



Voluntown Peace Trust

Rental Policies & Guidelines

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Thank you for your interest in spending time on the beautiful Voluntown Peace Trust (VPT) property. Please review the guidelines and policies for using the VPT property that follow, sign the Rental Agreement and return it to us with your deposit as indicated on the Facility Rental Worksheet.

Reservations & Rates

Reservations may be made up to one year in advance. Rates quoted by telephone or in writing become binding upon receipt and signature of this Rental Agreement plus deposit. When VPT receives this agreement, both parties are bound by its terms unless cancellation is made thirty (30) days prior to the reservation date.

A deposit of \$100.00 is required at time of reservation for either Ahimsa Lodge, Swann-Corrie House, A.J. Muste Center, Chuck's Cabin or the Yurt. For groups renting all buildings, the deposit is \$400.00.

Your deposit will be reimbursed within two weeks of your stay if the spaces you used are left as you found them, are left clean and all non-recyclables were taken with you at departure. Deposits are non-refundable in the event cancellations are made less than thirty (30) days prior to the reservation date.

2013 Rates

Ahimsa Lodge

- \$35.00 per person/night 1st 10
- \$25.00 per person/night above 10

Swann-Corrie House

- \$35.00 per person/night 1st 10
- \$25.00 per person/night above 10

Chuck's Cabin

- \$35.00 per night for one person
- \$50.00 per night for two people

Yurt

- \$35.00 per night for one person
- \$50.00 per night for two people
- \$25 per day for Kitchen use

A. J. Muste Center

For Renters of Ahimsa and/or Swann-Corrie

- \$50.00 per day
- \$100.00 per day including Kitchen use

For Non-Renters:

- \$150.00 Day Rental including Kitchen use
- \$50.00 Short-Term Rental for up to three hours with no Kitchen use

Event Related Camping

- \$15 per tent per night

Guests ages 2 to 17 are \$20 per night. Children under age 2 may stay for free.

Discounts

The following receive use and rental discounts on VPT facilities:

- CNVA member groups receive a 10% discount
- Founding Donors and Sustaining members receive a 25% discount

Buildings

Guests may use only those buildings agreed upon prior to arrival. Guests are responsible for turning off all lights when exiting any building. When using Ahimsa Lodge, guests are responsible for locking exit doors whenever the Lodge is not occupied. Guests are welcome to browse the library in the A. J. Muste Center, with caretaker permission, and if it is not in use; please do not remove any books from the library. Guests are not allowed in any VPT offices without explicit permission from the VPT caretaker or a member-in-charge.

Linens or Sleeping Bags

A bed cover, pillow and pillow case are provided. Please bring your own blankets, sheets (or sleeping bags) and towels. One blanket per mattress is available by prior arrangement. Sheets and towels (*Linens*) are available for a charge of \$5.00 per person.

Meals

Guests are responsible for preparing their own meals. Ahimsa Lodge and Swann-Corrie house have a full kitchen with pots, pans, plates and cooking and eating utensils. In order to be friendly to our environment, we urge you to use the plates and utensils provided rather than paper and plastic products. On-site catering can be arranged in advance. Please ask us for a list of local restaurants and caterers.

Fire Safety

Only one campfire circle, located near Ahimsa Lodge, is available for campfires. Guests must obtain instructions from the VPT caretaker before any wood is collected or a fire started. Firewood is available by advance arrangement. Guests are responsible for extinguishing all fires. Fires are not to be left unattended. No smoking is permitted in any of the VPT buildings. Please deposit cigarettes/cigars in the sand buckets available outside of buildings, or in trash receptacles, if fully extinguished. Guests should not wander through the woods with lit cigarettes/cigars. Guests are prohibited from lighting candles inside any VPT buildings.

Drugs & Alcohol

Illegal drugs are prohibited on VPT property. Alcohol distribution to minors is prohibited.

Telephones

Ahimsa Lodge is the only VPT rental facility with telephone service, which is local only; the telephone number is 860-376-1072. Many cell phones do not receive service on VPT property. Guests are responsible for bringing a personal calling card for any long-distance calls.

Office Information & Check In

Check In is from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., unless prior arrangements have been made with the VPT caretaker. Please have your group leader check in at the Welcome Center, located at the Farmhouse. Office Hours are posted at the Welcome Center. Copies can be made onsite for 15¢ per copy or for 10¢ per copy if you supply paper.

Cleaning & Check Out

Check Out time is 3:00 p.m., unless prior arrangements have been made.

Guests are responsible for:

- checking in and out with the VPT caretaker, unless other arrangements are made in advance
- cleaning each of the buildings used during their stay, including and not limited to, sweeping and mopping floors, cleaning refrigerators and stoves in any buildings used
- removing all trash/non-recyclables from the premises
- contacting the VPT caretaker to conduct a walk-through inspection of all buildings used, prior to departure - Ahimsa guests may call the Farmhouse 860-376-9970 when ready for a walk-through inspection

Failure to return a building to the state in which it was found, or to return any keys issued will result in loss of your deposit. The balance of your Rental fee is due at time of Check Out. We accept personal and organization checks and cash.

Parking

Guests should park only in those areas designated for parking, which includes the left side of the main driveway at the Farmhouse and in the circle driveway at Ahimsa Lodge. Please do not drive on any grassy areas unless instructed to do so by the VPT caretaker or member-in-charge. We encourage carpooling, as parking space is limited.

Pets

Pets are not allowed in any VPT rented buildings unless required due to disability.

Activities

Guests may use the grounds for outdoor activities that do not cause damage to buildings or land. VPT has a basketball hoop, a volleyball set and balls, disc golf and Labyrinth available for use. The VPT caretaker can direct guests to nearby state parks and beaches. In consideration of our neighbors and other guests, please keep noise to a respectful level.

Cautions

Ticks are very common on VPT property. Perform tick checks regularly to reduce risk of Lyme Disease. Poison ivy grows in abundance on VPT property. Use caution when walking in dense underbrush and if touching any trees with vines on them.

Special Needs

Please let us know in advance how we can accommodate any special situations. We will do our best to assist you or any member(s) of your group with special needs during their stay.

Additional Notes: