

Roanoke Appalachian Trail Club  
Shelter Information  
(north to south)

Wilson Creek



Date Built: 1986

Capacity: 8

Distance from AT: 0.00

Water Source: Spring - 0.30 miles

Description: The water source 0.3 miles North of the shelter is sometimes dry during periods of drought. Wilson Creek, 0.7 miles South is more reliable.

Fullhardt Knob



Date Built: 1965

Capacity: 6

Distance from AT: 0.10

Water Source: Cistern - 0.00 miles

Description: This shelter seems to be a magnet for controversy. It is the last shelter on the Appalachian Trail to use a rain cistern. Rainwater is collected from the roof and stored in a large tank. A spigot just behind the shelter serves as the water source. This shelter is also notorious because it has been the on-again-off-again home for an otherwise

homeless woman named Peggy who believes herself to be the deposed queen of England. She is, at times, belligerent and she leaves a lot of trash behind; but she does not appear to be dangerous.

### Lamberts Meadow



Date Built: 1972

Capacity: 6

Distance from AT: 0.00

Water Source: Stream - 0.05 miles

Description: This is the oldest shelter in this section... and it's showing its age. The water supply is not reliable in late summer or during periods of drought. The campsites 0.3 miles North of the shelter is slightly more reliable.

### Campbell

Date Built: 1989

Capacity: 8

Distance from AT: 0.00

Water Source: Spring - 0.10 miles

Description: The water supply is a short walk downhill. Not reliable during late summer or during periods of drought; recent repairs have hopefully improved the water supply. It is possible to watch the sunset from the top of McAfees Knob and make it to this shelter if you hike quickly and leave right after sunset.

### Catawba Mountain



Date Built: 1984

Capacity: 8  
Distance from AT: 0.00  
Water Source: Spring - 0.00 miles  
Description: A popular shelter with a reliable water supply, there are overflow campsites just North of the shelter.

### John's Spring

Date Built: 2003  
Capacity: 8  
Distance from AT: 0.00  
Water Source: Spring - 0.25 miles  
Description: This new shelter replaces Boy Scout Shelter (which may still appear on your map). A new trail (go halfway to the outhouse and turn sharply right... follow the blazes) leads .25 miles to a reliable water source. A less reliable water supply is still blazed ahead and to the left of the shelter. The shelter is a memorial to John Haranzo, an avid AT hiker. This is a convenient place for North bound thru-hikers to spend the night after feasting at the Home Place restaurant All-You-Can-Eat.

### Pickle Branch



Date Built: 1980  
Capacity: 6  
Distance from AT: 0.20  
Water Source: Spring - 0.10 miles  
Description: A long several flights of stairs lead down to Pickle Branch where several springs join the creek. Usually reliable, you may need to walk downstream during times of drought.

### Niday



Date Built: 2000  
Capacity: 6  
Distance from AT: 0.00  
Water Source: Stream - 0.05 miles  
Description: This is a smallish shelter with a reliable water supply.

### Sarver Hollow



Date Built: 2002  
Capacity: 12  
Distance from AT: 0.25  
Water Source: Spring - 0.05 miles  
Description: Built between February and August 2002 by RATC volunteers with much help from the USFS, this shelter is a memorial to Scott Marshall Riddick. The location is steeped with history, being the homeplace of Henry Sarver as far back as the 1850s. There are several cabin ruins and a small cemetery below the old springhouse that serves as the reliable water source. The trail down to the shelter is very steep; a new one will be constructed during May and June of 2003. This shelter has a covered eating area, a lovely view, skylights and a ghost named "George."

### Laurel Creek



Date Built: 1988

Capacity: 8

Distance from AT: 0.00

Water Source: Stream - 0.05 miles

Description: This shelter is the home of our new, experimental mouldering privy. It works by creating a friendly environment for bacteria which break down the wastes. After each use, simply toss in a handful of leaves and dirt from the forest floor. This shelter was originally located near the top of Kelly Knob where it was called "Big Pond Shelter." It was moved to its current location in 1988 by the USMC and RATC volunteers.

### War Spur



Date Built: 1965

Capacity: 8

Distance from AT: 0.00

Water Source: Stream - 0.00 miles

Description: Another cozy shelter spot with reliable water.

### Bailey Gap





Date Built: 1965

Capacity: 8

Distance from AT: 0.00

Water Source: Spring - 0.10 miles

Description: There is a tiny spring about 0.1 miles from the shelter but it goes dry very early each summer. The spring 0.3 miles South of the shelter is more reliable. Even it goes dry during periods of drought.

### Pine Swamp



Date Built: 2000

Capacity: 6

Distance from AT: 0.00

Water Source: Stream - 0.05 miles

Description: This is a memorial shelter to Trimpi. The stone construction, fireplace and four sleeping platforms make this a unique shelter in this area. The water source is reliable.

### Rice Fields





Date Built: 2000

Capacity: 6

Distance from AT: 0.00

Water Source: Spring - 0.25 miles

Description: WOW What a view! If you think it's great during the day, wait until the sun sets. The walk to the water is long and steep. The spring sometimes goes dry during prolonged drought.

### Docs Knob



Date Built: 1971

Capacity: 6

Distance from AT: 0.00

Water Source: Spring - 0.00 miles

Description: The spring at this cozy shelter setting is one of the first to go dry each summer... often in June.

### Wapiti



Date Built: 1980

Capacity: 8

Distance from AT: 0.10

Water Source: Stream - 0.20 miles

Description: This prefab log cabin can be breezy in the wind. It's worth the short walk to the pond, which is sometimes trashy.

### Jenny Knob



Date Built: 2000

Capacity: 6

Distance from AT: 0.00

Water Source: Stream - 0.25 miles

Description: The spring at this shelter sometimes goes dry during periods of drought. You can continue downstream and may find water. Turn back when you reach cow pasture, the Bland County Prison owns that land.

