

Appalachian Mountain Club Ponkapoag Camp Reservations



Facilities: Large cabins sleep 5-6; medium, 4-5; small cabins sleep 2-3; there are also two single-family tent sites. No electricity, running water, or trash receptacles. Pit toilets. Cabins come with furniture and (for cold weather rentals) wood burning stove. The sleeping arrangements in cabins vary, including single, double, and bunk beds. Bring bedding, cook stove, dishes, etc., and drinking water. Tent sites and many cabins have outdoor fireplaces; there are also two common fireplaces. Firewood is available for purchase during the off-season.

Trash, Pets, Boats, and Other Camp Rules: To protect the environment as well as the peace and safety of fellow campers, campers are expected to follow camp rules (<https://ponkapoagcamp.org/rules/>) and rules governing the state’s Blue Hills Reservation. Camp has no facilities for trash disposal; campers must carry out all their trash. Ponkapoag is a pet-friendly camp. To keep our camp safe and enjoyable, we ask that you carefully review our rules related to pets. Pets that disrupt camp due to excessive barking or lack of supervision will be asked to leave. Campers may bring small boats that can be carried manually to the water. No gas engines. In accordance with DCR policy, no person may smoke or vape in or on any Ponkapoag buildings or structures including porches or in designated swimming, wading areas, other public gathering areas, or areas posted as prohibited, at the manager’s discretion.

Summer Season: The lodge – with electricity for a few hours a day – and waterfront are open from the last week in June through Labor Day. During the summer season, rentals are by the week only (except tent sites), and are limited to 3 weeks, not counting last-minute fill-ins (to be on the fill-in waiting list, leave a deposit with the summer manager.) For the final week of summer, campers who volunteer to help close camp can stay through Labor Day at no extra cost.

Rental Requirements: Renters must be at least 21 years old and have a primary residence other than camp. All persons, including persons under 21 years old, staying at the camp must be registered. Anyone who is not listed on the reservation form will not be allowed to stay overnight at camp. Large groups cannot be accommodated.

Inquiries: For availability and other inquiries, call the manager at 781-961-7007 on weekdays between 8:30 and noon. For general information, visit www.ponkapoagcamp.org.

Rental Arrival/Departure Time and Procedures: Summer rental check in is from 1:00PM to 6:00PM on Sunday. Check out is 11:00 am on Sunday. For off-season rentals, please call the manager (781-961-7007) on the morning of your arrival to get the gate lock combination and to inform the manager of your estimated arrival time. At check-out, campers should follow cleaning procedures as posted in cabins and drop cabin key off in box outside manager’s office.

Deposit: Reservations are only accepted with a deposit. Cancellations with 30 days’ notice are eligible for a 50% refund. Cabins must be paid in full prior to arrival at camp. Any remaining balance on arrival must be paid before cabin key can be turned over. Campers will be charged for the full rental period regardless of late arrival or early departure. In cases of severe weather or extreme emergencies, dates can be rescheduled without penalty. For summer rentals, reservations postmarked by April 30 get first consideration.

Priority Rentals for Volunteers: Renters who have worked 15 volunteer hours over the previous year get first priority for summer reservations. Work parties are scheduled throughout the year; please email ponkapoagfacilities@outdoors.org to be added to our email list for announcements and let the manager know if you would like to volunteer to clean up, fix something, or help out during your stay.

Rental Rates [Effective March 1, 2024]*

	Summer*	Off-season			
	Week	Week	Extra day	Standard Weekend (Fri-Sunday)	Memorial Day and Columbus Day (Fri-Monday)
CABINS					
Large	\$440	\$335	\$70	\$185	\$220
Medium	\$410	\$305	\$60	\$160	\$190
Small	\$320	\$260	\$50	\$135	\$165
Extra Small	\$270				

TENT SITES**
\$55 per weekend (min rental period)
\$30 per additional day
\$135 per week

AMC members get 10% discount

* Advanced reservations for the summer season are limited to a full week (Sunday night through Saturday night)

** Tent sites are available for rental May 1 – October 31.

Appalachian Mountain Club / Ponkapoag Camp P.O. Box 582 Randolph, MA 02368 781-961-7007	Official Use Only Assigned Cabin: _____ Dates Rented: _____ Rental Fee: _____ Deposit: _____ Amount Due: _____ Bed/Night Count – _____ * Completed at end of stay
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Reservation Request

RENTER Last name _____ First Name _____
Address _____ Town _____ State _____ Zip _____
BEST phone number(s) to reach you: _____ Add to news
Email: _____ email list [Y] [N]
Emergency contact: _____
AMC member? If yes, member number: _____
NAMES AND AGES (PRINT) of others staying overnight – may write ‘adult’ instead of age if over 21
1. _____ 4. _____
2. _____ 5. _____
3. _____
PETS: Please list *any pets* that will be staying in the cabin and identify what type of animal they are

Car make/model & color: _____ State & License Plate # _____

For Summer Reservations:

