



Gretna Glen

CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER

GET AWAY.
TOGETHER.

DAY & OVERNIGHT RETREATS
TEAMBUILDING
OUTDOOR EDUCATION

WHAT MAKES RETREATS AT GRETNA GLEN SPECIAL

At Gretna Glen, every retreat matters. Whether you're here for a day, a weekend, or a full week, you'll have a dedicated host to support your group so you can focus on what truly matters: connecting, reflecting, and recharging.

We work hard to make our space feel like a **home away from home**. From team-building sessions and faith-based retreats to family gatherings and leadership events, your group is welcomed with care and genuine hospitality.

Our hope is simple: that your time here refreshes, inspires, and equips you to return home ready to make a positive impact.

RETREATS AT GRETNA GLEN

RAAB RETREAT LODGE

Raab Retreat Lodge offers a cozy, peaceful setting perfect for relaxing and reconnecting, any time of year. The lodge sleeps up to 48 guests in six bunk rooms, with shared baths downstairs and private baths upstairs.

A spacious meeting room with a stunning floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace makes it easy for your group to gather, worship, plan, or unwind. A convenient kitchenette with a refrigerator, microwave, and sink is ideal for snacks and refreshments.

Perfect for groups of 24+ and ideal for retreats, reunions, and weekend getaways.

AMENITIES: Wood-Burning Fireplace • Climate Controlled • Kitchenette
• ADA Accessible • WIFI



THE CHALET

The Chalet is a warm, three-story lodge designed for groups who want to unwind and reconnect. With five bunk-style bedrooms and four full bathrooms, it comfortably sleeps up to 24 guests.

The main level features a fully equipped kitchen, a dining area, and a cozy seating space centered around a gas fireplace. It's the perfect spot for conversation, worship, or late-night games. Enjoy the spacious porch or relax indoors; the Chalet's peaceful setting makes it the ideal year-round getaway.

Great for youth groups, church groups, work teams, and families.

Available for groups of 12 or more.

AMENITIES: Propane Fireplace

• Climate Controlled • WIFI • Kitchen



WHO COMES TO GRETNA

- Church, ministry & non-profit groups
- Corporate teams
- School groups
- University students
- Sports teams
- Family reunions

LOCATION

Just 3 miles from the PA Turnpike, and an easy drive from Harrisburg, Philadelphia, and Lancaster, Gretna Glen is both convenient and secluded. Once you arrive, 200 acres of peaceful forest make it feel like a true getaway.

In addition to welcoming guests from Pennsylvania, we host groups from New Jersey, Maryland, New York, and beyond.

DAY RETREATS

Day retreats are tailored to your group's needs. Meeting spaces, outdoor pavilions, meals and snacks, and a variety of program activities can be combined to create the perfect schedule for your time together.

WESLEY LODGE

Wesley Lodge is a comfortable two-story retreat near the heart of camp. The upper level sleeps 12 and the lower level sleeps 16 with two distinct sleeping areas under one roof. Each floor includes a private changing room, and guests can use the nearby showerhouse just steps away.

A great option for youth groups and retreats looking for simple, cozy lodging in a peaceful setting.

Available for groups of 14 or more.

AMENITIES: Dormitory-Style • Climate Controlled



CABINS

Nestled in the woods, our seven climate controlled cabins offer a classic camp experience with just the right amount of comfort. Each cabin features one open bunk room that sleeps up to 14 guests and includes a private changing room. Guests have access to our modern 2018-built showerhouse, just a short walk away.

Perfect for youth retreats, church groups, and family gatherings that want a simple, peaceful place to unplug and connect.

Available for groups of 7 or more.

AMENITIES: Dormitory-Style • Climate Controlled

THE SHOWERHOUSE

Built in 2018, our modern Showerhouse serves the Mainsite Cabins and Wesley Lodge with comfort and convenience. Heated floors, private shower-and-changing stalls, and built-in body wash and shampoo dispensers make it easy for guests to freshen up and pack light. Fully ADA accessible, this space supports all guests while maintaining the warm, welcoming atmosphere Gretna Glen is known for.

