

JOE 2018 Leader Packet for **Title of Activity**

Day: Sunday	Start Time: 9:00 am	End Time: 4:00 pm
Co-Leader:	Co-Leader:	Limit: xx people
Transportation: Bus	Driver:	Bus Captain:
Fees: \$75	Travel Distance: 48 miles	Travel Time: 1 Hour

Guided Whitewater Rafting / Duckie Kayaking at Adventure Sports Center International (ASCI)

Just a few minutes up the mountain from Wisp Resort, in McHenry, MD, sits the Adventure Sports Center International (ASCI), the world's only mountaintop re-circulating Class III whitewater course. We will be rafting multiple trips with a guide on a 1/3-mile-long trip with eight drops. Just watching, walk the one-mile trail surrounding the whitewater course and watch the excitement as visitors try their paddling skills in the human-made river channel.

Approx. \$75 (Includes Rafting, 10% tip to guide, transportation and administration fees)

Vendor: 250 Adventure Sports Way, McHenry, MD 21541 (301) 334-7495 / (301) 387-3612 (fax) / www.adventuresportscenter.com

Eric Jacoby, Day Group Sales Manager at Wisp Resort

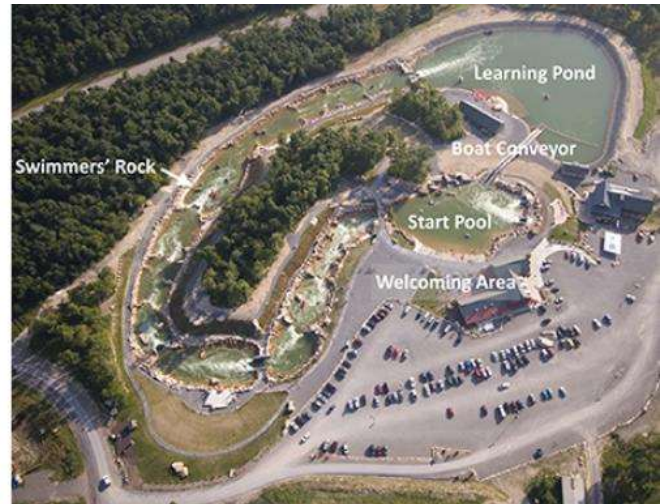
Office 301.387.4000 x2149 / ejacoby@wispresort.com / www.wispresort.com

Wisp Resort: 296 Marsh Hill Road, McHenry, MD 21541 (301)859-3159

Please DO NOT CALL the vendor for any reason. Contact Mosaic at Event@MosaicOutdoor.org for any questions.



Photos by ASCI



High atop Marsh Mountain, behind Wisp Resort's Ski Area, lies an engineering marvel- a humanmade, recirculating whitewater river that measures a third of a mile in length. Adventure Sports Center International, ASCI for short, boasts the only mountaintop whitewater river in the world.

According to Mike Lodgson, Executive director, since 2007, ASCI has served close to 12,000 guests during its mid-May to mid-October season. They provide two-hour six-person guided excursions in large rafts. Each raft is staffed with a professional guide, whose passion is to create a lifelong, memorable experience for both young and old.

The journey begins with each rafter getting equipped with professional grade safety equipment. After gearing up, each group receives a safety briefing from the trip's lead guide in the Learning Pool, including paddling practice and teamwork building skills.

Once the rafters are sufficiently prepared, rafters enter the start pool. After three laps around, guests have an opportunity to stop at Swimmer's Rock. Guides can show interested guests how to safely jump from the rock into the gentle current and swim. After the two-hour session, guests return to the welcoming area to view photos taken of their adventure.

Group arrangements must be made seven (7) days prior to arrival. Once dates are confirmed, an estimate of charges will be forwarded to the group leader. Space will not be held until a credit card deposit has been received. All activities and group numbers must be received 72 hours before arrival. The balance for the group will be processed, in one full payment, 72 hours (Friday before 9am) before arrival using the credit card on file from the deposit unless other payment arrangements have been approved by the sales team.

Group Cancellations received seven days before arrival or more will receive deposit minus a \$25 processing fee. Cancellations received within seven days prior will lose the deposit.

