

GIRL SCOUTS OF CENTRAL MARYLAND



SO ... YOU'RE GOING TO: **CAMP ILCHESTER**

Located in Howard County, Maryland

At

5042 Ilchester Road, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

Directions From the Baltimore Beltway (West)
Take Exit 16 west onto Interstate 70 or exit on Route 40 west to Route 29.
Take Route 29 south toward Columbia/Washington, DC. Then exit on Route 103 east, make a left at the light on top of bridge. You are on Route 103 eastbound, travel 2.7 miles. After several lights and Bonnie Branch Road, turn left onto Ilchester Road. Travel one mile to the property entrance on the left.

Emergency Information Emergency numbers are posted at each pay telephone. Just in case the numbers are missing:

Pay Telephone.....410-744-9633
Police, Fire Department, Ambulance..... 911
Hospital: St. Agnes, 900 Caton Ave, Baltimore, MD410-368-6222
Non-Emergency Police Number..... 410-313-2200
Camp RangerBilly Heinbuch..... 443-740-0639

The Camp Ranger for Ilchester does not live on the site.

Gates For security reasons, the gate should be kept closed.
NOTE: During Girl Scout program activities at the Clementine Peterson Activity Center, the gate will be open.

Parking Two parking areas are available.

Dumpster Center. The trash dumpster is located in the parking lot at the Clementine Peterson Activity Center.

At The Property

Arrival/ Departure

Sites are available starting at 4 PM on the first day of your reservation. On your last day, the site may be occupied until noon.

Breakage/ Pranks and Graffiti

Accidents will happen. And due to normal wear, things may break. Please notify the Property Staff with either a phone call, a notation on the Checkout Sheet, Maintenance Request Form or with a note left with the camp keys. Please do not hide a broken item or throw it away.

More serious breakage occurs when campers are playing pranks, fooling around or playing outdoor activities inside buildings. This is also a time when campers are unlikely to admit what they have done. What is often overlooked is that this can be a good time to teach girls about taking responsibility for their actions. Often more can be learned from responsibly handling a mishap at camp than can be learned when a camping trip has gone smoothly.

Any troop that is discovered to have caused graffiti will be held financially responsible.

Crafts

To make clean-up easier and keep damage to a minimum, please be mindful of the following when doing crafts:

1. Cover all tables---even picnic tables---with newspapers/table cloths/etc.
2. Take care with anything that might spatter or drip wet glue or paint.
3. Take care with any project involving wax. Do not drip or spill wax on stoves counters or floors. NEVER POUR MELTED WAX DOWN A SINK DRAIN.
4. Never do projects involving pounding, cutting with razor knives or nailing indoors on dining tables, kitchen counters or floors. Do these projects outdoors on picnic tables.
5. Be careful of magic markers that may bleed through paper and mark up tables and floors.
6. Never use spray paint or shellac indoors. The odor may cause headaches and the over-spray may damage tables and floors. When spraying outdoors, use newspaper to protect the grass, ground or picnic tables from the over-spray.
7. Don't presume that by doing a craft project outdoors on a picnic table that the mess you leave behind will be okay. Please, cover the picnic table with paper and pick up all craft scraps from the ground.

Hiking

Hike only on existing trails.

Be mindful of litter that may be dropped along the trail. Pick up any litter you may find.

Do not pick flowers, moss or berries.

Never approach or try to pet any wild animal, even if it seems friendly.

Do not build rock and stick "trail markers" on lawns or grassy areas that may be mowed. As a courtesy to others who may later use the trail, please dismantle your trail markers along roads or paths when you are done.

Emergency Procedures

Upon arrival, each troop should devise an emergency plan. A location near the site should be picked as a meeting spot for head count of girls and adults should any emergency occur. The troop should hold a fire drill. In case of a fire, the best plan would be to proceed in an orderly manner from the meeting spot to the parking lot. Be aware, however, that in an actual fire, another escape route may be necessary because of the fire's location. At all times proceed away from the fire, making sure all girls and adults have been accounted for.

If your troop is staying in a building, be sure to locate all exits and fire extinguishers. Keep paths to exits clear at all times. Do not block exits with tables, chairs, camping equipment or beds.

