

DRAPER CABIN
Morgan-Monroe State Forest



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Staying in this cabin is a unique experience. On no other State Forest property can one rent an old log cabin and step back 130 years to a time before electricity and modern conveniences. 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

Due to the popularity and heavy use of DRAPER CABIN, it has been necessary to repair, maintain, and secure the cabin and limit the number of cabin occupants to 14 so as not to overburden the cabin and surrounding area.

Minimum rental on a weekend is for two nights (Friday and Saturday). On weekends having holidays connected to them, the minimum rental period is for three nights. Sunday and Monday nights cannot be reserved unless also rented for prior Friday and Saturday.

RENTAL GUIDELINES

- I. Reservation Procedure for Renting DRAPER CABIN
 - A. Rental from – April 1 through November 20: 2 night minimum
 1. Reservation for the cabin will be accepted up to 1 year in advance.
 2. Come to the office or call for current available dates.
 3. Fees for the cabin are \$32.10 including tax for each night requested. All fees need to be paid and a rental agreement signed prior to occupying the cabin.
 4. The reservation is confirmed by receiving the standard DNR receipt NR-7.
 - B. Rental from – November 21 through March 31: 2 night minimum
 1. Call on day desired, to see if cabin is available and weather permits.
 2. Fees for the cabin are \$32.10 including tax for each night requested.
 - II. Contact the forest and inquire about availability. Payments may be made in person, by mail, or by credit card over the phone. After a date is confirmed, reservations cannot be altered unless approved by the Property Manager or the Assistant Property Manager.
 - III. 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.
 - IV. 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.
- 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. 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.
 7. At no time shall signs be posted, unless permission is given by the Property Manager.

To rent Draper Cabin, contact the property office: 765-342-4026
or email MorganSF@dnr.IN.gov



Draper Cabin,
back entrance

Return to use
agreement

Draper Cabin,
front entrance



Return to use
agreement



Draper Cabin,
“front yard”

Return to use
agreement

Draper Cabin,
campfire area



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agreement



Draper Cabin,
inside

Return to use
agreement

Draper Cabin,
fireplace



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