

Expanded Outdoor Programs Information – Effective 6/15/2021

Welcome to Grey Towers National Historic Site!

Although current USDA Forest Service COVID-19 guidelines prohibit us from offering guided tours of the mansion, we are expanding our outdoor public offerings to better serve our visitors. **Beginning Tuesday, June 15, we will offer expanded outdoor programming from 11AM to 3PM, seven days a week.** Outdoor public offerings will change daily and will be communicated via signage when visitors arrive at the site. Public offerings will include ranger talks delivered in the historic core surrounding the mansion and Yale Forestry Campsite Programs. Please find additional information regarding these programs below and see the reverse side for a site map.

Ranger Talks

Ranger talks last approximately 15-30 minutes and cover a unique aspect of Grey Towers, Pinchot Family, or Forest Service history. When offered, ranger talks will take place either on the East Terrace (**location 3**) or Pool Terrace (**location 4**), and seating is available at both locations. Please allow 5-10 minutes to walk from the lower parking lot (**location 1**) to these locations. From there, the distance is approximately 350 yards uphill.

If you have time before the ranger talk begins, you may wish to view our visitor films in the Letter Box (**location 5**). The visitor films play on a 30-minute loop and introduce Grey Towers, the Pinchot Family, and the USDA Forest Service.

Yale Forestry Campsite Program

During summers from 1901 to 1926, the Pinchot Family welcomed students from the Yale School of Forestry to their Milford Estate to gain practical field experience in the surrounding woods. On our Forest Discovery Trail, you will find a replica of a campsite that the Yale students would have set up during their stay. When offered, we will have a ranger at the campsite replica for approximately one hour to share information and answer questions. If you ascend the rear mansion stairs (**location 7**), the trail is located on your left. Please use the mulched trail on your immediate left (**location 8**) rather than the service road to hike to the site. The trail begins with a steep incline but levels off within a few hundred feet. From the rear mansion stairs, please allow 10-15 minutes to reach the campsite. The distance is approximately 0.4 miles.

***All programs are subject to change based on staff availability, inclement weather, and changing federal guidelines. The gift shop remains closed at this time. Interagency pass sales are offered Thursday-Saturday from 9-11 (**location 6**). Please direct questions to site rangers and enjoy your visit at Grey Towers!

Map on Reverse Side

Grey Towers NHS Site Map

