

**The White Memorial Foundation and Conservation Center**, located in the northwestern Connecticut foothills of the Berkshire Mountains, welcomes individuals, families and groups to its wide range of facilities for outdoor study and recreation. Created in 1913 by Alain C. White and his sister, May W. White, the Foundation and Center today comprise 4,000 acres of fields, waters and woodlands, 35 miles of trails, a museum, as well as campgrounds, boating facilities, meeting houses, dormitories and special areas for large outdoor gatherings.



**The White Memorial Foundation** is dedicated to preserving its forests and countryside so that all may enjoy the gifts of nature that abound here. Four guiding principles direct its work:

1. **Recreation** – to provide the public with opportunities to enjoy the resources and beauties of nature in a world where such opportunities are all too rapidly becoming difficult to find.
2. **Education** – to foster personal experiences of nature under the guidance of skilled teachers and leaders.
3. **Conservation** – to explore practical applications of our knowledge about the natural environment in order to discover principles of wise resource management.



4. **Research** – to promote the search for knowledge about our natural environment through organized scientific observation and experimentation, and to share this knowledge with the public.

**The White Memorial Conservation Center**, located in the heart of the Foundation property, houses a Nature Museum. Over 20,000 people visit the museum every year, enjoying its exquisitely mounted dioramas showing wildlife of the area in different seasons. The Center's full-time professional staff and numerous volunteers offer the public a diverse schedule of educational programs year-round. Special presentations may be arranged for individual groups in advance. Programs for children are also available, and there is a special Children's Corner in the Museum as well. For information about current exhibits, upcoming programs, and membership to the Center, phone (860) 567-0857 or check our website, [www.whitememorialcc.org](http://www.whitememorialcc.org).



Nature Museum    Picnicking    Boating    Campgrounds    Hiking    Riding Trails    Cross-Country Skiing  
Birdwatching    Facilities for Conferences, Meetings, Receptions and Group Outdoor Activities

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maintains a wide variety of facilities for public use – some on a fee basis, others at no charge.

## Campgrounds

- The Pine Groves Group Campgrounds (1 & 2) are available to non-profit youth groups at no cost and to other groups for a nominal fee.
- Windmill Hill Family Campground (3), located in the shelter of woods, operates from Memorial Day to Labor Day; 18 sites are available. Advance registration and a fee are required.
- Point Folly Family Campground (4), located on a peninsula in Bantam Lake, operates from early May to mid-October; 47 sites are available. Advance registration and a fee are required.

## Boating

- Bantam Lake and the Bantam River offer fine fishing and canoeing. Both are accessible from our boat launch for a nominal fee. Moorings and a small number of boat slips are also available on a rental basis.

## Picnicking

- Tables and other facilities are available on the grounds of the Center at no cost.

## Trails

- More than 35 miles of trails, through varied terrain, are open year-round for hiking and cross-country skiing. Most are also available for biking and horseback riding. Interpretive nature trails and a boardwalk trail for observing the plants and animals found in wetland and forest habitats are located on the property.

## Birdwatching

- The Holbrook Bird Observatory (6) overlooks an area specially landscaped to attract a variety of birds in all seasons. Sheltered viewing stations are available for birdwatchers and photographers.

