

THE VILLAGE is the center of activity at Wilder Forest. Given form by a natural bowl of Ice Age origins, the Village is a city in miniature, combining the elementary community functions of food service, health service, education, administration, residence, production, and recreation. It is designed to offer a flexible range of environmental education, conference, and social development activities. Features of the Village include community water supply and waste disposal systems, an innovative district heating system combining heat storage with the use of wood and other home-grown fuels available on the site, conservation, and the careful integration of buildings with the natural environment. When completed in the late spring of 1984, the Village will contain sleeping accommodations for 70 people, folk-craft work shops, library and reading room, environmental studies laboratory, laundry, and meeting spaces of various sizes, in addition to the Commons or central food service and assembly building, the Wilder Forest office and outfitters, and a small health center. Nearby retreat facilities at the Clearing and Homestead provide additional overnight accommodations for 32 persons.



the
VILLAGE at wilder forest

as an educational, working farm, complete with livestock, poultry, gardens, orchard, and seventy acres in cropland. Facilities at the farm include livestock and poultry barns, feed storage buildings, and a year-round greenhouse and farm program center. Typical farm program activities include barnyard tours, farm chore work projects, hay rides and sleigh rides, and educational programs in greenhouse gardening, animal husbandry, poultry farming, soil studies, dairying, farming history, beekeeping, and working with wool. Wilder Forest also works cooperatively with St Paul neighborhood groups in providing opportunities for community gardening and other farm enterprises at the camp.

Since 1979 the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation has been engaged in a building and development program scheduled for completion in 1984. The purpose of the improvements is to provide facilities for all-season use of Wilder Forest and to expand its overnight accommodations for adult education, conferences and workshops, and environmental education activities of schools. In addition to the farm, improvements have included a new road system; ten miles of hiking, snowshoeing and ski trails; trail center; family and small group campground; program office and outfitters; waterfront docks at Square Lake; canoe shelter and aquatics study area; forestry program center; play forest for pre-school children; and four primitive camp areas. Three retreat facilities, accommodating a total of 44 persons, have been completed, and a central meeting, assembly and food service facility for 130 persons will be in operation in April, 1983. Planned for the final stage of construction are a health service facility and program buildings combining dormitory accommodations for 80 persons with library, crafts, environmental studies, and meeting or classroom facilities. The new buildings have been designed for energy self-sufficiency, blending into the natural environment, with attention to optimum accessibility and use for all persons.

Environmental education resources currently available include the farm program area and greenhouse, local history and archaeology sites, forestry and woodlot management center, and equipment resources for the study of the camp's diverse natural environments. Outdoor living areas, with platform tents, outdoor toilets, and outdoor kitchens, provide three-season accommodations for smaller classroom groups. School groups of 10-12 students can also use the year-round overnight facilities at the Outpost and Homestead. Day use areas include the Commons building, outdoor group shelters with hand pumps and outdoor toilets, while overnight camping areas range from primitive campsites, accessible only by trail, to the modern group campground with drive-in as well as walk-in sites. A year-round professional staff is available to assist schools in planning and carrying out outdoor education programs at the camp.

Resources for small conferences, staff training and development workshops, retreats and other adult programs include the Commons, which is available for single day meetings and conferences; the Clearing, a residential retreat facility for twenty persons; the Homestead, an overnight retreat center for twelve; and the Outpost, an overnight lodge, accessible only by trail. Conference options include meals prepared by Wilder Forest or self-service meal arrangements; bedding and linens; and the use of the center's resource staff. Visual and other conference aids can be made available, as well as skis, snowshoes, and other outdoor recreational equipment.

Wilder Forest staff members are available to visit with groups prior to their use of the center, to assist in program planning, to discuss policies and procedures, and to make arrangements for program staff assistance during the group's stay. Further information and reservations are secured by calling or writing the camp directly.