In the event of a thunderstorm or tornado, campers are normally safer in cabins or buildings, as opposed to tents. Campers should not stand under trees or in the open. Remember that lightning is attracted to the highest point. In the aftermath of any storm or fire, electrical power may be out, which may result in no water.

Campfires/ Fire Wood

1. Build camp fires only in designated fire circle areas.
2. Tie long hair back. Be careful with loose fitting clothing and exposed skin.
3. Rake leaves and sticks away from ground around fire ring and fire circle.
4. **NEVER** start fires with gasoline or kerosene. White gas and gasoline stoves are not permitted on GSCM properties.
5. Practice safe cooking with charcoal fires. If using charcoal, solid fire starters or a charcoal chimney should be used. Liquid charcoal starters are prohibited on GSCM properties. Charcoal that has been pre-treated with lighter fluid, such as "Match Light" is not permitted.
6. Buckets of water must be at the fire site **BEFORE** starting a fire. A shovel, a rake and an Indian pump full of water should also be present.
7. **NEVER LEAVE A FIRE UNATTENDED.** This is the cause of many forest fires.
8. Never create a bonfire.
9. Never burn pressure treated wood or wood with nails.
10. Do not bring your own firewood unless it has been purchased (heat treated for bugs).
11. Please do not add more wood to the fire than will burn completely. Any half-burned wood, leave in the fire circle for the next camp fire.
12. When you have finished having a campfire, extinguish the fire with water. Be sure the fire is completely out before leaving the fire area. Stir the ashes and sprinkle them with water. Repeat until the ashes and coals no longer hiss or steam and are **COLD**.
13. Leave the ashes in the fire circle. Property staff will dispose of excess ash periodically.
14. Replenish the firewood in the fire circle wood box for the next group. Even fire wood gathered wet into a wood box will dry in a week's time. Use dry wood found on the ground. Do not cut down live trees or cut live branches. Dragging half a tree over beside the fire circle and leaving it uncut, or filling a wood box with huge, dry-totted logs is inconsiderate and unacceptable.

Leaving Camp

Use the check-out lists provided at your campsite in order to leave your site clean and neat for the next group. Leaders should be the last ones to leave the campsite, making sure all is in order and nothing was left behind. A final walk through of the campsite, double-checking the check-out list is recommended. The following basic items should be checked:

- ❖ Firewood should be replenished (rain or shine) and under cover.
- ❖ Tent platforms/cabins should be swept. Building floors should be swept, mopped or vacuumed if applicable.
- ❖ Fireplaces should be cleaned. Remove the ashes to the fire circle.
- ❖ Stove and ovens should be cleaned. Double check that the oven has been turned off and pans and food are removed.
- ❖ Latrines and/or bathrooms should be cleaned.
- ❖ Unit equipment inventoried and returned to its proper storage area.
- ❖ Refrigerators should be emptied and cleaned with warm water. Leave refrigerator ON and running. Do not turn the temperature down or off. Double check that the door is properly closed. Freezer should be checked for food and that the door is closed
- ❖ The entire campsite should be checked for litter and lost and found items. Walk around each tent/cabin or building. Take special note of looking under cots and bunks with a flashlight.
- ❖ All trash should be placed in the dumpster.
- ❖ All shutters/windows/doors should be closed, secured and/or locked.
- ❖ Site keys returned.

Please go to the link below to complete a camp survey telling us about your visit to the property to help us better serve you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FacilitiesSurvey-POSTcamp>

Recreation Fires At Camp Ilchester

All fires at Camp Ilchester must comply with Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services. Council will acquire the necessary burn permits on a monthly basis and post the permit at Ilchester on the bulletin board. This is a two page permit. Please note, requirement 13 states that the individual responsible for the fire must notify the on duty Fire Supervisor of Howard County at (410) 313-2929 before and after the fire.

Fires at Camp Ilchester are only permitted in the designated fire circles and in accordance with the Burn Permit guidelines. Although Girl Scouts of Central Maryland maintains these fire sites, this does not relieve the person responsible for the fire of the responsibility to comply with the burn permit guidelines or for cleaning up the area after the fire.

If you have any questions, prior to the fire please contact the Camp Ranger, Billy "Boxturtle" Heinbuch at 443-740-0639 or Director of Capital Projects and Property, ~~Bill Ensor~~

Jeff Boots