

Please review carefully as information has changed

Troop Camp Information Packet Camp Brighton Woods

120 Brighton Dam Road, Brookeville, MD 20833

Site Information

Caretaker: Gregg Jensen – cell: 703-517-0624 or 703-217-6679. If you are unable to contact the Caretaker, please refer to the Emergency Procedures Involving a Girl Scout on the back cover of *Green Pages* for additional contact information.

Site Visits: Visits to the site prior to your scheduled camping trip should be arranged with the caretaker.

Camp Access: The camp gate can be opened by entering **1912** into the tumbler on the padlock, push the top of the lock into the body of the lock and release to open. The main camp gate should be kept locked at all times. If you have reserved the lodge the caretaker will unlock it.

At Brighton Woods Lodge – there is now one door on both sides of the lodge with a combination lock on the door handle. When you arrive at the lodge, simply enter the gate combination code **1912** and the door will unlock. Please note that the door will re-lock unless you turn the deadbolt on the inside of the door.

Emergency Phone: The emergency phone is located near the basement garage door of the Brighton Lodge. The phone number is **301-774-4044**. Padlock is the same as gate combo **1912**.

Parking: Park all cars in designated parking spaces only facing out so that in an emergency you will be ready to drive out of the site without turning around or backing up. Only two cars can be parked at each site all others must be parked in the parking lot of the camp.

Security: To maintain security at the camp, the front gates should be kept locked at all times. If you have multiple cars bringing girls to camp, please be sure that all have the combination to the gate. If there are securities issues contact the camp caretaker.

Services

Emergency: Dial **911** for Police, Fire or Rescue Squad

Medical: Montgomery General Hospital, 18101 Prince Phillips Drive, Olney, MD 20832
Directions: Turn left onto Brighton Dam Rd. Turn Left onto Georgia Ave. Turn Left onto Prince Phillips Dr. the hospital will be on the left
Emergency Room Phone: 301-774-8900

Grocery: Giant Food, 17821 Georgia Ave., Olney, MD 20832, 301-570-1665

Convenience: 7-11, 29 Olney Sandy Spring Road, Ashton, MD, 301-924-3856

Religious: St. Peter's Catholic Church, 2900 Olney Sandy Spring Road, Olney, MD, 301-924-3774
Brookeville Salem United Methodist Church, 8 High Street, Brookeville, MD, 301-774-7772
Olney Baptist Church, 17525 Georgia Ave., Olney, MD, 301-774-5433

Directions to Camp

From DC - Take New Hampshire Avenue North into Montgomery County. (MD Route 650). Continue north on New Hampshire Avenue through Ashton, MD. Travel 3.3 miles North of MD Rt. 108 and turn right onto Brighton Dam Road. Travel approximately 0.9 mile the **camp entrance is on right, indicated by a small sign**.

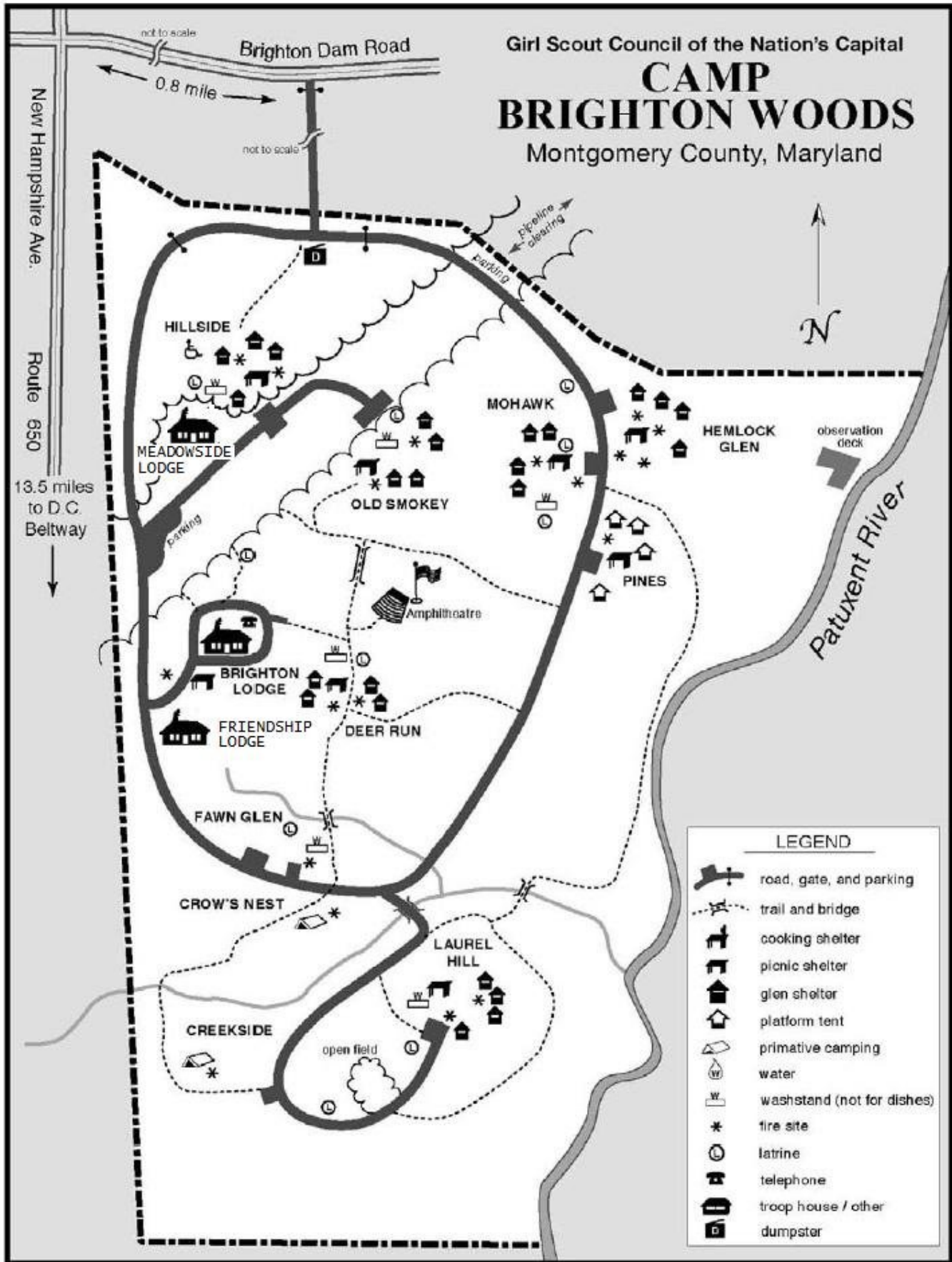
From VA - Take the beltway I-495 into Maryland, travel to exit 28A, New Hampshire Avenue (MD Route 650 North). Continue North on New Hampshire Avenue through Ashton, MD. Travel 3.3 miles North of MD Rt. 108 and turn right onto Brighton Dam Road. Travel approximately 0.9 mile the **camp entrance is on right, indicated by a small sign**.