Individual Cancellations (drop in numbers) day of arrival will receive a refund of the cost per person minus a \$25 processing fee. (Note: Price per person may change if group drops below minimum number for the discount range.)

Ticket Pickup: Plan to arrive 1 hour before scheduled activity time. Confirm location with your sales team before arrival. Release Waiver Agreement forms must be filled out and signed (by parent/guardian if under 18 years of age) before receiving tickets. **The group must arrive together at their designated time with their rental form in hand.** Please discuss your time with your group sales team.

What is a “Whitewater Course”?

Built to host Olympic caliber races and adjustable to comfortably accommodate beginners and families, the ASCI “whitewater course” is made of concrete and natural rock and is just over 1700 feet long. It drops 24 feet from top to bottom. Water pumped from the lower pond and shoots into the start pool at a speed of 5 feet per second. At six locations on the course are variable wave shapers that can adjust waves and hydraulics for different experiences – ranging from Olympic caliber whitewater to a flow that is comfortable for small children and beginners. Natural rocks dug up during excavation make up the river’s edge and main features on the course. This integration of large natural features and high technology and concrete is unique among the pump whitewater courses around the world.

What is a guided raft trip?

Guided rafting trips can include 4 to 6 runs down the course, amounting to a mile of continuous rapids. Rafters ride a conveyor from the finished pond back up to the start pool and don’t have to leave their boat to start again. The trip begins with outfitting and a pre-trip orientation talk. Rafters can paddle up to 90 minutes on the course during their 2-hour session, depending on comfort level, group preferences, etc.

What is a Duckie and why should I try it?

Duckies are inflatable kayaks (IK) and can be enjoyed by most anyone regardless of skill or experience level. No roll or previous experience is required, but your first ducky trip must be with instruction. After that, you ducky on your own at a considerable discount.

What about inclement weather?

ASCI lead trips regardless of the weather except weather conditions deemed dangerous by ASCI staff. Dangerous conditions include but are not limited to electrical storms, high winds, extremely cold temperatures and other severe weather conditions. Should severe weather conditions occur within the first hour of your trip, the trip may be delayed or rescheduled. Severe conditions occurring after the first hour will result in a delay, and we will attempt to complete the full duration of your trip. If the severe weather occurs during the last 30 minutes of your scheduled trip, it will be considered a full trip. Sorry, refunds or rain checks are not offered for weather-related events.

What time should I arrive for a rafting trip?

We ask all clients to arrive 30 minutes before trip start time – this is to ensure enough time to prepare for the trip. Any clients arriving late run the risk of being put on standby for the next available trip or missing their trip and losing deposit (see cancellations above).

What should I wear while rafting, climbing or hiking?

Rafting – be prepared to get wet (where a bathing suit and synthetic layers), and if it is windy, you will need to wear a splash jacket or some shell to stay warm. Comfort wear is available to rent for \$12 – this includes neoprene booties, a wetsuit, and a splash jacket. All rafters must wear shoes – no crocs, open-toed sandals or flip-flops.

Links of interest:

<https://youtu.be/g-t2PRfbcI8>

<https://youtu.be/tpYWQ7QjTg4>

<http://www.adventuresportscenter.com/index.php/faq>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adventure_Sports_Center_International

ASCI's Whitewater Course:

Test your timing, reflexes, and teamwork on the world's only adjustable whitewater sports venue that offers the class I - IV whitewater in a "controlled" environment. The 1/3-mile artificial river features authentic whitewater rapids and is the most natural looking and feeling the course of its kind in the world. Large boulders excavated onsite, frame the course and shape the rapids -- this is not a theme park ride, but we are confident that Walt Disney would have been envious. ASCI's raft "conveyor" conveniently transports you from the finished pond to the start pool, eliminating the traditional shuttle of natural river rafting experiences. A great way to try whitewater rafting, anyone 50 lbs. Or more can have an amazing adventure. Expert guides and instructors on staff ensure high quality, inspiring and consistent teaching methods.

Raft_Resize_1ASCI Guided Rafting:

ASCI lead fully guided raft trips on its mountaintop whitewater course in self-bailing 6-person rafts. The entire experience lasts 2 hours, including 20-30 minutes of outfitting and a safety orientation. Guests can paddle through the course 4 to 7 times during the trip. Guests can raft depending on their comfort, stamina, and ability. Minimum weight for all trips is 50 lbs.

