



*Farish
Recreation Area*

United States Air Force Academy

An Exclusive Mountain Resort

Members of our military family are invited to experience the magic of Farish Recreation Area

Exclusive mountain resort comes to mind when describing USAFA's Farish Recreation Area, a 655-acre alpine paradise of mountains and meadows. This treasure is located on the Rampart Range west of the Academy at an altitude of 9,000 feet.

The facility is open year-round and offers seasonal activities. Summertime is the favored and busiest season, but don't neglect the good times that winter affords. Many of our guests enjoy this season for the solitude, crispness of air and unbelievably clear night skies.

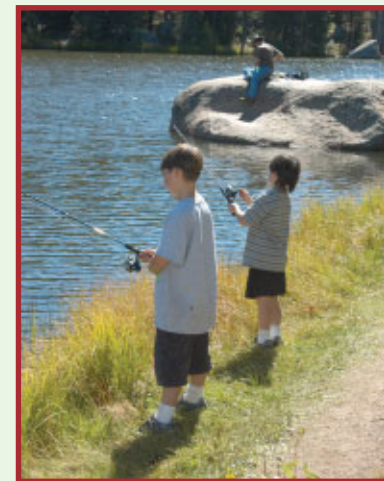
What is there to do at 9,000 feet in the winter? Leave that to the staff at Farish.



Snowshoeing is a fun winter activity.

Lodging: Historical to Contemporary

If you are fortunate enough to spend a few days with us, we will direct you to our single-family cottage that accommodates up to eight people, or the popular historic lodging rooms with fireplaces for that special getaway. The modern duplex suites with their wonderful vistas will leave you breathless. We believe that 'life is not measured in the breaths you take, but in the moments that take your breath away.'



Farish's three lakes can be fished in summer or winter.

If you're not able to spend more than a day with us, try ice skating on Grace Lake, or ice fishing for 12-inch trout. Yes, we have rental skates and fishing equipment here for your convenience. Let it snow is our winter wish! When that happens an exciting new world of cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and sled-

ding are at your doorstep. We have equipment available for all ages, with additional equipment available at the Academy Outdoor Recreation Center.

Now that we have your attention, let's give you an idea of what we have at this jewel of the Air Force Academy. First of all, we have an award-winning staff of professionals to fuss over you. Whether you are here only for the day or putting together that family reunion you have been thinking about, the staff will go the extra mile to make your activities memorable.

Wildlife Galore

No matter what lodging accommodations you have you will never be without an adventure out your door. Often your view will include the abundant wildlife found at Farish. Depending on the season, you may see elk, mule deer, black bear, mountain lion, bobcat, snowshoe hare, turkey, blue grouse or ptarmigan.

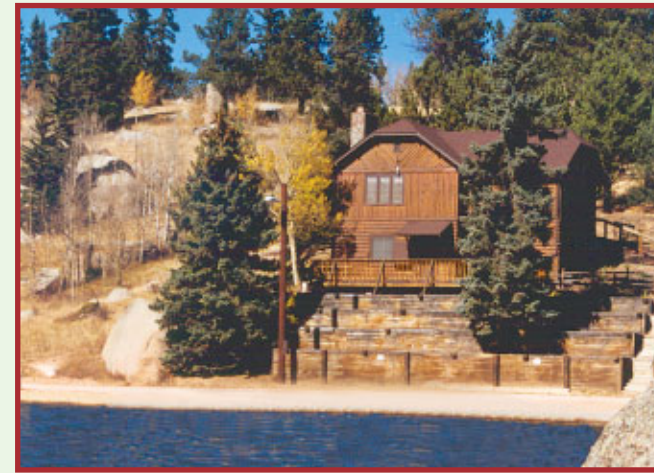
Endangered wildlife in the area include the American peregrine falcon, the southern bald eagle and the osprey.

Excellent Facility for Workshops

Consider taking the road less traveled and holding your next workshop, wedding, retreat or large event at our modern Conference Center. With a complete kitchen, the comfortably appointed Conference Center is perfect for groups of up to 75 people. Need lodging for a multiple-day event? Duplex suites are available.



Autumn brings crisp air and colorful foliage.



