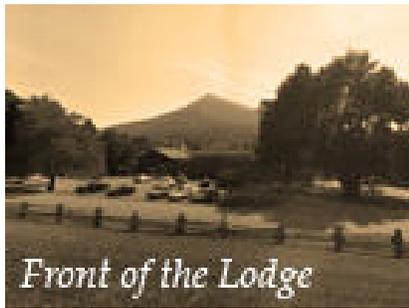


Peaks of Otter Lodge Bedford, Virginia



Located at Milepost 86 on the Blue Ridge Parkway near Bedford, Virginia, the Peaks of Otter Lodge includes 60 rooms, three being ADA rooms. Enjoy the serenity created by the absence of phones or televisions in the rooms. The lodge is open year round. All rooms overlook picturesque Abbott Lake with its one-mile loop trail. A strenuous one and one-half mile trail leads to the summit of Sharp Top Mountain or you can ride the Sharp Top bus during non-winter months to the top of the peak.

As a concessioner on the Blue Ridge Parkway, we work in cooperation with the Park to protect all natural and cultural resources and encourage our visitors to do the same.

CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Lodging

Optional Linen Service. Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day. This facility pledges that they:

- Have signage in each guest room explaining the linen reuse procedures
- Change linens only upon request
- Train housekeeping staff on process for optional linen service
- Purchase water- and energy-efficient washers and dryers
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic and biodegradable laundry detergents

Recycling and Waste Reduction. Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:

- Provide the opportunity for guests to recycle: aluminum cans and office paper
- Also recycle toner cartridges, cardboard, fluorescent lamps
- Track overall solid waste costs

Guest rooms

- Instruct housekeeping staff to save and reuse unopened items

Kitchen (or meetings/events)

- Recycle fryer grease and/or filter grease prior to recycling
- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste

Dining room (or meetings/events)

- Do not use any disposable containers, dishware, cutlery, or cups
- Use cloth napkins

- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles

Restrooms

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Purchase recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper

Office

- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible

Building and grounds

- Use green cleaning products that are dispensed in bulk
- Use latex low or no-VOC paints
- Re-use paint thinners
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents (required by law)
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use integrated pest management (IPM)
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping



Water Conservation. The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater

Activities indoors

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed:
 - High efficiency dishwashers
 - Low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)
 - Low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)



Energy Conservation. The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills
- Have had an energy audit to identify efficiency opportunities within the past 12 months
- Have established a numeric goal to reduce energy usage over time

Heating and cooling

- Have individual thermostats for each room/area; ensure they are correctly adjusted
- Have installed ceiling fans
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed in HVAC system is on

Lighting

- Use natural lighting
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting



Green Events Package. The facility must offer a "green" or "environmentally-friendly" package for conferences, meetings, and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided. This facility pledges that they:

- Facility does not host conferences or events.

For more information on **Peaks of Otter Lodge**, see www.peaksofotter.com or contact Ron Stull at peakstull@aol.com or (540) 586-9263.

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green Hotels and Lodging Facilities** have been thoughtfully planned and designed to minimize their impacts on the environment. This lodging has met the established "core activities" for **Green Lodging** and has committed to communicate its activities to its guests.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen or www.viriniagreentravel.org.



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