ASCI High Adventure Guided Rafting:

Take your rafting thrills to the next level! With a maximum of 3 guests per boat, the High Adventure rafts are more maneuverable and sensitive to the nuances of whitewater action than the bigger rafts. Surfing, eddy snagging, ferrying and general river exploration is central to the high adventure experience. Once you've mastered the High Adventure, you might be ready for a trip down Garrett County's own Upper Yough (Class IV-V). Minimum weight for all trips is 50 lbs.

What to wear Rafting

- Summer
- Swimsuit / Shorts / Shirt
- Windbreaker
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses with retainer strap (recommend inexpensive sunglasses)
- Tennis or water shoes - ****MUST BE CLOSED TOE**** - NO CROCS

Spring & Fall

- All the above for Summer, plus:
- Wool or synthetic shirt; hat; gloves; Synthetic thermal tops and bottoms
- Wetsuits & Splash Jackets (may be rented w/ booties for \$14)

Booties are available for rent, \$5 per pair. Personal preferences will dictate the necessity for comfort wear rentals and don't forget to bring a dry change of clothes, towel, toiletries, and shoes for when you complete your river trip. **Showers, changing rooms, and secure lockers are available at ASCI for your convenience.** Paddling Gear: All rafters are provided with a helmet, paddle and a lifejacket (Personal Flotation Device, PFD). With a ducky rental, a full comfort package is included (wetsuit, splash jacket, and booties). Rentals are available for kayaks, helmets, PFD, skirts, or paddles.

Wet Suit - \$5.50, Splash Top - \$5.50, Booties - \$5.50/All 3 \$11 plus tax



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WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

WARNING: READ CAREFULLY. THIS AGREEMENT INCLUDES A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER OF LEGAL RIGHTS AND DEPRIVES YOU OF THE RIGHT TO SUE ADVENTURE SPORTS CENTER, INC., ADVENTURE SPORTS CENTER INTERNATIONAL, LLC, EVERBRIGHT PACIFIC, LLC (DBA WISP RESORT), THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GARRETT COLLEGE, AND/OR DEEP CREEK 2014, LLC, AND OTHER PARTIES. DO NOT SIGN THIS AGREEMENT UNLESS YOU HAVE READ IT IN ITS ENTIRETY. SEEK THE ADVICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF ITS EFFECT.

IN CONSIDERATION of Adventure Sports Center, Inc., Adventure Sports Center International, LLC (collectively "ASCI"), Everbright Pacific, LLC (doing business as Wisp Resort) ("Everbright"), the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County, Maryland (the "County"), the Board of Trustees of Garrett College (the "College"), and/or Deep Creek 2014, LLC ("Deep Creek") (collectively the "Released Parties") allowing me to participate in any and all recreational activities or events in which ASCI, Everbright, the County, or the College are in any way involved (the "Activities"), I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, parents, guardians, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement (the "Agreement"):

- 1. I hereby represent that (i) I am in good health and in proper physical condition to participate in the Activities; and (ii) I am not under the influence of alcohol or any illicit or prescription drugs which would in any way impair my ability to safely participate in the Activities. I agree that it is my sole responsibility to determine whether I am sufficiently fit and healthy enough to participate in the Activities.
2. I understand and acknowledge the physical and mental rigors associated with the Activities are inherently dangerous and represent an extreme test of a person's physical and mental limits and condition. I understand that participation in the Activities involves risks and dangers which include, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury, sickness and disease, permanent disability, paralysis and loss of life; loss of or damage to equipment/property; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents, contact or collision with other participants, spectators, vehicles, or natural or manmade objects; dangers arising from adverse weather conditions; imperfect conditions existing on the property where the Activities take place; equipment failure; inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the organizers of the Activities; and other undefined risks and dangers which may not be readily foreseeable or are presently unknown (the "Risks"). I understand that these Risks may be caused in whole or in part by my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activities, or the acts, inactions, or negligence of the Released Parties. I hereby expressly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses which I incur as a result of my participation in the Activities.
3. I agree to be familiar with and to abide by all rules and regulations established for the Activities in which I participate. I also accept sole responsibility for my own conduct and actions while participating in these Activities and the condition and adequacy of any equipment that I might own and supply in conjunction with those Activities.
4. I hereby release, waiver, and covenant not to sue, and further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Released Parties, together with the organizers, promoters, sponsors, advertisers, hosts, venue and property owners upon which the Activities take place, law enforcement agencies and other public entities providing support for the Activities, and each of their respective parent, subsidiary and affiliated companies, officers, directors, partners, shareholders, members, agents, employees and volunteers, with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss or expense, including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees of any kind or nature ("Liability") which may arise out of, result from, or relate to my participation in the Activities, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Released Parties. I further agree that if, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf, make a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liability which any may be incurred as a result of such a claim.