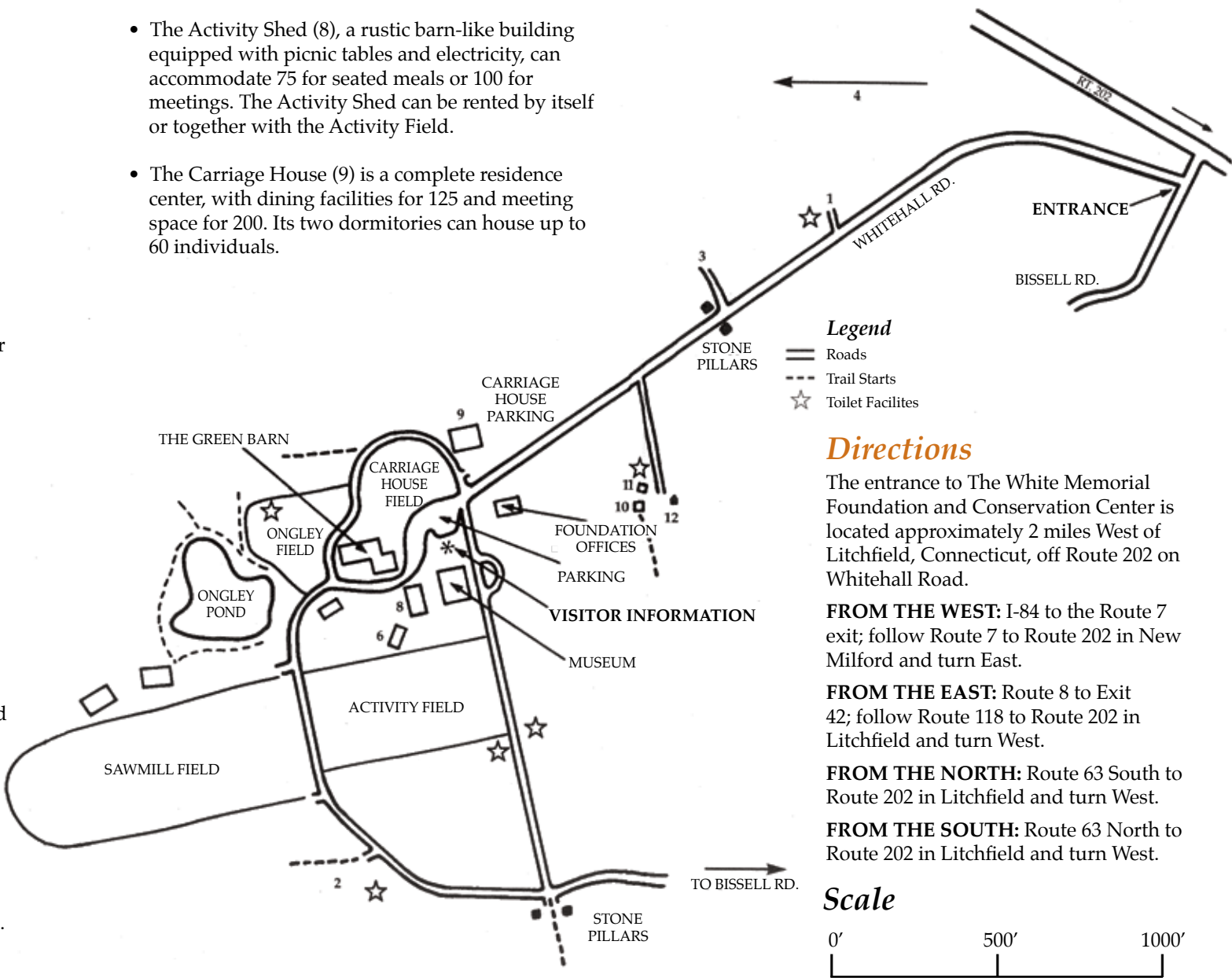
## Orienteering

- A section of the Foundation property has been mapped for the increasingly popular sport of orienteering – the art of map and compass.

## Group Facilities

- The Activity Field (7), a grassy area of approximately five acres, can be rented for non-profit group activities requiring a large open space.
- The Activity Shed (8), a rustic barn-like building equipped with picnic tables and electricity, can accommodate 75 for seated meals or 100 for meetings. The Activity Shed can be rented by itself or together with the Activity Field.
- The Carriage House (9) is a complete residence center, with dining facilities for 125 and meeting space for 200. Its two dormitories can house up to 60 individuals.

- The Meeting Barn (10) is a multi-purpose screened pavilion equipped with picnic tables. Suitable for three-season use, it can accommodate groups of 60 for meetings or meals.
- The Mott-Van Winkle Classroom (11) is available for year-round group programs, with seating for 50.
- The Kienholz Memorial Fireplace (12) offers an outdoor amphitheater setting for small group assemblies and campfire programs.



The facilities and grounds of the *White Memorial Foundation and Conservation Center* are open to all interested individuals, organizations and business groups. **Advance registration and a fee are required for use of the following facilities:**

- Activity Field
- Activity Shed
- Meeting Barn
- Carriage House
- Dormitories
- Mott-Van Winkle Classroom
- Family Campgrounds
- Boat Moorings and Slip
- Group Campgrounds

Fees for each facility vary according to the type of group using it and the purpose of the activity being conducted.

Fee schedule available upon request.

## How and When to Apply

Registration applications for use of the Foundation’s facilities are available from the main office by mail or telephone. Registering as far in advance as possible will make it more likely that preferred dates will be available. When there is a conflict in dates, preference is generally given to groups with goals similar to those of the Foundation and Center.

For further information about the cost and availability of facilities, contact:

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