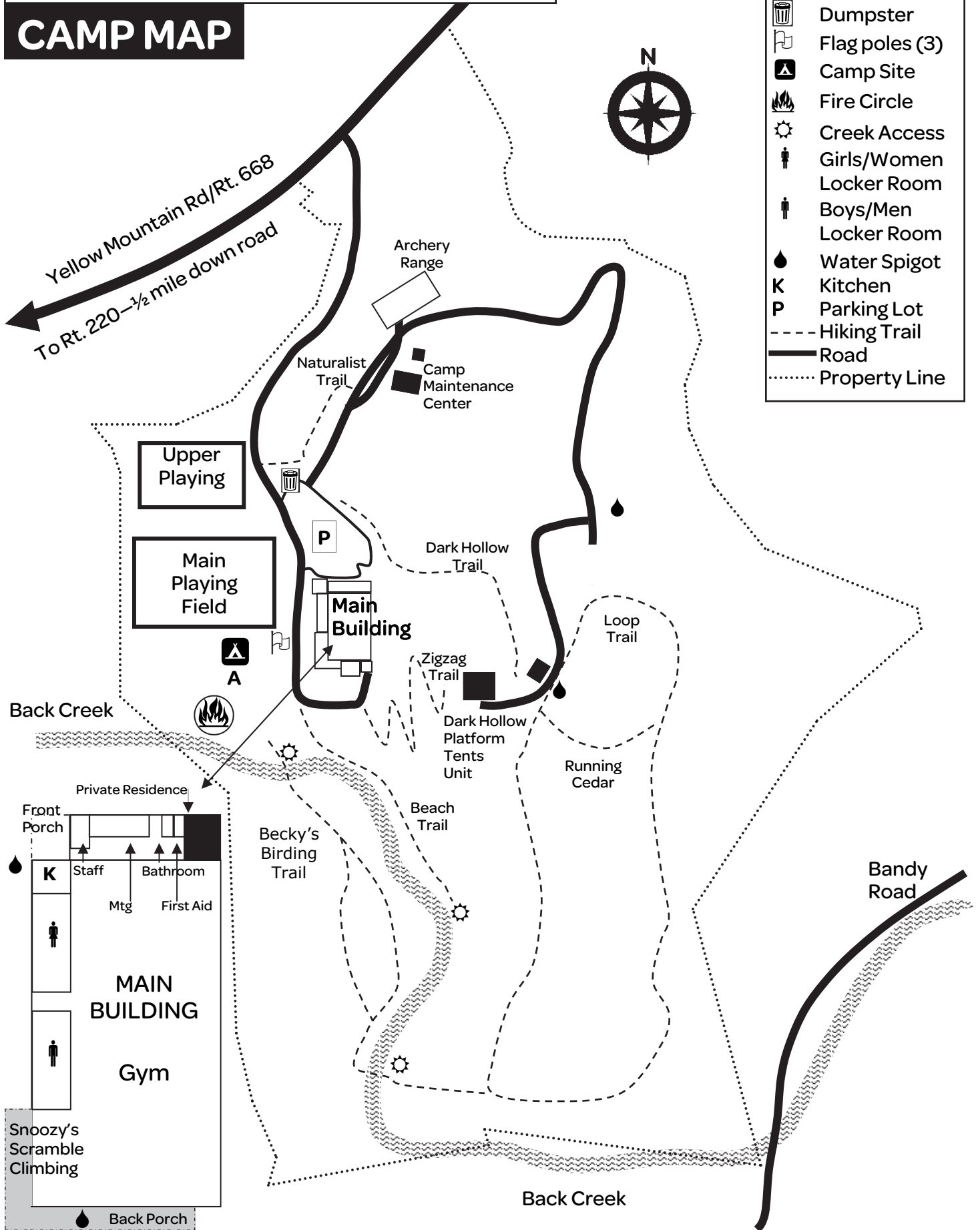


Icimani Adventure Center

CAMP MAP

LEGEND

-  Dumpster
-  Flag poles (3)
-  Camp Site
-  Fire Circle
-  Creek Access
-  Girls/Women Locker Room
-  Boys/Men Locker Room
-  Water Spigot
-  Kitchen
-  Parking Lot
-  Hiking Trail
-  Road
-  Property Line



Friendship Trails

Icimani Adventure Center

Icimani Adventure Center boasts many hiking trails tracing around camp in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. These trails were adeptly named “Friendship Trails” by Morgan Donelson, of Junior Troop 86, who wrote, “Friendship lasts forever, and trails can be long. A trail is set before you to travel on, so I consider it a trail of friendship. Isn’t that what Girl Scouts are all about? Think of all the friends everyone will make.”