Wilder Forest . 14189 Ostlund Trail North . Marine on St Croix, Minnesota 55047
(612) 433-5198

Recreational and Educational Opportunities Available

Cross-country skiing (equipment and trails)
 Snowshoeing (equipment)
 Group initiative course
 Swimming at Square Lake (Wilderness waterfront)
 Canoeing on Clear Lake (undeveloped primitive lake)
 Fishing
 Night environmental walks
 Evening campfires and Chautauquas
 Naturalist-led walks and slide talks
 Folk crafts
 Farm tours
 Sleighrides and hayrides
 Local history tours
 Bread-baking
 Farm chores
 Wood cutting
 Environmental studies
 Folk dance

Conference and Workshop Equipment Resources Available

Chalkboards
 Flip charts and easels
 Overhead projectors
 16 mm film projector
 Slide projector
 Screens

Use of copy machine and typewriters

WILDER FOREST RETREATS AND CONFERENCES

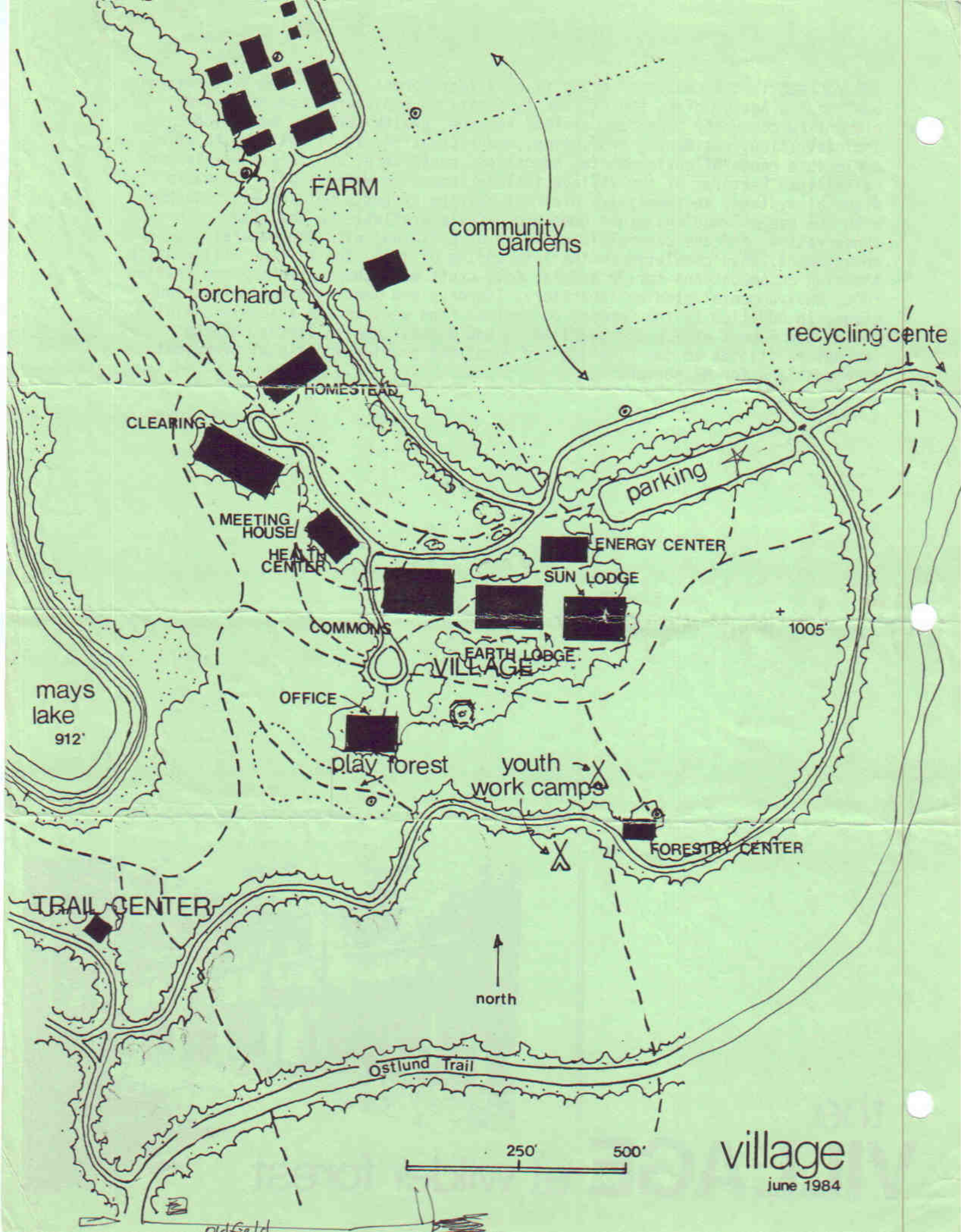
Facilities and Rates

WILDER FOREST RETREATS AND CONFERENCES

1984

Wilderness Forest

Marine on St Croix, Minnesota 55047



FARM

community
gardens

orchard

recycling center

HOMESTEAD

CLEARING

parking

MEETING HOUSE

HEALTH CENTER

ENERGY CENTER

SUN LODGE

COMMONS

+ 1005'

