

Hello Campers!

We are very much looking forward to seeing everyone at the **7th Annual WNCCYPAA Campout!** (May 24th – 26th, 2024.) Some important information, a map of the campground, and campground info is also attached below.

Reminders:

THERE IS NO CELL PHONE RECEPTION OR WIFI AT THE CAMPGROUND, nor on a lot of the **Blue Ridge Parkway/roads leading to the campgrounds**. It is very important to **upload your directions BEFORE you leave**. Fill up your gas tank, buy your supplies, download/screenshot directions (to and from the campsite, just in case), etc before you leave town. If you get lost or run out of gas, there will be no way to contact us for help. The address is:

Black Mountain Campground/Briar Bottom Group Campground
50 Black Mountain Campground Rd
Burnsville, NC 28714

Campground Management Phone: 828-675-5616

Once you arrive at the main entrance to Black Mountain Campground, turn **left** towards the **Briar Bottom Group Camp**. We are staying at the **Maple and Red Oak** campsites, which is right next to the activity field. (Veer to the right when you enter the loop as it's one-way; see map below.) There will be a table set up for you to register and get your wristband.

Parking is VERY limited. PLEASE CARPOOL! Once the parking spots next to the campsite are full, we will help shuttle people back and forth to the main parking lot area by the entrance to the campgrounds. Please come to the campsite, check in and collect your armband, and unload your camping gear. If parking is full, a committee member will follow you back to the entrance so you can park your car in the main lot and bring you back to the campsite.

There is also well pump on site, so please bring a water bottle. Dinner on Friday night and Saturday night, cold brew coffee, and some snacks will provided, but please plan on bringing your own breakfast/lunch/snacks to eat. (We will have vegetarian options at dinner). There are charcoal grills you can use (bring charcoal), and we will have our committee gas stove. That being said, **the campground is located in a bear sanctuary**. We ask that you store any food you have in your car/a committee member's car overnight. We have had bears come through early in the morning during past campouts. While the bears will not bother you, they will definitely eat your food and cause a ruckus.

Bring a headlamp/lantern/flashlight. The campsite does NOT have electricity and is not well lit at night, so you will need one of these to get around, (especially when walking through the woods to your tent.) While the public restrooms next to our site are lit, that is pretty much it. There is no way to plug in/charge electronic devices, so power banks and extra batteries are recommended. There is no cell service/WiFi at the campsite, but if you plan to use your phone

as a camera/flashlight/etc, we've found that switching to airplane mode helps save the battery a LOT.

There are hot water showers at the entrance of the campgrounds, but it's camping in the woods, so no one cares about cleanliness. (Seriously.) Wet Wipes/baby wipes are super helpful. You can also rinse off in the river/waterfall area, but just know that the water is *very* cold.

BRING WARM CLOTHES. While it should be in the 70s during the day, the temperature will drop into the 50s at night. (The site is at a high elevation in the mountains.) A **sleeping bag** or *very* warm blanket is also very important. (Sleeping bags work much better, ESPECIALLY if you're sleeping on an air mattress.) Bring hoodies, thermals, onesies, etc. (50° doesn't seem that cold until you're trying to sleep in it.) Bring a **poncho/rain jacket or suit/umbrella/etc.** Even if the forecast doesn't call for rain, it's better to be prepared - just in case.

BRING A FOLDING CHAIR to lounge in and sit in during the meetings around the campfire. Please bring any extra chairs you have to share with others.

Hammocks: yes, definitely. If you don't have a tent, sleeping in a hammock is a great option. (Don't forget straps!) If anyone wants to bring folding tables, EZ Ups in case it rains, games, sports equipment, etc. please do so. Share with each other and make this the best campout ever!

So, packing recap: *folding chair*, **tent**/hammock, sleeping pad/air mattress/cot, sleeping bag/thick blanket & pillow, headlamp/flashlight/lantern with extra batteries/power bank, warm clothes for nighttime, rain jacket/poncho/umbrella, breakfast/lunch/snacks, water bottle, directions to & from the campground, and any games or fun stuff you'd like to bring.

