



Winter Camp Park

A Community Gathering Place

November 2023 End-of-Season Update



Established 2015



Newest Addition - Completed 2023

Winter Camp Park is being built and maintained solely with contributions of funding, time and talents of neighbors within The Woods community. The park is open to all Homeowners, Residents, and their Guests.

NO MEMBERSHIPS, NO FEES!

Our goal is to continue to create and maintain it solely with volunteer funding.

It is privately owned by some homeowners and is NOT associated with

WHOA, PVP, or The Woods Club.

Donations are greatly appreciated!

A Big Thank You to the Community, Friends and Sponsors

Let's start with a little background - Before "The Woods Community" was built, this land was a family hunting lodge for decades. When the owner passed away in 2015, his family decided to sell it and we heard what some investors wanted to do with it; another hunting lodge, more homes or apartments, motocross area, etc. Some of us got together and purchased the land because we felt that we needed to 'protect' our community. Our goal was and still is to build a park where all Woods residents can come and enjoy the beautiful surroundings that we call "Home". You can read how we started this endeavor by going by clicking here - [Winter Camp Park History Tab](#).

Since then, we have removed old structures and dozens of dangerous and diseased trees, added gravel roads; walkways and parking spaces; and built 2 pavilions, an event stage and more recently, a modern restroom.

We would like to thank you, The Woods community, Friends of the Park and our Corporate Sponsors for providing monies and their attendance at all of the different events and socials these past years and especially 2023. You have proven to us and to The Woods community that if an idea is good for the community, folks will support it and come and have fun. What you don't hear or see are the number of folks who use the park for walking, eating at the pavilions, walking their dogs, letting kids run around, holding band practice and just enjoying the peaceful and beautiful surroundings.

Do You Use Winter Camp Park?

- Do you walk your dog in the park?
- Do you take personal walks in the park?
- Do you attend events throughout the season?
- Do you use the pavilions?

If so, PLEASE make your check out to "Winter Camp Park" and mail to:
Winter Camp Park
1888 Wintercamp Trail
Hedgesville, WV 25427

or use our [Donate/PayPal link](#).

Nothing in life is free and we are no exception! We are more than willing to continue this project for a very long-time assuming donations continue to flow to pay our normal yearly expenses and fund unique projects that we feel will benefit the community.

Work Complete in 2023

- The new year started off with a wind/snowstorm that downed numerous very large trees next to the large pavilion. We were lucky that they did not hit the structure, but we spent many days cutting up the trees that were blocking the gravel pathway with help from friends and partners.
- Someone backed into our community bulletin board and broke a support pole. We poured a new concrete base and rebuilt the unit; so far so good!
- Held our annual spring cleanup with 18+ volunteers to get the park ready for the spring/summer/fall events.
- Our end-of-the-season closing including stacking the picnic tables and chairs, removing the stage cover and shutting off the water and electric.
- Built horseshoe pits and added a handrail on the wooden bridge.
- Sewed the event stage sails together and installed them on a revamped cabling system.
- Added more gravel and expanded the parking area next to the large pavilion.
- Neighbors donated grass seed, fertilizer and a spreader - grass hasn't looked this good in a long time.

- Personal thanks to C&C Lawn Care for cutting and trimming the park especially during special events.
 - RESTROOM - Starting in late 2021 through 2023 and after months of delays, material increase cost and the time, the restroom is 100% complete! Total cost was **\$68,027** with **\$41,577** coming from you, the Woods community. The WCP partners funded the remaining **\$26,450**. If you have not seen the inside, you're going to have to wait until April 2024. Electric and water have been disconnected for the season.
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Where did Everything Go?



Event Stage



Pavilion #1

On 26 Oct, it was time to pack up the park for the season. Our end-of-the-season closing included inventory, stacking picnic tables and chairs, closing the restroom, removing the badminton/volleyball net, removing the stage cover and shutting off the utilities. The park is still open during the winter months for biking and walking. Certain areas have been blocked for vehicle traffic and please be careful where you park and walk!

The park will reopen with our weekly Wednesday Social on 3 Apr 2024. Watch for our upcoming newsletters about our annual spring cleanup date.

What are we Planning for 2024?

These are all contingent on funding availability.

- We have some trees that are dead and need to come down next to the pavilions, event stage and restroom.
 - Even though the restroom is ADA compliant, we would like to add a concrete pad and ramp for easier access.
 - Add a concrete pad under pavilion #1.
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Park & Pavilion Activities

Yes, the pavilions and the event stage in the park are available to be reserved by Woods homeowners and residents for personal use, as was used many, many times this year. The pavilions were reserved for birthday parties, farewell parties, band practices, committee meetings and discussion groups, family reunions, golf group gatherings, hiking club events, and a wedding and reception.

WHOA held their annual Spring and Fall festivals with food, live music and vendors.

We held our annual Lador Day Weekend Music Festival over 2 days with 4 live bands and food.

If you have not had a chance to attend our Wednesday night socials, you have missed out on great food and friends!

If you need to reserve the pavilion(s) or the event stage, please go to our [Reserve Facilities Form](#). Before filling out the form, please check the [Calendar](#) first to ensure it is available on the day and time you want it. Please read the Facilities form carefully. Donations for using the facilities are greatly appreciated and critical to the maintenance, operation, taxes, insurance, IT support, and upkeep of the park, including electric/water bills, grass cutting, etc.

Lost and Found

Wedding Ring
Laptop

If you have lost the above items, please send an email to wintercamp@wintercamp.com with a full description of the item and your information!

Neighbors and Friends of Winter Camp Park



We continue to invite all Woods neighbors to join us as a Friend of Winter Camp Park! With the continued support of our community, we will be able to further enhance the Park for the whole Woods Community to enjoy. For more details on becoming a “Friend” check out our [Contribute](#) page.

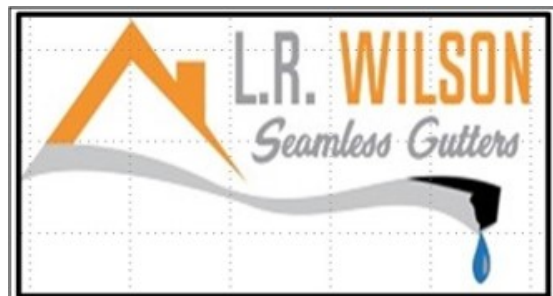
The park is open for use by the Woods Community and their Guests. When we decided to start this endeavor, our intent was to fund the initial purchase and cleanup of the area and to “request” donations from the community to operate and increase the park’s capability. When you reserve any of our facilities, we politely ask that you consider a donation to the park. Just like any other recreational facility, we have bills to pay. Our estimated expenses for **2024** will be around **\$12,000**.

What are the funds used for?

Description	Estimated Expenses
Utility (Electric/Water/Sewer)	\$750
Accountant/Tax Services	\$2400
IT Support	\$1100
Lawn Care	\$1200
Operating Supplies	\$700
Real Estate Taxes	\$1600
Property Insurance	\$1700
Tree Removal	\$2500

Corporate Friends of Winter Camp Park

Four years ago, we started the Corporate Friends initiative asking businesses that serve the Woods residents to become a yearly corporate sponsor of the park. Letters are sent to those, asking for renewal, and to other businesses which support the Woods community to participate in this program for a yearly minimal donation of \$250. As you click on the corporate sponsors' logo below, it will take you to their respective website or email address. If you use any of our supporters, mention that you saw their ad in the WCP Newsletter and thank them for their support. If you or a company you know of are interested in being a corporate sponsor, please contact us. Additionally, you can view the [Corporate Form](#) here and print it out and just hand it to your contractor.





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