EARTH LODGE

VILLAGE

OFFICE

play forest

youth
work camps

FORESTRY CENTER

mays lake
912'

TRAIL CENTER

north

Ostlund Trail

250'

500'

village
june 1984



INFORMATION SHEET

Wilder Forest is a year-round outdoor education center serving residents of Ramsey, Washington, Anoka, and Dakota Counties of the St Paul metropolitan area. It is owned and operated by the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, a private operating foundation providing human services in the St Paul community since 1910.

Wilder Forest has been in operation since the late 1950's, when it was acquired by the Wilder Foundation to be developed as a site for summer day camps and all-season overnight camping by St Paul area social agencies. Currently Wilder Forest serves approximately 14,000 persons each year, in workshops and conferences, overnight camps, field trips, day camps, youth work programs, and environmental education programs conducted at twelve program sites and facilities. Use of the camp and its resources is limited to community centers, schools, youth organizations, day care centers, nursing homes, treatment centers, community and environmental organizations, and other non-profit agencies serving residents of the four-county area. All agencies and organizations using the facilities and resources of Wilder Forest are charged a fee, covering a portion of the cost of their visits.

The purpose of Wilder Forest is to enable metropolitan area residents of all ages and backgrounds to participate more knowledgeably, creatively, and constructively in their own environments, by providing outdoor program resources for group camping, environmental education, and conference services in cooperation with St Paul area agencies, schools, and organizations. In keeping with this purpose Wilder Forest encourages programs that link concerns for the natural environment with those of the human and social environment. It conducts demonstrations of new methods and approaches in utilizing the natural environment in experiential education, and it provides opportunities for community leadership development through internships, youth work programs, apprenticeships, and elder volunteers.

Wilder Forest consists of 980 acres of hardwood forest, lakes, marshland, meadow and farm land. Five lakes lie within or adjacent to its borders, and nearly two-thirds of its area is set aside as a wildland sanctuary, accessible only by canoe or foot trail. A portion of the property has been developed

OVERNIGHT FACILITIES

Facility	Capacity	Rate per person per day ¹		
		Multi-2 Service	Full Service ³	Self- Service ⁴
Clearing	20	\$35	\$20	\$10
Homestead	12	\$35	\$20	\$10
Outpost	12	NA	\$20	\$10
Earth Lodge	32	NA	\$20	NA
Sun Lodge	38	NA	\$20	NA
Emerald Grove (wall tents on platforms)	16	NA	\$15	\$5

1 Overnight lodging plus three meals or equivalent, including use of meeting rooms

2 Multi-service includes full food service, plus coffee and refreshments available throughout day and evening; full housekeeping services; and table service.

3 Full service includes all food service, morning coffee, and linens. Group is responsible for own housekeeping, table service, and meal clean-up.

4 Self-service does not include food service. Group cares for own food and meal preparation; meal clean-up; own housekeeping. Linens and bedding are not provided by the camp.

MEETING FACILITIES

(Single Day or Portion of Day)

Meeting facility	Capacity	Per Person Rate without Meal
Commons dining room	120	\$3
Commons meeting and program rooms (2)	20 each	\$5
Conference Center	40	\$5
Homestead social room	12	\$5
Clearing social room	20	\$5
Outpost	12	\$5
Earth Lodge meeting and program rooms (5)	12-20 each	\$5
Sun Lodge meeting and program rooms (5)	12-20 each	\$5
Food Service	120	\$3.50 per meal per person

CONFERENCE CENTER AVAILABLE AFTER JULY 1, 1984

EARTH LODGE AND SUN LODGE AVAILABLE AFTER JUNE 1, 1984

Rates include coffee and use of conference equipment