

***Thank you for choosing ASPI and helping to make a difference for future generations and preserving this land!***

Thank you for your reservation at ASPI Rockcastle River Wilderness Site. We look forward to your visit and joining us in the beauty of nature that is ASPI Rockcastle River Wilderness Site.

***Please take time to review some general information and policy reminders.***

### **ASPI ROCKCASTLE RIVER WILDERNESS SITE**

- ASPI is a not-for-profit conservation educational organization. Our mission is to make science and technology responsive to the needs of communities in Appalachia. We offer tours, demonstrations and workshops about sustainable technologies that help to preserve this unique land and ensure that our guests do the same.
- Through your support, rental fees, and donations, we continue to expand our programs, facilities and make a difference for all those who are part of ASPI and for all future generations.
- Any and all funds paid to ASPI stay within ASPI. These funds are used to improve guest accommodations, fund our demonstration facilities, and develop educational programs that enhance the ASPI experience. No person at ASPI Rockcastle River Wilderness Site receives a salary or is paid. This site exists through the generous assistance of our volunteers and those guests that choose to help. Donations are certainly welcome (and are also tax deductible).

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

- Since ASPI is an environmentally conscious conservation organization, our mission at the Wilderness Site is to preserve the land and to consume as few resources as possible. Our pricing reflects this mission.
- People, pets, cars, tents, campers, and campfires result in additional wear and tear on the environment. Our pricing reflects the funds needed to keep our environment pristine and replenish those resources that we have consumed. ASPI tries to minimize wear and tear on the land by limiting the amount of people, automobiles and sites that are part of this environment. Our base rates reflect the impact on the land and facilities that we can replenish.
- ASPI operates organic gardens. Please use extreme care not to have any chemicals or toxic substances come in contact with the soil.

### **CAMP FIRES**

- **Having a campfire at ASPI is a privilege**, which can be a great hazard. In order to ensure the safety of all of our guests and the safety of ASPI and our wildlife, we strictly monitor and regulate the campfires on our property.
- Campfires must be contained within the fire pit provided at the picnic site. Do not

move any of the fire pit.

- Campfires require fire safety permits for guests who wish to have a campfire at their cabin or site. Permits are available for \$5 each day (includes one bundle of wood). Additional bundles are \$5.
- Burn only wood! Do not burn trash, cans, plastic, Styrofoam, toxic material, bottles and other refuse.
- Campfires must never be left unattended.
- Do not collect firewood - We are a nature preserve and ask that you honor the woodland areas.

### **BASE RATES**

- Base rates are the rates for each type of sites or accommodation. The base rate for camping allows 2 adults, 2 children, 1 vehicle, and 1 camping accommodation (tent only) per site. For cordwood cabin accommodations we allow our stated number of people that the cabin can sleep and 1 automobile for every 4 people. **Primitive stream-side tent camping sites in the family or adult areas are available for \$25 per night. Cordwood Cabin Rentals start at \$50, and Yurt Rentals start at \$30. You must have an advance rental agreement for the Cordwood Cabin and Yurt.**
- Additional fees apply in excess of the base rates. Each additional adult is \$10 per day, child \$5 per day, extra vehicle \$5 per day, pets \$5 camping, and \$15 cabins.
- Please let us know if your circumstances are different than our base rates. Visitors must register at the Nature Center and pay applicable fees.

### **CONSERVATION FEE**

- A \$10 conservation fee is charged per site. Guests agree to honor all and do no harm. Guests agree to refrain from collecting samples of wild and plant life. **TAKE ONLY PICTURES - LEAVE ONLY FOOTPRINTS**

### **DEPOSITS**

- At the time of reservation, we require 50% of estimated charges. We recommend using a credit card. No space will be reserved without receipt of the 50% deposit.
- Eleven (11) days prior to arrival, the remaining 50% of estimated charges is due. Unless notified, we will post these charges automatically, using the same credit card information on file.
- If the arrival date is within 11 days, the full amount due is required to secure the reservation.
- Confirmations for deposits and payments are sent via email, unless otherwise noted.
- While our returning guests often have special requests, we cannot guarantee site numbers. We will make every effort to be sure your stay with us is memorable. Actual sites may differ due to situational factors

