**Northwest Camp Rules**

**Reservations** Northwest Camp is open all year long only to those who register. Reservations are required for cabin and tent platform together and are accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. Occupants must have a reservation card posted on front window during their entire stay. To request a reservation, contact the AMC Northwest Camp Registrar, Craig Kennedy at 866-576-6994, extension 6 — leave message only (toll free) or e-mail nwregistrat@ct-amc.org. A maximum of 10 people are allowed per reserved night, 6 in cabin (for fire safety) and 4 on platform. Tents are only to be placed on tent platforms. Camping at Northwest Camp is a privilege. Abuse of these rules may result in loss of that privilege. AMC Ridge Runners and NW Camp Committee Monitors check in on camp on a regular basis.

Rental fees for **Members** throughout the year are $90 per weekend and $35 per night weekdays (Sunday through Thursday). Holiday weekends for three nights are $135 for members.

Non-member fees are $110 per weekend and $45 per night weekdays (Sunday through Thursday). Holiday weekends for three nights are $165 for non-members.

Holiday weekends, Friday and Saturday nights must be booked together throughout the year. Payment must be received 2 weeks after reservation is accepted or risk losing reservation. Third weeknight FREE Monday-Thursday if available, June 1–Sept 30. Sorry, NO REFUNDS.

**Supplies to Bring** Bring your own sleeping bag, sleeping pad, matches, food, utensils, back-packing stove/fuel for cooking, LED lantern (only), dye-free toilet paper, garbage bags, and padlock (optional) for the front or loft stairway door. Side door locks from inside. Also required to bring (not optional) are two 9-volt batteries for smoke detectors—one downstairs and one in loft. No saws needed. Use cord wood for all fires—can be split with maul located next to side door.

**Water** Reliable water is located at the stream adjacent to the cabin. Because you never know what’s in the water, all water from backcountry sources should be considered unsafe. Boiling, filtering and/or treating is recommended before consumption.

**Check In, Cleanup & Check out** Sign in Log Book with arrival/departure times. Clean the cabin, sweep floors. Dump waste water in the posted Wash Pit. Carry out all trash and waste. Refill both wood bins with cordwood and re-stock kindling for next party. **Do not leave anything behind**, especially water containers, paper products, food or cooking fuel. Pack out what you pack in! Ridge Runners and Monitors will report items left behind. Please report any problems to NW Camp Committee Registrar. Any damage from occupancy will be the responsibility of person who registered. The NW Camp Committee and Caretaker are not responsible for lost or stolen personal property.

Checkout time is NOON.

**Winter Use & Access** Hiking to cabin in wintertime is encouraged by parking at Undermountain Trail parking area, 3.2 miles north of Rt. 44 on Rt. 41 in Salisbury, CT. A small blue oval sign marks the entrance. Please note: the unblazed Bee Line is not on our property. Limited parking is available at the AMC parking lot in Connecticut at MA border on 99 Mt. Washington Rd (check with caretaker first). A four-wheel or all-wheel drive vehicle may be required to access this lot. Do Not Park On Town Roads!

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Utilizing Leave No Trace ethics at NW Camp and the surrounding area can help minimize cumulative negative effects of human activity on the environment. The Taconic plateau core area surrounding Northwest Camp is biologically rich and abounds in flora and fauna, some endangered. It also has one of the largest, healthiest and most diverse remaining blocks of forest in southern New England.

The cabin, constructed with chestnut logs in 1951 sits on the northwest shoulder of Bear Mt. (2316’) within the 14,000-acre Schenob Brook (Sages Ravine) watershed basin. This watershed supports more than 40 imperiled species making it one of the most biologically fragile region’s in MA. Also known as a Bioretire, this watershed owes its uniqueness to the presence of calcareous bedrock, which neutralizes groundwater as it reacts with calcium. This process delivers alkaline-rich wetlands and mineral-rich groundwater supporting a very diverse assemblage of rare plants, animals and natural communities (among the highest concentrations in the Northeast, according to the Nature Conservancy).

The following guidelines and recommendations are designed to help prevent damage to sensitive areas by reducing impact to NW Camp and the surrounding watershed. To ensure that this area is protected for the future, we must learn how to minimize our environmental impact today.

CARRY IN CARRY OUT—Under NO circum
-stances should trash, plastic, glass, or
metals be burned in the fire pit or stove.
They can be recycled! Burning certain
types of trash may create a toxic heavy-
metal and carcinogen-laden ash residue.

If you packed it in, PLEASE pack it out!

SITE UPRKEEP: Keep the cabin and trailhead clean. Pick up rubbish in and outside of cabin and on trails. Cabin users must leave absolutely nothing behind in cabin. Leave the cabin and area around cabin better than you found it. A last-minute check is always appreciated and will help ensure that you leave no trace (LNT).

STAY ON ESTABLISHED TRAILS: Please use established blazed trails only. The land that trails cross must be respected and treated with care. Some vegetation above tree line is so small and fragile that one hiking boot footprint could destroy it. Only careful use will preserve the natural beauty of the trail environment and ensure its integrity for future generations to enjoy. Step carefully.

CORDWOOD FOR FIRES ONLY: Gather dead and fallen wood no larger than the size of your forearm for kindling. Use pre-cut cord wood for the stove and fire ring. Never cut live branches or trees for firewood. A campfire is a privilege and only permitted at the fire ring. Use fire and firewood responsibly.

WATER & WASHING: Wash, clean, and rinse cookware in wash pit area only. This includes dishes and brushing your teeth. Any soap or toothpaste, even biodegrade-
able, can pollute lakes and streams. Dump all wastewater in wash pit, too. Scrape food scraps from screen and pack it out in leftover bag. Remember, we all live downstream.

KEEP WILDLIFE WILD: Black Bears are making a comeback in the area. Observe all wildlife from a distance and never approach, feed or follow them. Human food is unhealthy for wild-
life and feeding them starts bad habits. Protect wildlife and your food by securely storing your meals and trash. Wild Should Wild Remain!

HUMAN WASTE: Use the Moldering Toilet (Privy) or Outhouse near the tent platform. Do not use either one for garbage disposal. Peeing in the Privy helps maintain the necessary mois-
ture balance to aid in decomposition. After using Privy, cover your deposit with a handful of wood shavings from container provided or duff (leaves) from the forest floor. Close the lid to help keep odors and flies down in summer. Close door with all hooks. Liquid human waste should be dispersed 200’ from stream/cabin, and 50’ from trail. Restock Privy with dye-free toilet paper.

PLEASE KEEP YOURSELF UPDATED: Read kiosk in front of cabin for latest LNT tech-
niques and NW Camp information. Additional ideas on how to reduce our impact can be sent to Rod Parlee, Chair, AMC NW Camp Committee, nwcamp@ct-amc.org

Enjoy a Wilderness Experience in a Rustic Setting!