Please remember to **clean up after yourself** and to **put trash in the trash cans and CIGARETTE BUTTS IN ASH TRAYS.**

There will be a meeting on both nights, so if you need to have a meeting sheet signed, please feel free to bring it.

Please be mindful of your noise level at night and be respectful to everyone at the surrounding campsites. (Official campground "**quiet hours**" are **10pm to 7am.**) Remember: you might be the only copy of the Big Book someone will ever see. ♡

You are welcome to show up at any point during the weekend, sleep in a tent/hammock or head home/come back, come for just Saturday, etc. Please be packed up and out of the campsite by **11am on Sunday. CLEAN UP YOUR AREA and properly dispose of any trash** at the dumpster by the entrance of the group camping loop.

Mission statement:

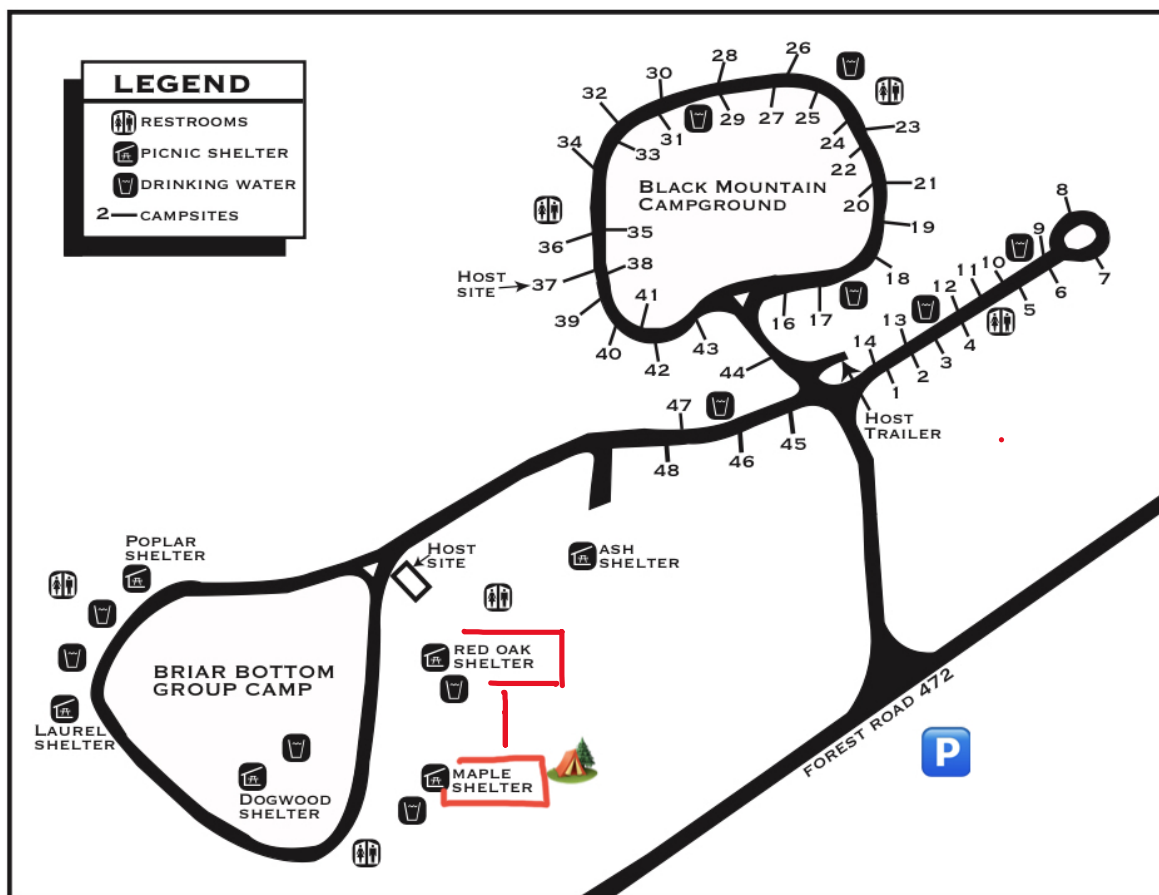
WNCCYPAA stands for the **Western North Carolina Community of Young People in AA.** Our mission is to bring young people in Asheville together, especially to bridge the gap

between AA and treatment centers. We know it is imperative to have fun in recovery. “We are not a glum lot!” **Our goal is to fulfill AA’s primary purpose by carrying the AA message to the alcoholic who still suffers.** We are convinced that service keeps you sober, and hope to inspire young people through meetings, events, and outreach. **Age is not a factor in YPAA!** We consider anyone willing to grow a part of our community. If you would like to get involved in our committee, we would love to have you! Please talk to a committee member at the campout. We can give you information about our meetings and upcoming events. Let us help you get involved!