From MD - Take th Beltway (either I-495 or I-95) to Exit 28A, New Hampshire Avenue, Maryland Route 650 North), or take your own alternative route to New Hampshire Avenue. Continue North on New Hampshire Avenue through Ashton, MD. Travel 3.3 miles North of MD Rt. 108 and turn right onto Brighton Dam Road. Travel approximately 0.9 mile the **camp entrance is on right, indicated by a small sign**.

From Points West (Frederick, Leesburg) – Take I-70 East to Exit 76 – MD Rt. 97 South towards Olney. Turn Left onto New Hampshire Ave. (MD Rt. 650) and follow for about 3 miles. Turn left onto Brighton Dam Road. Travel approximately 0.9 mile the **camp entrance is on right, indicated by a small sign**.

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GSCNC Camping Services Memorandum – Bats at Camp

Bats are a normal part of the camp environment however campers/adults should not sleep in a structure when bats are present

To Do Upon Arrival at Camp

- Troop Leader/Camping Qualified adult should check each sleeping shelters prior to placing the girls in the shelter.
Please Note: Bats tend to roost in dark corners. Please use a flashlight to check the rafters and tent beams.
- If a bat is observed roosting inside a tent or glen shelter, girls/adults should be moved to a shelter where no bats are present. If this is not possible, contact the caretaker at the number provided on page 1.
- Report the presence of bats in sleeping shelters to the Council.
- Avoid direct contact with any form of wildlife.

Bats are a normal occurrence at camp and their mere presence does not put you at risk. If you have additional questions, please contact Denise Viau, Camping Services Manager at dviau@gscnc.org or 202-237-1670 ext.208

Severe Weather Safety Tips

It is suggested that troops pack a battery-powered radio to monitor weather conditions. Often weather warnings are issued by counties. Brighton Woods is in Montgomery County but closely borders Howard County.

Tornados – If a tornado warning is issued or if threatening weather approaches, take shelter immediately. At Brighton Woods troops should evacuate to the **basement of the main lodge** when a Tornado Warning is issued. If unable to safely evacuate to the main lodge stay in the center of a glen shelter. Avoid automobiles, tree groves, platform tents, and windows. If no shelter is available, lie flat in the nearest ditch or ravine; protect your head and neck with your arms and anything else that is available.

Lightening Storms – Indoors you should stay away from windows and avoid using the phone (except in an emergency), any electrical appliances and water faucets as all can transmit electricity. If caught outdoors, get inside of a sturdy structure (glen shelter or cook shelter). If no structure is available, get to a low place and squat as close to the ground as possible and spread out, keeping people several yards apart. Avoid open water and natural lightening rods (tall trees, telephone poles, etc.)

Flash Floods – Get to high ground immediately and avoid areas that are subject to flooding. Do not drive through flooded areas. Be extra cautious at night when it is harder to recognize flood dangers.