I hereby warrant that I have read this Agreement carefully, understand its terms and conditions, acknowledge that I will be giving up substantial legal rights by signing it (including the rights of the minor, my spouse, children, parents, guardians, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors and assigns), acknowledge that I have signed this Agreement freely and voluntarily, without any inducement, assurance or guarantee, and intend for my signature to serve as confirmation of my complete and unconditional acceptance of the terms, conditions and provisions of this Agreement. This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues and no oral representation, statements, or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

NAME OF PARTICIPANT (PRINT): _____ AGE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: ____/____/____
SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT: _____ DATE: _____

Parental Consent (required if the participant is less than 18 years of age) As the parent or legal guardian to the minor identified above, I hereby accept and agree to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement on behalf of the minor in connection with the minor's participation in the Activities. If, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on the minor's behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liability which any may be incurred as the result of such claim.

NAME OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (PRINT): _____ AGE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: ____/____/____
SIGNATURE OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN: _____ DATE: _____

PHOTOGRAPH RELEASE

I grant permission to Adventure Sports Center, Inc., Adventure Sports Center International, LLC (collectively "ASCI"), the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County, Maryland (the "County"), the Board of Trustees of Garrett College (the "College"), and/or Deep Creek 2014, LLC ("Deep Creek") to take photographs of me and to publish and use my photograph in any and all publications for any lawful purpose including, without limitation, publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content. I hereby authorize ASCI, the County, the College and/or Deep Creek to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute any photographs taken by them, their agents, servants and/or employees. I waive the right to inspect or approve of the finished product, including written or electronic copies of my photograph or likeness. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising out of or in any way related to the use of any photograph or other likeness of me or my image. I hereby hold harmless, release and forever discharge ASCI, the County, the College and/or Deep Creek from any and all claims, demands, actions and causes of action which I, my heirs, personal representatives, assigns, or any other person or persons acting on my behalf have or may have arising out of or relating to this Photograph Release (the "Release"). I hereby warrant that I have read this Release carefully, understand its terms and conditions, and acknowledge that I have signed this Release freely and voluntarily, without any inducement, assurance or guarantee and that I intend for my signature to serve as confirmation of my complete and unconditional acceptance of the terms of this Release.

