of the cabin.
- _____ Turn off all lights.
- _____ In spring, late fall and winter set thermostats to 55 degrees before you leave, otherwise no need for thermostats to be turned on during summer.
- _____ Make sure air conditioners are turned off.
- _____ Make sure any fire in the fireplace is extinguished and that the flue is closed.
(Pull chain down so that the ball is below the catch and move to the left, securing the ball below the catch)
- _____ Be sure Propane Heaters are set to "pilot" before departure and if applicable.
- _____ Make sure all window screens are removed and **ALL windows shut and locked.**
- _____ Lock all doors including the basement door (locked and barred)
- _____ Return keys to the location where you found them.
- _____ Make sure dehumidifier is left on and running.

Auto Repair

Mifflinburg – Bing’s Auto, 195 North 3rd Street (570-966-0732)
Ask for Paul and tell him I sent you there

Bicycle Rentals & Repairs

Millmont – Weaver’s, 14790 Old Turnpike Road, Millmont, PA 17845 (570-922-4131)
PA 45 West of Mifflinburg on the south side of Rte 45 across from Harvey’s
Convenience Store

Map of Bald Eagle State Forest

You may want to purchase one ahead of time for planning purposes.

Purple Lizard Map of Bald Eagle State Forest:

<https://www.purplelizard.com/products/bald-eagle-state-forest-map> if you want your own copy.

Fishing Supplies

Weikert – Penn’s Creek Angler (570-922-1053) **No** Fishing Licenses sold here
State College - Fly Fisher’s Paradise (814-234-4189)
State College - TCO Shop, (814) 689-3654

Fly Fishing Guides

Dave McMullen
814-632-3021 Home
814-380-4845 Mobile
emerger@windstream.net

Bruce Fisher
570-922-1053
Penn’s Creek Angler (www.pennscreekanangler.com)

Four Wheeling and Snowmobiling

East Kettle ATV Trail System ... AKA ... Bald Eagle State Forest ATV Trail
<https://trails.dcnr.pa.gov/trails/trail/trailview?trailkey=645>
<https://trails.dcnr.pa.gov/maptrails/index.html?trailid=645>

Bald Eagle State Forest Snowmobile Trails (270 miles)
<https://trails.dcnr.pa.gov/trails/trail/trailview?trailkey=672>

Grocery Stores

Mifflinburg –

Good local Amish, Mennonite and other foods - Green Ridge Market, about a mile north on 3007 which is east Mifflinburg just at the end of in-town housing at the light make a left. (home / local cooking to go, deli, milk, eggs, etc.)
811 Forest Hill Road (570-966-4650)

Full scale grocery store Weis Markets - north side of Rte 45, east end of town, (570-966-6500)
<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Weis+Markets/@40.8853865,-77.0934637,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0x24c88c04917a6be9!8m2!3d40.9239522!4d-77.0328781>

Close by -

Market in Laurelton – between Hassenplug Road and Weikert Road on Rte 235, limited hours, closes early and not open on Sunday but has essentials from eggs to batteries (has basics) 570-922-1709 –

Hartleton / Milmont – Harvey's, Food Mart (570-922-4662) 1 mile east of Hartleton
Convenience store - Gas, ice, basics, deli

On the way

Burkholder's Country Market, 107 Market Dr, Spring Mills, PA 16875,
(814) 349-4370, www.burkholdersmarket.com

Hunting

Deer, Turkey and Bear hunting is right out the back or front door.

Grouse is good on the mountain tops off logging trails (5 – 10-minute drive on unimproved roads.

Pheasant hunting is about 15 minutes from the cabin.

This is one of the best and largest stocked pheasant hunting areas in PA.

WE ARE IN 4D, State Game Lands 317, male and female pheasants may be taken.

https://www.pgc.pa.gov/HuntTrap/StateGameLands/Documents/SGL%20Maps/SG_L_317.pdf

Kayak and Canoe Rentals

Hartleton – Weaver’s Kayaks, 570-922-4131

Liquor & Beer

Mifflinburg -

Weis Grocery Store has wine and beer.