Guidelines for use of GSCNC Campsites

GSCNC believes the responsibility to respect and maintain property is inherent in the philosophy of Girl Scouting. It is assumed that property and facilities will be used with consideration. Further let it be understood that those who use the property should adhere to the following guidelines:

Guns and Firearms – Firearms are prohibited on GSCNC property. If your profession requires that you carry a firearm at all times, please contact the Camping Department at 202-237-1670 ext. 208.

Tobacco, Alcohol and Illegal Drugs – Smoking is not permitted in any of the structures or lodges on GSCNC property. If you must smoke, do so only in designated fire sites while no girls are present. Please extinguish and discard of cigarette butts properly, do not leave them on the grounds of the property. The use of alcohol and illegal drugs is prohibited on all Council property.

Cars and Traffic – Only two cars may be parked at each site, all others should be parked in the main parking area. All cars should be backed into spaces. Only drive on the established roads. The speed limit in camp is 5 mph unless otherwise noted. Drive safely around the camp as children and animals are present.

Trash and Litter – Please be mindful of trash and litter and pick up any that you may see while at the camp and dispose of it properly. All garbage from your stay should be deposited in the dumpster at the camp entrance. If the dumpster is full, please take the trash home with you. Do not leave trash unattended at sites.

Care of the Natural Environment – *Leave only footprints, take only memories.* Stay on established trails and roads for hiking and moving between sites. Only use wood that is dead and found on the ground. Fires should be limited to established fire sites and should be of appropriate size for their intended use. Refrain from picking plants and flowers. Do not attempt to approach, pet, or feed any animals – wild or domestic. Pets are prohibited on all Council property.

Paper products (toilet paper, paper towels) are NOT PROVIDED at our campsites.

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Campsite Cleaning Procedures

In keeping with the Girl Scout ethic, please complete this detailed checklist prior to your departure from camp. After your departure, the Caretaker will inspect the site using the same checklist. If there are any discrepancies you will be notified within 48 hours. You may be charged for the cost of cleaning the lodge or unit at a rate of \$20.00 per hour with a one-hour minimum.

Please assure the lodge or site is in a satisfactory condition as spelled out in this checklist upon your arrival. If not, please contact the Caretaker via telephone or pager and report your findings.

The Property Department will supply the brooms, shovels, rakes and mopping supplies. Lodge cleaning materials can be found in a closet/cabinet inside the lodge. Unit cleaning items can be found in the unit shelter. Please return all supplies when cleaning is complete.

Unit Cleaning Procedures

- Glen Shelters, Platform tents, Adirondacks, Tree houses* - Remove all camping equipment from the structure, using a straw broom sweep all shelving and floor surfaces. For mud or dirt debris that is caked on the floor surface, dampen the area with a small amount of water and sweep out with force to remove. Close all tent flaps and curtains.
- Fire Circle* - Maintain site in a clean and orderly fashion.
- Woodpile* - Replenish tinder and kindling for the next group.
- Trash* - All trash should be removed from buildings, shelters and unit area and placed in dumpster.
- Latrines* - Sweep floor, remove all unused toilet paper, clean toilet seat and basin with a moderate amount of disinfectant.
- Cook Shelter* - Sweep the cook shelter.
- Washstand* - Scrub basin of washstand and ensure that all faucets are turned off.

Lodge Cleaning Procedures

- Tile/Wooden Floors* - Sweep floor thoroughly. Assure all tape, glitter, glue etc. is removed from the floor surface. Please be careful not to scratch the floor surface. Once floor is cleaned of all debris it is ready to be damp mopped. Follow the instructions on the floor cleaner provided. Rinse the mop out several times throughout mopping. Change the mop water as it becomes dirty.
- Appliances* - Cook stoves (gas or electric) have either a porcelain or stainless steel finish. Never use an abrasive cleaner or scrub pad on these areas. A kitchen sponge with normal dish washing liquid should be used for cleaning. Dry stovetops off with paper towel after all food, grease etc. have been removed from the surface. Turn stove burners on for a few seconds to dry excess moisture off.
- Refrigerator* - Remove all troop food from refrigerator. Wipe all surfaces down with warm soapy water. Take all unused food with you when leaving the building. Leave the refrigerator on.
- Flush Toilets* - Toilet seats, bowls and basin should be cleaned with a moderate amount of disinfectant. Toilets should be dried with a hand or paper towel.
- Carpet and Entrance Door Mats* - Carpeted areas should be vacuumed. Doormats should be swept off outside with a straw broom.
- Indoor Fireplace* – Use a bucket to move cold ashes to an outside fire circle and close the damper.
- Trash* - Remove all trash and place in dumpster prior to departure.
- Thermostat* – Please return thermostat to 55°

In Case of an Emergency to Girl Scout Property

- Contact the camp caretaker – Gregg Jensen – home: 703-217-6679 or cell: 703-517-0624).
- During office hours (Monday-Friday 9 am-5 pm) contact the Girl Scout Council office at 202-237-1670 or 800-523-7898.
- If unable to reach the caretaker contact Tammy Worcester –Property Manager at 703-909-5644 (cell) or 703-777-1969 (office).

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