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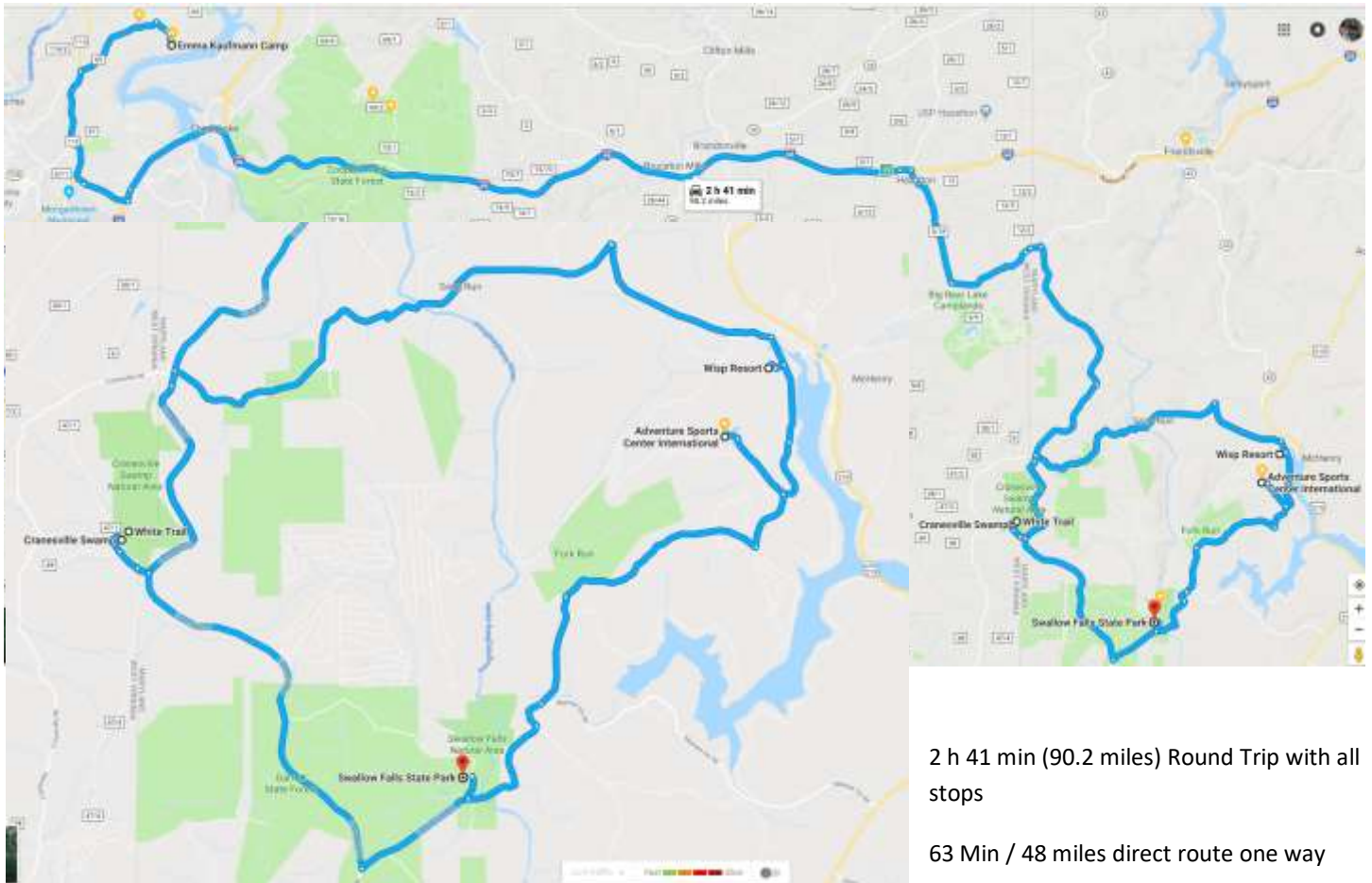
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BUS 2 (Cranesville Swamp Natural Area / Swallow Falls / WISP) - <https://goo.gl/maps/Q5QMdhP2nAg>

- 8:00 am Arrive at Emma Kaufmann Camp
- 8:30 am Depart from Emma Kaufmann Camp
- 9:30 am Drop-off at Carnesville Swamp Natural Area (partial load)
- 10:00 am Drop-off at WISP Resorts (remainder of load)
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- 12:00 pm Pickup at Cranesville Swamp Natural Area
- 12:15 pm Drop-off at Swallow Falls State Park
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- 2:45 pm Pickup at WISP
- 3:00 pm Pickup at Adventure Sports International (rafting)
- 3:30 pm Pickup at Swallow Falls State Park
- 4:30 pm Drop-off at Emma Kaufman Camp

Driving Directions:

From MD 219 in McHenry, MD (traveling north, turn left on Sang Run Road; traveling south, turn right on Sang Run Road). Go ¼ mile and turn left onto Marsh Hill Road. Take Marsh Hill approximately 1 mile, turn right on Overlook Pass. At the top of the hill, turn right, ASCI will be about ¾ of a mile on the left.



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Direct route from Emma Kaufman to Rafting location: 1HR 10MIN / 47.3MI / Est. fuel cost: \$7.75 with 12 Passenger Van

Start out going **northwest** on Emma Kaufman Camp Rd/County Hwy-65/2 toward Summit Dr.