AMENITIES: Private Shower & Changing Stalls • ADA Accessible • Built-In Body Wash & Shampoo

THE HENRY N. FUNK PROGRAM CENTER

The Henry N. Funk Program Center offers flexible indoor spaces ideal for meetings, worship, recreation, and group gatherings.

- **Poplar Room (Upper Level):**

Seats up to 300 in assembly style or 120 with tables. Equipped with a projector, large screen, and sound system—perfect for presentations, concerts, and large-group activities.

- **Aspen, Birch & Cedar (Lower Level):**

Three meeting rooms that each seat up to 30 guests. All include a television with HDMI access and a DVD player.

- **Kitchenette (Lower Level):**

A kitchen space with a stove, small refrigerator and microwave is available for reservation. Basic kitchen supplies provided.

Overnight groups staying in the Mainsite Cabins or Wesley Lodge are assigned a meeting space in the Funk Program Center based on their group size.

AMENITIES: Audio-Visual Equipment • Projector & Screen • Sound System • TVs with HDMI Access • Kitchenette • Multiple Meeting Spaces

MEAL SERVICE

We are happy to accommodate food allergies and intolerances. Our Food Service team is knowledgeable about ingredients and works hard to support guests' needs. Please note that our kitchen prepares foods containing all major allergens. We aim to provide hearty, nutritious meals for everyone who visits our Dining Hall.



THE SUITES AT CARRIE LODGE

Oak, Maple, and Pine Suites mirror one another in comfort and design. These hotel-style suites are centrally located near the dining hall, offering both convenience and a peaceful retreat. Each suite features a queen-size bed, a kitchenette, and a private bathroom. Step outside your door to a shared sitting area—perfect for relaxing, reflecting, or getting some work done outdoors. These suites are ideal for personal retreat time or for guests participating in a larger event at Gretna Glen.

Each suite accommodates 1 or 2 people max.

AMENITIES: Climate Controlled • WIFI • Kitchenette • Bedding • Towels



OUTDOOR SPACES & RECREATION

Gretna Glen offers beautiful outdoor areas perfect for worship, meals, and group gatherings. Reserve one of our **three pavilions, three outdoor chapels, or multiple campfire sites** to make the most of your time outside.

Enjoy a wide range of recreation, including:

Basketball • Gaga Ball • 9 Square • Four Square • Yard Games • Sports Equipment

Plus a sand play area, mud kitchen, playground, and treehouse canopy.

For quiet moments, explore our hiking trails, walk the prayer labyrinth, or visit the Zimmerman Environmental Education Center.

AMENITIES: Pavilions • Chapels • Campfire Sites • Sports & Yard Games • Playground • Treehouse Canopy • Trails • Prayer Labyrinth • Environmental Ed Center



WEEKEND RETREATS

We'll help you build a schedule that fits your group's goals! Most of our guests plan weekend retreats from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon.

Sample Schedule for a Two-Night Retreat

Friday

6:00–8:00 PM – Arrival & Settle In

8:00 PM – Campfire & Welcome Gathering

10:00 PM – Rest Time

Saturday

8:00 AM – Gretna Glen Breakfast

9:00 AM – Worship, Exploration, or Nature Walk

10:00 AM – Group Gathering

12:00 PM – Gretna Glen Lunch

1:00 PM – Ropes Course or Rest Time

3:00 PM – Seasonal Activities: Boating, Sledding,
or Meadow Games

5:00 PM – Gretna Glen Dinner

6:00 PM – Evening Gathering

8:00 PM – Campfire, Worship, & Fellowship

10:00 PM – Rest Time

Sunday

8:00 AM – Gretna Glen Breakfast

9:00 AM – Worship, Exploration, or Nature Walk

11:00 AM – Closing Gathering

12:00 PM – Gretna Glen Lunch

1:00 PM – Farewells

ONE SITE MANY ADVENTURES

We have adventures that fit any group no matter what level of adventure you're looking for.

Teambuilding Courses:

- Our teams course (historically called low ropes) provides your team with hands on - low to the ground challenges.
- Our Personal Challenge Course is a great option for groups looking to challenge themselves and support one another low to the ground on an "Obstacle" style course.