Wehr’s Beverage (570-966-1295) - north side of Rte 45, east end of town

Beer distributor (cases), soda

Bald Eagle Brewing Co. (570-966-3156) – 315 Chestnut Street

Local Brewery

Shade Mountain Vineyards (570-837-3644) – south of Penn’s Creek on 104

Local Winery with nice selection, Holds Special Events periodically

Pharmacies

Mifflinburg –

CVS (570-966-3332) – 28 E. Chestnut Street in “strip mall“

Restaurants – Heading East

Weikert –

Union County Sportsmen’s Club (570-922-1128)

(Wed – Sun, lunch and dinner)

Must be a member to order alcoholic beverages

Staff will gladly assist you in becoming a member

See Local Attractions, Wildlife Sanctuary, for additional information

Food Quality 2.5 stars

Laurelton –

Boomerangs (570-922-1232) – on Rte 45 at Fairground Road
(Bar atmosphere, breakfast through late night snacks)
Food Quality 3.5 stars

Mifflinburg -

Original Italian Pizza – (570-966-3885) junction of PA 45 & 104
Pizza, subs & Italian meals
Food Quality 3.5 stars

***** **Rusty Rail Brewing Company** – (570) 968-7878 - 5 N 8th St
*Great somewhat upscale Pub Fare – Beautifully restored factory –
Music on Weekend nights ******
Food Quality 4.5 stars

Scarlet D, 254 Chestnut Street (Downtown Mifflinburg)
570-966-5400 – Recent reviews were good www.mifflinburghotel.com

There are other restaurants all along Rte 45 that you could check out during a drive.

*** Chestnut Street in Mifflinburg is PA Route 45**

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Antiques

Various shops along PA Route 45 from Lewisburg to Millheim

Caves

Woodward Cave, Woodward (814-349-9800)

***** Penn's Cave, Centre Hall (814-364-1664) *****

Indian Caverns, Spruce Creek (814-632-7578)

Museums

Buggy Museum, Mifflinburg (570-966-1355)

PA Military Museum, Boalsburg (814-466-6263)

Pottery

Penn's Creek Pottery, Penn's Creek (570-837-3809)

Wildlife

Union County Sportsmen's Club, Weikert, PA (570-922-1128)
Bear, Bobcat, Deer, Turkey, Raccoons and more – great for kids
Playground and Mini-Golf

Penn's Cave (see above) *****

Includes animals above as well as Timber Wolves, Mountain Lions, Bison and some exotic animals.

Wine

Shade Mountain Vineyards (570-837-3644)

Holds Special Events periodically.

OTHER NEARBY QUALITY FLY FISHING

FR – Freestone

LM – Limestone

Proximity 1-5, #1 being closest to cabin.

Difficulty A – C, A being most challenging.

Cherry Run (FR, 1, B)

Weikert Run (FR, 1, B)

Upper Penn's Creek at Coburn (FR/LM, 2, A-C) depending on hatches and water level

Upper Penn's Creek below Spring Mills (LM, 2/3, A-C) depending on hatches and

Elk Creek (LM, 2, A)

Pine Creek (LM, 2, A)

Fishing Creek (FR/LM, 3, B)

White Deer Creek (FR, 3, B/C)

Spring Creek (LM, 4, A-B depending on hatches, water level and section of stream being fished.
Call us about Spring Creek, there is a lot of water to be fished for any miles)

Lower Bald Eagle (LM, 4, A-B depending on hatches and water level)

Spruce Creek (LM, 4, A)

Little Juniata River (LM/FR, 4, A-C depending on hatches, water level and section of stream
being fished)

Honey Creek (LM, 5, A – B depending on hatches and water level)

Kishacoquillas Creek (LM/FR, 5, A-C depending on hatches, water level and section of stream
being fished)

Tea Creek (LM, 5, A)