Then 0.83 miles / 0.83 total miles

Take the **1st left** onto Stewartstown Rd/County Hwy-65. *Stewartstown Rd is 0.4 miles past Summit Dr.*

If you are on Camp Run Rd and reach Mountain Vista Dr you've gone about 0.4 miles too far.

Then 2.38 miles / 3.22 total miles

Turn **left** onto Point Marion Rd/US-119 S.

Then 3.07 miles / 6.29 total miles

Turn **left** onto Cheat Rd/County Hwy-857.

Cheat Rd is 0.2 miles past W Run Rd.

If you are on Easton Mill Rd and reach Discovery Pl you've gone about 0.2 miles too far.

Then 1.18 miles / 7.47 total miles

Merge onto I-68 E via the ramp on the **left** toward **Cumberland MD** (Crossing into **Maryland**).

This is Exit 7

If you are on Cheat Rd and reach Mid Atlantic Dr you've gone a little too far.

Then 28.25 miles / 35.72 total miles

Take the **MD-42** exit, EXIT 4, toward **Friendsville**.

Then 0.27 miles / 35.99 total miles

Merge onto Friendsville Rd/MD-42 toward **McHenry/State Parks/Oakland**.

Then 7.67 miles / 43.66 total miles

Turn **slight right** onto Garrett Hwy/US-219 S.

Garrett Hwy is 0.1 miles past Sky View Dr

Then 0.88 miles / 44.54 total miles

Turn **right** onto Sang Run Rd.

Sang Run Rd is just past Springwood Acres.

If you reach Visitors Center Dr you've gone a little too far.

Then 0.20 miles / 44.74 total miles

Turn **left** onto Marsh Hill Rd.

Marsh Hill Rd is 0.1 miles past Deep Creek Dr.

If you reach Barbaras Way you've gone about 0.1 miles too far.

Then 1.11 miles / 45.85 total miles

Turn **right** onto Overlook Pass.

Overlook Pass is 0.1 miles past Winding Way.

If you are on Southridge Dr and reach Southridge Ter you've gone about 1.7 miles too far.

Then 0.67 miles / 46.53 total miles

Turn **right** onto Wisp Mountain Rd.

Then 0.74 miles / 47.26 total miles

Turn **left** onto Adventure Sports Way.

Adventure Sports Way is 0.1 miles past Wisp Adventure Rd.

If you reach Kendall Camp Cir you've gone a little too far.

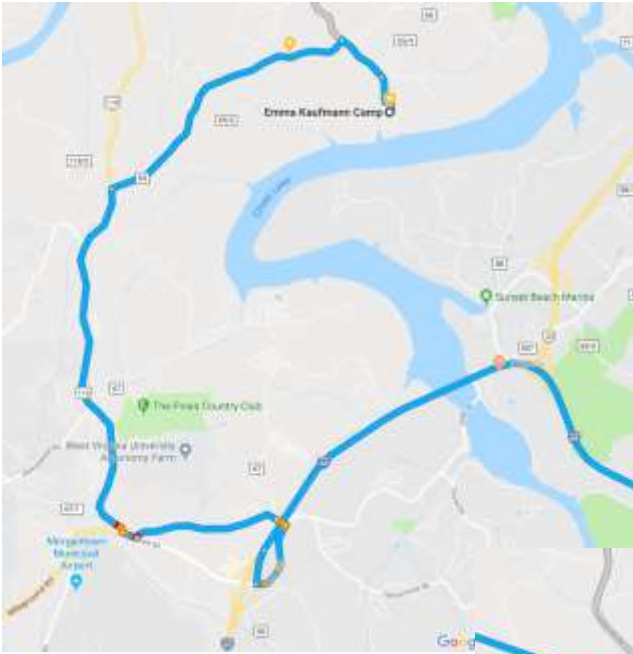
Then 0.03 miles / 47.30 total miles

250 Adventure Sports Way, Mc Henry, MD 21541-1563, 250 ADVENTURE SPORTS WAY is on the **left**.

If you reach Lower Pond Rd you've gone about 0.2 miles too far

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28 Miles of Rt. 68 From Exit 7 to Exit 4 in between maps

