

## DRAPER CABIN

Staying in this cabin is a unique experience. On no other state forest property can one rent an old log cabin and digress back in time 130 years to an age when electricity was not available. If you are expecting modern facilities, you'd better look into a motel; but if you want a rustic experience in the middle of the forest, Draper Cabin can deliver. You'll find the basics here—a roof over your head and a floor under your feet, an outdoor vault toilet, and a fireplace for warmth and cooking. (Firewood may be gathered from dead wood found in the forest.) No beds, no furniture, no running water, no towels or linen; but a dry place to spend the night in a quiet, remote setting.



### RENTAL PROCEEDURE

#### A. Reservation Procedure

1. Contact the forest and inquire about availability. Complete the reservation form and submit to Morgan-Monroe State Forest, include payment for nightly fees of \$25.00 + 1.75 tax for each night requested. If you are submitting multiple reservations at once, a separate check for each reservation form would be appreciated. Reservation cannot be taken over the phone. After a date is confirmed, reservations cannot be altered unless approved by the Property Manager or the Assistant Property Manager.
2. Weekend reservations are for Friday and Saturday night, minimum. On weekends having holidays connected to them the minimum rental is for three nights. Sunday and Monday nights cannot be reserved unless also rented for prior Friday and Saturday.
3. Weekday reservation can start on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday and may extend into the weekend. Rentals starting on Thursday may require the key to be picked up at Yellowwood State Forest in Nashville, IN.
4. Rental from – **April 1 through November 20:**
  - a. Reservations can be made for up to one year in advance. Current renters will be given until noon on last day of their reservation (that the office is open) to decide if they wish to reserve the cabin for the following year. If payment is not received by noon, the cabin will be rented on a first come first serve basis. Unfortunately, we cannot accept phone or email reservations.
5. Rental from – **November 21 through March 31:**
  - a. Call on desired day to inquire about availability due to weather and/or ongoing repairs.

#### B. Renting DRAPER CABIN

1. The responsible person, over 18 years of age, must first register at the Forest Headquarters Office between 1:00 pm and 3:30 p.m. of the first night requested.
2. Persons failing to show up for their reservation will forfeit all prepaid fees.
3. Checkout time is 12:00 noon following the last rental night.
4. All property rules and regulations must be followed while on the property.
5. **WHEN TRASH RECEPTACLES ARE FULL, ALL TRASH MUST BE CARRIED OUT OR TAKEN TO DUMPSTER AT MASON RIDGE CAMPGROUND.**
6. **Revocation of future renting privileges and/or property expulsion may result if the cabin is left messy, vandalized, or the locks are missing or broken.**

### C. DRAPER CABIN Occupancy

1. The number of persons to occupy the cabin shall not exceed 14 as not to overburden the facility and surrounding area. At no time shall the access road be blocked.
2. At no time shall signs be posted, unless permission is given by the Property Manager.

### **DRAPER CABIN RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The following rules are to keep Draper Cabin available for public use for many years to come. A wide variety of people are represented by our renters of Draper Cabin. We hope everyone will continue to enjoy Draper Cabin. Listed below are guidelines for an enjoyable stay at Draper Cabin.

1. REMEMBER TO LOCK THE PADLOCK ONTO THE GATE OR CABIN AT ALL TIMES TO PREVENT THEFT OF THE LOCK. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM. DO NOT LEAVE THE GATE OPEN UNLESS YOU WANT THE GENERAL PUBLIC DRIVING DOWN TO THE CABIN.
2. HIKERS ARE ALLOWED THROUGH THE YARD AND SURROUNDING AREA, BUT ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LOITER WHILE THE CABIN IS OCCUPIED.
3. **DO NOT BLOCK THE DRIVE** WITH VEHICLES. THE ROAD IS USED BY PROPERTY EMPLOYEES AND FOR EMERGENCY ACCESS. VEHICLES BLOCKING THE DRIVE WILL BE TOWED AT OWNER'S EXPENSE.
4. THE GROUNDS SURROUNDING DRAPER CABIN IS CONSIDERED PART OF DRAPER CABIN. **PLEASE DO NOT LITTER THE YARD.** PLEASE THROW ALL TRASH INCLUDING DIAPERS INTO TRASH RECEPTACLES. DO NOT THROW TRASH OR BREAK BOTTLES IN THE CREEK AND SURROUNDING GROUNDS. DO NOT THROW TRASH UNDER DRAPER CABIN OR INTO THE TOILET
5. **TARGET PRACTICE/SIGHTING IS NOT ALLOWED** IN MORGAN-MONROE STATE FOREST. DO NOT SHOOT, NAIL, STAPLE, OR DAMAGE TREES OR SHRUBS IN MORGAN-MONROE STATE FOREST. SIGNS ARE NOT TO BE PLACED ON FOREST PROPERTY. PERMISSION TO PLACE SIGNS MUST BE GRANTED BY FOREST MANAGEMENT.
6. PLEASE USE THE DESIGNATED BATHROOM. DO NOT USE GROUNDS OR WOODS SURROUNDING THE CABIN.
7. DO NOT REMOVE STONE/BRICKS FROM THE FIREPLACE.
8. PLEASE DO NOT HANG KEROSENE LANTERNS FROM THE HOOK IN THE CEILING OF DRAPER CABIN. THIS HAS CAUSED CHARRING OF THE WOOD AND WILL EVENTUALLY CAUSE A FIRE. USE ONLY BATTERY OPERATED LIGHTS WHEN HANGING A LIGHT NEAR THE CEILING.
9. DO NOT REMOVE PICNIC TABLES, GRILLS, OR ANY PERMANENT FIXTURE OF DRAPER CABIN. THANK YOU FOR LEAVING THE CABIN AND GROUNDS CLEAN FOR THE NEXT PEOPLE TO ENJOY.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN PRESERVING THIS HISTORICAL SITE**

**MORGAN-MONROE STATE FOREST MANAGEMENT**

I understand and will adhere to the "Rental Guidelines" established for DRAPER CABIN.  
I would like to reserve the cabin for \_\_\_\_\_ nights from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.  
Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ + \$\_\_\_\_\_ tax to cover rental fees.  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of responsible adult. \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Morgan-Monroe State Forest

Morgan Monroe State Forest  
6220 Forest Road  
Martinsville IN 46151  
For additional information you may:

Call: 765-342-4026  
FAX 765-342-4505 or  
e-mail [morgansf@dnr.in.gov](mailto:morgansf@dnr.in.gov)

OFFICE USE ONLY

NR-7 Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_ Date cash/check Received \_\_\_\_\_

Check-in Time/Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check-out Time/Date \_\_\_\_\_

Checked out By: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_