RENTAL DATES desired: _____	TOTAL # of WEEKS desired _____
1 st choice cabin	
2 nd choice cabin	
3 rd choice cabin	
Reservations are only accepted by mail. Phone reservations are not accepted. Please write “Attention: summer reservations” on envelope. Include a stamped self-addressed envelope with your reservation form. You will receive confirmation <i>by mail</i> . In order to reduce the need for in person contact, we are asking that reservations include a check for the full amount of your stay. Please call the manager directly if you would like to set up an alternate payment plan. Please make check payable to <i>AMC/Ponkapoag Camp</i> . For summer reservations only: If you have worked at least 15 volunteer hours in the previous year, please include a note describing the work and hours you volunteered and write “Attention: Volunteer Priority” on envelope.	

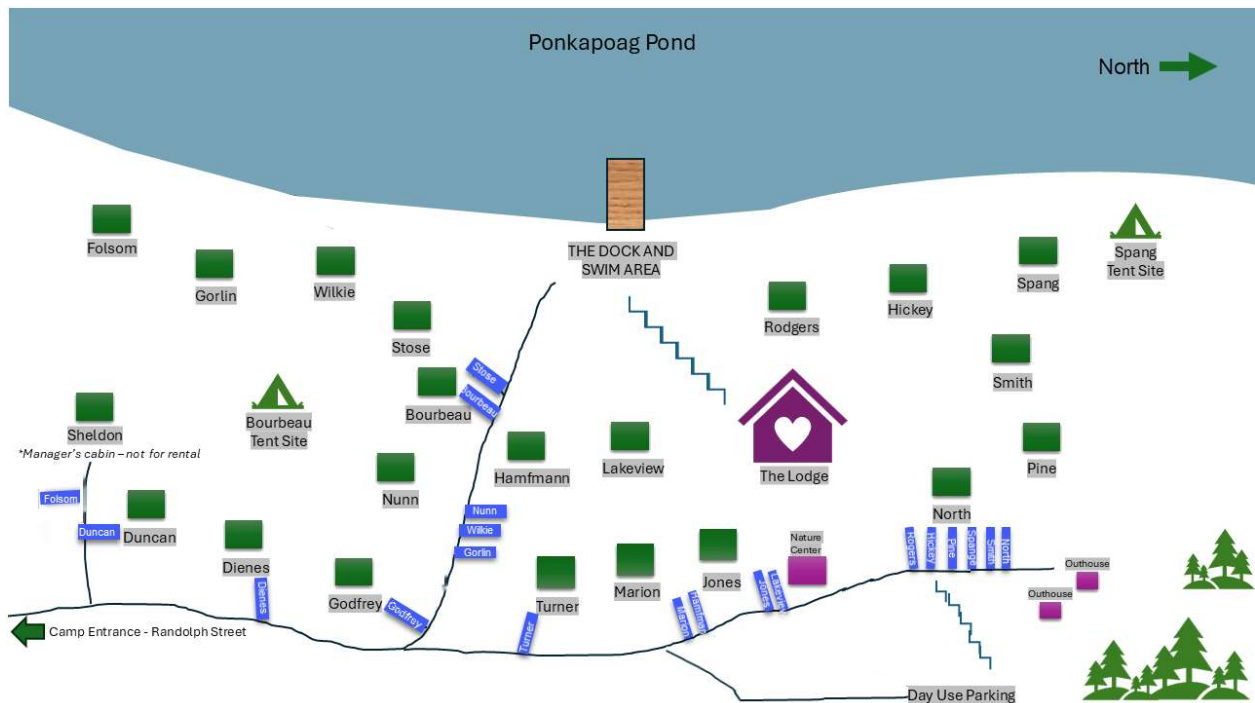
For Off Season Reservations:

Rental dates desired:	For off-season reservations, send your reservation form by mail. Confirmation is by phone. Deposit, which must accompany reservation, is full fee.
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Cabin	Indoor sleeping spaces**	Porch beds	Summersize	Off-seasonsize
North*	2	0	Extra Small	-
Jones	2	1	Small	Small
Hickey*	2	0	Small	-
Smith*	3	0	Small	-
Wilkie*	3	0	Small	-
Spang	3	0	Small	Small
Lakeview	3	1	Medium	Small
Folsom*	3	1	Medium	-
Stose	3	1	Medium	Small
Godfrey	3-4	1	Medium	Medium
Gorlin*	4	1	Medium	-
Dienes	4	1	Medium	Medium
Duncan	4	1	Medium	Medium
Nunn	5	0	Medium	Medium
Bourbeau	3	2	Large	Medium
Hamfman	4	2	Large	Medium
Rogers	5	0	Large	Large
Marian	6	0	Large	Large
Turner	5	1	Large	Large
Pine	5	1	Large	Large

*Available for summer rental only (lacks a wood stove).

