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Black Rock Forest Lodge Information Sheet

The Lodge has 10 bedrooms that can sleep up to 60 people. The Commons, the large central room in the Lodge, can hold up to 140 people. Two wings, one on each side of the Commons, form the rest of the building. Each wing has five bedrooms and two bathrooms with showers. A well-equipped caterer's kitchen is next to the Commons. The deck off the south side of the Commons has a wonderful view of the forest and surrounding hills. Use the walkway to the north deck to enter the building.

5 Bedrooms in each wing (26 beds in the West Wing, 34 beds in the East Wing)

- ❖ The occupancy capacity of the bedrooms varies from 4 people to 8 people. The supervision ratio of adult to student in the bedrooms for our school age groups varies from one adult to 3 students to one adult to 11 students. Two of the bedrooms in each wing share an interior door.
- ❖ The furniture in the bedrooms includes bunk beds, wardrobes with small drawers, large-capacity drawers that fit under the beds, a desk with two chairs, and a floor lamp.

2 Bathrooms in each wing (with waterless, composting toilets)

- ❖ One of the bathrooms (for use by males and/or females) has 2 sinks, 2 toilet stalls, and 2 shower stalls.
- ❖ The other bathroom is a wheelchair-accessible bathroom with 1 sink, 1 toilet, and 1 shower. The door has a privacy lock.

The Main Entrance and Vestibule

- ❖ The door to the Vestibule is the main entrance to the Lodge. Use the walkway to enter the Vestibule and Lodge.

The Commons

- ❖ This large, centrally located room is for dining, lectures, and other group activities. Up to 140 persons can occupy the Commons for activities or lectures and up to 65 persons for dining.

Food Services and the Lodge Kitchen

- ❖ Visitors are responsible for the meals for their group. The Black Rock Forest office keeps a list of caterers, grocery stores, restaurants, and food service providers. The Lodge's kitchen is primarily for catering. The appliances are all commercial and designed to be used by caterers. Visitors can use the large refrigerator, the large freezer, and the microwave oven. Depending on the circumstances and with permission and training, the dishwasher, the gas stove, and food warmer will be available for visitors to use. Small and large plates, bowls, coffee cups, and plastic drinking cups are stored in the cabinets. Flatware, dishtowels, potholders, and cooking utensils are stored in the drawers. Two coffee makers are available. Visitors are asked to clean up after themselves, just as the caterers will clean up after themselves. Use the appropriate recycling and garbage containers.

Transportation to the Forest

- ❖ Member visitors are to arrange for their transportation to the Forest. Many visitors use a bus service or a personal vehicle for their transportation to the Forest, but arrangements can be made to use the train (NJ Transit or Metro North) or Shortline bus and a taxi. Call the BRF office for information.

Other Activities and Costs

- ❖ Consortium visitors may consider hiring individuals or groups to provide various types of activities. These people could be entertainers, educators, naturalists, speakers, lecturers, poets, or storytellers.