Beach Trail

Trail rating scale: easy **Length (one-way):** 0.11 miles **Trail blaze color:** turquoise

Description: a short friendship trail where you can hike side-by-side next to gorgeous Back Creek. Along the way look out for our resident busy beaver and graceful great white heron. The trail ends at a nice sandy creek-beach area that banks the waters of Back Creek. A fabulous place to go for a wade in the water or explore the abundant wildlife in and around the creek. The trail can be found near the backside of the main building, right off the deck of the Snoozy’s Scramble Climbing Wall.

Becky’s Birding & Butterfly Trail

Trail rating scale: easy **Length (one-way):** 0.31 miles **Trail blaze color:** pink

Description: this trail crosses the creek twice so **DO NOT CROSS CREEK** when the water-level of Back Creek is too high for maneuverability based on age, size and/or skill-level. This trail is named in remembrance of Becky Shaffer, long-time staff member, who loved to feed and watch the birds and butterflies. Please feel free to create and leave a bird feeder/house or butterfly house along this trail. Becky’s trail connects to the Loop Trail.

Dark Hollow Trail

Trail rating scale: moderate **Length (one-way):** 0.12 miles **Trail blaze color:** lime-green

Description: a trail that gently climbs up the side of the mountain to the ridgeline where construction is taking place for platform tents, tent pads and a troop shelter. Once at the top, you can explore the nearby Loop Trail or Running Cedar Trail, or take the Zigzag Trail back down to the main building. The trail head can be found in the small field above the parking lot. Named in honor of our former Girl Scout Dark Hollow Camp.

Loop Trail

Trail rating scale: moderate **Length (roundtrip):** 0.57 miles **Trail blaze color:** red

Description: a loop trail that starts and ends in the very same place. The trail head is located in the open archery field on the top of the mountain. Start to the left or right of the field and then easily descend down the mountainside to Back Creek. This trail shares a small portion of the Dark Hollow Unit’s access road; please be careful to look for cars. The trail loops back up the mountain making the ascent trip a strenuous return. At the bottom of the mountain, the Loop Trail connects to Becky’s Birding & Butterfly Trail.

Naturalist Trail

Trail rating scale: easy **Length (one-way):** 0.04 miles **Trail blaze color:** yellow

Description: a very short walk in the woods to a small creek; located between the camp’s main paved road and gravel road that leads to the top of the ridgeline. This area is a great place to explore the life of a creek bed, especially when Back Creek is too high for wading. Named after its creator, Jim Bush, who is a Roanoke Valley Master Naturalist.

Running Cedar Trail

Trail rating scale: easy **Length (one-way):** 0.05 miles **Trail blaze color:** orange

Description: a down-up trail that takes you into the “bowl” region of the mountaintop. The trail makes the shape of a “V” connecting two sides of the Loop Trail. The trail can be found right across from the Dark Hollow Trail and off the beginning of either side of the Loop Trail. Its name comes from the running cedar ground cover that blankets the beginning of the trail.

Zigzag Trail

Trail rating scale: difficult **Length (one-way):** 0.13 miles **Trail blaze color:** purple

Description: a strenuous quick ascent up the side of the mountain that delivers you to the soon-to-come platform tents and tent pads area. This trail is blazed purple due to its “Adventurers-style” nature of uphill hiking. The Zigzag is a series of switchbacks. The trail starts right off the rear porch of the main building—not too far from the start of the Beach Trail. Once at the top, you can continue your hiking via the Loop Trail or Running Cedar Trail or take the Dark Hollow Trail back down to the main parking area.