Thank you for attending our event. We cannot wait to see you!

In service,
 The WNCYPAA Committee
AshevilleYoungPeople@gmail.com

*Please feel free to contact us at the above email with any and all questions – we’re here to help!



Black Mountain Campground



50 Black Mountain Campground Road | Burnsville, NC 28714 (828) 675-5616

Campground Rules

Black Mountain Campground is open mid-April through October. Stay limits are 14 days within a 30-day period.

Access is through main gate of Black Mountain Campground. The gate is closed at 10:00 pm and reopens at 7:00 am. If you expect to arrive after the gate hours, please contact the Campground Manager at 828.675.5616

Reservations are available and may be made by contacting the National Recreation Reservation System toll-free at 877.444.6777 or online at www.recreation.gov. When checking in, please provide your reservation confirmation.

Federal Interagency Passes (Senior and Access) may be used only by the person to whom they are issued, for single sites. The pass holder must occupy the site.

Upon arrival, check in with the site manager prior to setting up your campsite.

Campers must be at least **18 years old** to rent a site and agree to take responsibility for all the occupants of the site. Campsites must be occupied the first night and cannot be left unattended for more than 24 hours.

Check Out time is 12:00 pm. Check availability to renew and pay by 11:00 AM.

Quiet Hours are observed from 10:00 pm to 7:00 am. Be considerate of other campers.

Alcoholic beverages Alcoholic beverages are permitted at your site only.

Speed Limit—Observe the 15 MPH speed limit (5 MPH in the loops) and all traffic signs. All vehicles must conform to NC Law.

Vehicles & Tents must be kept within gravel area of campsite. Vehicles must have all wheels on pavement or gravel. Parking is not permitted on the grass, along the road or in vacant sites.

Generators may be used up to **4 hours** between the hours of **8 AM and 8 PM**.

Single Campsites allow up to 8 people, 2 vehicles and 1 wheeled camper (as long as space permits).

Double Sites allow up to 16 people, 4 vehicles and 2 wheeled campers (as long as space permits).

Campfires are permitted **ONLY** in fire rings. Removal of any tree, branch, or other vegetation is prohibited. "Dead and Down" wood may be used for firewood.

Prepare food, wash dishes and clean fish at campsites only, not at bathhouses or hydrants. Water hydrants are not connected to sewer system. Water faucets are for drawing water only.

KEEP YOUR CAMPSITE CLEAN: Remove all garbage and place it in animal-proof trashcan or dumpster. Clean your campsite and table after each meal. Do not leave drinks, snacks or food on camp tables, especially overnight. Scrub grills thoroughly after use. Dispose of used aluminum foil, food scraps and grease in trash facilities. Failure to comply will result in immediate campsite eviction. No refunds.

Garbage must be placed in dumpsters.

Pets must be on a leash or kenneled at all times. Pets are not to be left unattended in the campground and are not permitted in the bathrooms or beach area. Clean up after your pet.

Bikes are to follow the direction of vehicle traffic. No motorized bikes/toys allowed. No riding after dark.

Weapons and Fireworks are prohibited and cannot be discharged in the campground. Possession of firearms must conform to NC State Law.

Refunds may be made only for emergency situations. No refunds are given for weather. **Lost and Found** items are turned in to the staff. If unclaimed, they are donated to a charity or disposed of properly. See manager for details.

This site is a National Forest Recreation Area operated in part under a Special Use Permit by FIND Outdoors.



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*For more information on the campground, please visit their website:
<https://cfaia.org/recreation-areas-campgrounds/north-carolina-campgrounds-recreation-areas/black-mountain-briar-bottom-campgrounds-in-north-carolina/>