High Ropes and Climbing:

- 6 Cooperative Challenges (more than one person involved)
- 4 Personal Challenges (The Team supports your adventure)
- 1 Climbing Tower (Three sides, up to 5 climbers at one time)

TEAMBUILDING AT GREтна GLEN

EXPERIENCED • ACCREDITED • TRUSTED
FOR OVER 20 YEARS

The Challenge Course opportunities at Gretna Glen are a great way to spend some intentional time with your team. Our goal is to provide challenges that encourage communication, problem solving, and teamwork in a supportive environment.

Programs can run for two hours, two days, or across multiple sessions, depending on your goals. Whether your group is cheering each other on through a High Ropes element or problem-solving on our Team-Building Course, every experience is crafted to build confidence, trust, and teamwork.

Whether you're looking for a fun outside event, or some challenges to overcome as a team we have something for every group.



CLIMBING TOWER & HIGH ROPES CHALLENGE COURSE

Reach new heights—literally. Participants are fully protected with a harness, rope, and belay system as they take on the pinnacle of personal challenge, supported every step of the way by our trained, certified staff.

Our High Ropes Course features elements set 20–60 feet in the air among trees and poles, while our 35-foot Climbing Tower offers three sides of routes designed for every skill level. Groups cheer each other on as they climb, leap, balance, and push beyond perceived limits.

Combine High Ropes with Teambuilding for a truly unforgettable shared experience.

Program Guidelines

- Minimum: **2 hours** and **8 participants**
- Climbing Tower & Personal Challenge Course: ages **8+** (**3rd grade**)



- High Ropes & Teambuilding Course: ages **12+** (6th grade)

*All of our challenge course elements are certified in accordance with PA State Law and Association for Challenge Course Technology Standards.

TEAMBUILDING & PERSONAL CHALLENGE COURSE

Work together, think creatively, and discover what your group can accomplish. Our Teambuilding and Personal Challenge Course invites teams to navigate a series of facilitator-led challenges—each designed to stretch your communication, cooperation, and problem-solving skills.

Think of it as an obstacle course meets an escape-room-style adventure. You won't know what's coming next, but you'll tackle each activity together, supporting one another as you balance, strategize, retrieve clues, and reach new goals.

Along the way, your facilitator guides meaningful conversations around trust, communication, positivity, and teamwork—helping your group apply what they learn to real-life situations long after the experience ends.

WHAT WE PROVIDE

Our site supports day programs, field trips, and overnight retreats with lodging and meal service available. We design programs for school groups, youth groups, athletic teams, student committees, and corporate organizations—**we do it all.**



OUTDOOR EDUCATION AT GRETNA GLEN

"Teaching children about the natural world should be treated as one of the most important events of their lives."—Thomas Berry

At Gretna Glen, we make outdoor education simple, flexible, and meaningful. We work with you directly to design a program that fits your group's goals, schedule, and interests. Choose any combination of the following:

- Pond/Aquatic Studies
- Guided Nature Hikes
- Outdoor Living Skills
- Nature Crafts
- Teambuilding Adventures
- Animal Studies
- Boating
- Archery
- Pioneer Living
- Open Recreation/ Free Play
- S.T.E.M. Activities
- Outdoor Cooking



Ready to plan your program?

Visit www.gretnaglen.org or call 717.273.6525



ONE-DAY FIELD TRIP

For a one-day field trip, there can be 3-4 one hour long class sessions. Programs can be applied directly to the Pennsylvania Education Standards.

| Time | Group 1 | Group 2 | Group 3 |
|-------|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 9:15 | Arrive at Gretna Glen | | |
| 9:45 | Stream Study | Nature Hike | Team Adventure |
| 10:45 | Nature Hike | Team Adventure | Stream Study |
| 11:45 | Lunch | | |
| 12:30 | Team Adventure | Stream Study | Nature Hike |
| 1:30 | Gather in Meadow Songs and Closing | | |
| 1:45 | Depart - see you next time! | | |

GRETN A GLEN MISSION STATEMENT

To joyfully welcome all people into God's creation by gathering together in community and inspiring each other to do good.



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