

Frequently Asked Housing Questions for Pinewoods Scottish Sessions

What is the housing like at Pinewoods Camp?

Most campers are housed in standalone wooden cabins, though there are two two-story houses with full kitchens and multiple bedrooms. Some cabins are divided into multiple units that share interior walls. Most units sleep two people, but available spaces range from singles to quads. All of the cabins are furnished with electrical outlets, dressers, wooden chairs, mirrors, single beds (except two that have a double bed) with pillows, closet space with hangers, and lamps. Campers generally provide their own bedding, though bedding is available to rent for a nominal fee.



Do any cabins have interior bathrooms?

The two houses (Pinecones and Hunsdon House) both have interior bathrooms, but only a few cabins do: Nonesuch, Hit and Miss, Grenoside, Royton, and Pine Needles. In total, all of the units with interior bathrooms can sleep about 40 campers; for the other 100+ campers bathrooms are only a short walk from their cabins. If it's medically necessary that you have an interior bathroom, please let us know!

Are any cabins wheelchair-accessible?

Pinecones and Hunsdon House both have ramp access to the first floor. Grenoside, Little Hunsdon, and Loftus are all wheelchair- and scooter-accessible.

Where are the cabins located?

There are cabins right in the thick of things and quiet cabins away from it all. We group them into the following areas:

- **Near the Camp House:** These sociable cabins are closest to the evening dances and the many activities in the Camp House, and very convenient to Long Pond for swimming, canoeing, and kayaking.
- **Near Pine Hollow:** These three cabins are tucked into a little dell between the two main dance pavilions, Hands Across and Pine Hollow (formerly C# and C# Minor). They are very convenient to the evening dances while still feeling “away from it all.”
- **On the Hill:** These cabins are the most centrally located – pretty close to evening dances, classes, meals, and parties, but still set off in the woods in little social clusters. Most of them are at the top of a small hill, so campers with mobility issues may want to skip them. (Exceptions include Loftus, Sleights, and Mary & Dorothy.)
- **Near the Dining Hall:** You’ll be the first in line for meals, and most other activities are just a short walk down the main path. These cabins are located close to crew areas, so campers will need to be quiet at night.
- **In the Highlands:** These are the most isolated cabins in camp (excepting Cottey House), set off by themselves among the tall pines. All of them are free-standing cabins for two or three people. Perfect for those looking for peace and quiet, but a few minutes’ walk from meals and activities.
- **Near Round Pond:** Round Pond is on the quiet side of camp, and the cabins along its shore tend to feel peaceful and serene. But this is also where the two houses (Pinecones and Hunsdon House) are located, so there’s plenty of space for those who like to socialize.

How many single cabins are there in camp?

About 20. If you’re interested in a single, be sure to mention it on your survey, but with 140+ campers most people will have roommates. If you choose your roommate, we won’t have to!

Will I definitely get the cabin or area I request?

We spend a lot of time shuffling housing assignments to maximize happiness, and we're usually able to accommodate most campers' preferences. That said, it's a complicated puzzle and sometimes it's just not possible to give everyone what they ask for: there are only fifteen beds in the Highlands, for instance, so if sixteen people request the Highlands someone is sure to be out of luck! We also need to pair up unattached cabinmates in the available spaces, coordinate with the Pinewoods sessions before and after yours to minimize the chance that stay-over campers will have to move, group Session 1 and Session 2 campers into blocks that can occupy the same cabin sequentially, and so on. Luckily, everywhere at Pinewoods is pretty wonderful, so if you find yourself somewhere unexpected you might find a new favorite cabin!

If you have a medical or accessibility requirement, please let us know on your survey so we can accommodate it.

How can I increase my chances of getting the cabin I want?

More information is always helpful! Offering multiple choices increases your odds. If you rank your preferences (e.g. "top choice Longborough 3, second choice Lads 5, otherwise somewhere near the Camp House") there's a pretty good chance we'll be able to meet one of them. Feel free to explain your reasons for your requests: do you like a certain cabin because it's near a bathroom or because it's a short walk to C#? We might be able to put you in another cabin that has the features you want.

Coordinating with your roommate(s) is also important. Two people requesting a certain cabin are weighted more strongly than one!

Can I switch cabins when I get to camp?

If you find someone willing to switch with you, we don't mind you switching cabins, but please let us know in case we need to locate you for an emergency. We cannot change your cabin assignment after you arrive at camp. If you have a serious issue with your cabinmate or an accessibility/environmental issue let us know and we'll try to find a solution.

We're coming in a large group. Can we all stay together?

We'll do our best, but it's difficult to place groups of five or more without disrupting other campers' cabin preferences. We find that new neighbors make new friends, and camp isn't that big anyway!

What's the deal with Cottey House?

Cottey is the ultimate away-from-it-all cabin, about a ten-minute walk from the rest of camp. It sleeps four in two rooms with a shared common room and a kitchen, has a nearby outhouse (but no bathroom), and has private Round Pond access. If that sounds appealing to you, please request it! If nobody specifically requests it we try not to house anyone there because of the distance, but one never knows.

What's this about a Pinecones Party?

On the last night of each Scottish session, the residents of Pinecones host a party for the rest of camp, which often goes until dawn. The other campers provide a lot of the food and drink and do a lot of the cleanup, but we do rely on the Pinecones residents' hospitality for this tradition. If that sounds either exciting or intolerable to you, please let us know!