** Call 781-961-7007 for more information on the sleeping arrangements.



Summer season reservations: Requests received by April 1st will be processed first. Reservations after that will be processed as received. Please don't send reservations before March 1.

Off season reservations: Mail reservation at least 2 weeks in advance. If desired, call 781-961-7007 for availability.

All reservations: Send in the reservation form, a check or money order written to "AMC Ponkapoag" for the deposit indicated, and include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for confirmation.

APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB VOLUNTEER-LED CAMPS & CABINS
ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISKS & RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

INTRODUCTION

PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING. All participants must sign this Document. For participants under 18 yrs. of age (hereafter sometimes ‘minor’ or ‘child’), one or both parent/s or guardian/s (hereafter collectively ‘parent/s’) must also sign. In consideration of the services of the Appalachian Mountain Club, Inc., a charitable, not-for-profit corporation, organized and existing under the laws of Massachusetts, and its chapters, including all officers, employees, representatives, agents, independent contractors, volunteers (including leaders and co-leaders), members and all other persons or entities associated with it (collectively referred to in this Document as 'AMC'), **I (participant and parent/s of a minor participant), acknowledge and agree as follows:**

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISKS

Use of AMC Volunteer-led Camps and Cabins and/or instructional, educational and/or adventure activities (which may be scheduled or unscheduled, supervised or unsupervised and/or occur during free or independent time) occur in a variety of locations in the U.S. and include the ‘August Camp’ program. Activities may include, but are not limited to hiking, biking, skiing, swimming, maintenance of trails and facilities, canoeing, kayaking, sailing, participant’s independent use of AMC cabins or other facilities or use of those facilities in connection with AMC organized trips or activities, and transportation or travel to and from AMC facilities or activities (referred to in this Document as 'activities' or 'these activities'). **In all activities, participants share in the responsibility for their own safety. Participants (and parent/s of minors) take responsibility for having appropriate skills, physical conditioning, equipment and supplies for these activities.**

These activities include inherent and other risks, hazards and dangers (referred to in this Document as ‘risks’) that can cause or lead to injury, property damage, illness, mental or emotional trauma, paralysis, disability or death to participant or others. Some, but not all of these risks include: hazardous and unpredictable ground, water or weather conditions; misjudgments made by leaders, co-leaders, participants or others; travel in remote areas that can cause delays in transportation, evacuation and medical care; equipment that can fail or malfunction; infectious disease, including but not limited to COVID-19; the potential that the participant or others (e.g. co-participant, driver, medical and rescue personnel) may act carelessly or recklessly. I understand that AMC staff, leaders or other personnel cannot assure participant's safety or eliminate any of these risks. **Participant is voluntarily participating with knowledge of the risks. Therefore, participant (and parent/s of minors) assume and accept full responsibility for the inherent and other risks (both known and unknown) of these activities, and for any injury, damage, death or other loss suffered by participant, resulting from those risks, and resulting from participant’s negligence or other misconduct.**

RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

Please read carefully. This Release and Indemnity agreement contains a surrender of certain legal rights. I (adult participant, or parent/s for themselves and for and on behalf of their participating minor child) agree as follows:

(1) to release and agree not to sue AMC, with respect to any and all claims, liabilities, suits or expenses (including attorneys’ fees and costs) (hereafter collectively ‘claim’ or ‘claim/s’) for any injury, damage, death or other loss in any way connected with my/my child’s enrollment or participation in these activities, or use of AMC equipment, facilities or premises. **I understand I agree here to waive all claim/s I or my child may have against AMC, and agree that neither I, my child, or anyone acting on my or my child’s behalf, will make a claim against AMC, as a result of any injury, damage, death or other loss suffered by me or my child;**

(2) to defend and indemnify (‘indemnify’ meaning protect by reimbursement or payment) AMC with respect to any and all claim/s brought by or on behalf of me, my child, a family member, a co-participant, or any other person for any injury, damage, death or other loss in any way connected with my/my child's enrollment or participation in these activities or use of AMC equipment, facilities or premises.

This Release and Indemnity Agreement includes claim/s resulting from AMC’s negligence (but not its gross negligence or intentional or reckless misconduct), and includes claim/s for personal injury or wrongful death (including claim/s related to emergency or medical response, assessment or treatment), property damage, breach of contract or any other claim.

I agree that the substantive laws of Massachusetts govern this Document and all other aspects of my relationship with AMC, and that any mediation, suit, or other proceeding must be filed or entered into only in Massachusetts. **This Document is intended to be interpreted and enforced to the fullest extent allowed by law. Any portion of this Document deemed unlawful or unenforceable shall not affect the remaining provisions, and those remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.**

Participant and parent/s of a minor participant agree: I have carefully read, understand and voluntarily sign this Document and acknowledge that it shall be effective and binding upon me, my minor children and other family members, and my heirs, executors, representatives and estate. One or both parent/s must sign below for any participating minor (those under 18 years of age).

Participant Signature Date Print name here _____
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