## CANCELLATIONS AND EARLY DEPARTURES

- We do not give refunds.
- Please remember that by making a reservation you have secured your accommodation. ASPI is not just holding that spot – it is yours for the entire period of your reservation.
- If you give us some warning and change your plans at least 11 days prior to arrival you will receive an ASPI credit (not a credit card refund) for a future stay for up to one year from the cancellation date.
- Cancellations of 3 to 10 days prior to arrival result in forfeiture of the initial deposit (50%) but all remaining fees paid will be issued in a ASPI credit (not a credit card refund) to be used for a future stay for up to one year from the cancellation date.
- If you cancel less than 3 days before your arrival (including while you are at ASPI) all monies received will be forfeited.
- No credit is given due to inclement weather or early departure.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Check-in** is after 4 pm for the cordwood cabin and yurt and 2 pm for camping. **Checkout** is 11 am for everyone. **Early Arrivals & Late Departures** may be accommodated, based on space availability. There is an additional fee per hour (\$5-cabin, \$2-camping).
- In order for ASPI to secure hazard insurance, **Firewood or anything to burn may not be brought onto ASPI property**. Firewood may be purchased (with permit; see campfire section).
- **No Smoking in any buildings** – This includes our cabins. Please respect this request. We will enforce it.
- **Pets** - Pets are welcome and require an additional fee of \$15 per day for cabins and \$5 per day for camping sites. Please observe the normal courtesies: Keep pets off furniture, cleanup after them, keep them on a leash, do not leave unattended. Pets are not allowed in any of the public buildings or on our garden.
- **Quiet hours** - Please observe quiet hours between 10pm and 8am.
- **Children** - Parents must never leave children under the age of 14 unattended anywhere on the property, especially the animal refuge area and are responsible for their actions at all times.
- **Wild Animals** – Yes, we have wildlife on the property. Keep in mind that *WE* are in *THEIR* home. Do not leave food in the woods or around your campsite. Tenters should leave food in their vehicles; never in or around their tents. If you encounter wildlife, please stay at least 50 feet away.
- **Valuables** - ASPI is not responsible for lost or stolen articles. Please secure your vehicles and valuables.
- **Swimming and Boating**--No lifeguard is on duty: swim at your own risk.
- **Wilderness** - Wilderness areas and outdoor activities are inherently dangerous. You may encounter wildlife, slippery rocks, mud and broken tree limbs. As a paying guest you assume all risks and responsibility for yourself and those with you. ASPI is

surrounded by the Daniel Boone National Forest and private property. As an ASPI guest member, no one is to modify U.S. Forest Service property in any way without the proper permit from the U.S. Forest Service or allowed to enter neighboring private property. This includes cutting or clearing any vegetation, trees, or tree limbs, blazing trails, building bridges, cleaning or modifying soil, gathering or cutting wood, changing the position of any rocks, or any other change not specifically mentioned. Please leave this land as you found it and do not disturb or disrupt National Forest Service land.

- **Trash** - Please bag and take all trash to our enclosed trash site. WE RECYCLE - bins are located next to the Nature Center. Please clean up after yourself and leave the space you use in better shape than you found it. Please, if possible, take your trash with you. We have to truck it to the dump. Your cooperation would be much appreciated.
- **Drugs & alcohol** - We are a family facility. Illegal drugs are not permitted. We would prefer you did not drink alcohol.
- **Traffic** - Please drive slowly. Park in designated parking areas and keep the roads clear.

#### **Cordwood Cabin and Yurt Rentals**

- Please follow the posted Cabin Check-Out Procedure to avoid additional charges.
- Linens/towels - One set of linens/towels is provided. Extras are available upon request (\$5.00 per set).
- Please turn out the lights when you leave and turn heat to low.

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

**FOR RESERVATIONS AND  
MORE INFORMATION CALL**

**606-256-0077**