The lodge, perched spectacularly above Lake Grace, sleeps 16 in four separate rooms.

Wildflowers Are Abundant in Summer

Summertime brings out the wildflowers, blue skies and open-water fishing for mountain trout on our three lakes. Conveniently located tent campsites and rustic camper cabins are at shore's edge. Be sure to ask about fishing license requirements.

Variety of Lodging Options at Farish

Farish offers a variety of lodging facilities including the fully furnished historic lodge and cottage. Both facilities are located north of Grace Lake, in one of the most peaceful parts of Farish. Lakeside fishing is available just outside the lodge and cottage, and pedal boats are readily available in the summer.

The cottage sleeps eight, and has a gas log fireplace, sofa, TV, table and chairs. The small kitchen is fully equipped and in the master bedroom there is a queen-size bed. The spare room has two queen beds and two single beds.

The lodge has four separate rooms. Rooms 1 and 2 are on the upper floor with Room 1 being the larger of the two. It has a fireplace, private bath, a queen-size bed and a twin size bunk bed. Room 1 sleeps four.

Rooms 2, 3 and 4 share two community bathrooms and Rooms 2 and 4 have identical setups of a queen bed and bunk bed that sleep a total of four people.

Room 3 is on the lower level and has a fireplace, queen bed and bunk beds to sleep four.

Full kitchen facilities for the historic lodge are located in the building next door, 200 feet from the lodge. There are full size stoves, refrigerators and basic kitchen utensils for each room. The kitchen is in the middle of the build-



Mountain biking is popular nearly year-round.

ing with a dining room which seats up to 16. High chairs and cribs are available for all units upon request.

Six duplex lodging units are located at the multipurpose center, and are handicap accessible. Each unit sleeps five and has a kitchen, living room, stove-top (no oven), bath, and two bedrooms or loft.

Farish also offers **camper cabins** for overnight summer reservations. Two cabins have electricity and two do not. Each cabin sleeps four people and each has a porch swing, cooking grill and picnic table. Campers must bring their own sleeping bags and cooking fuel.

The newly renovated **Grace Lake barn** is a convenient facility for groups of up to 25, with meeting areas, pavilion and grills.

Seven pavilions are available for groups to use. A few of these areas are on lakeshore, and all have grills and tables. Six have electricity. Three can be used as RV sites. The main pavilion, on Lake Leo, can host groups of up to 100 and is across the road from a well-furnished playground and an outdoor volleyball court and horseshoe pit.

Camp sites are located at Lakes Leo and Sapphire, and at the peaceful southeast corner of Farish. Most sites accommodate two tents.

Reservations for all facilities are highly recommended, and are accepted up to 90 days in advance, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Reservations for weddings, official functions and reunions are accepted up to one year in advance, but only when half of available lodging, or more, is booked.

Wedding and large group function reservations are limited to Sunday through Thursday (excluding Sundays following a holiday) between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Special rates are offered for official military or DoD off-site functions!

Make reservations by calling Farish directly at (719) 687-9098.



The Conference Center at Farish is nicely furnished and can accommodate up to 75 people.

Farish history dates to 1924

The original log cabin on the Farish property was built in 1924. The first lake, Grace Lake, was created in 1930 with subsequent buildings and lakes constructed later. They were donated to the Academy by the Air Force Academy Foundation, Inc. and Mr. and Mrs. William S. Farish in memory of their son, Lt. William S. Farish, Jr., who was killed while serving as a member of the Army Air Corps.

The final 495 acres, which expanded the resort to its present total of 655, were acquired in 1967. This additional land was largely unsuccessful gold and copper mining operations, with the southern-most part a potato farm.

Annual USAF Global Volksmarch

Every fall, Farish hosts the annual USAF Global Volksmarch, which is sanctioned by the American Volkssport Association (AVA), a member of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV). There is no gate fee charged on the days of the event.



The Volksmarch is usually held at Farish in mid-September.

The annual Volksmarch is usually held on a weekend in mid-September. Event participants start at the multipurpose center between 7:30 a.m. and noon, and all participants must return to the multipurpose center before 2 p.m. Hikers may choose a distance of 10 or 20 kilometers, and the event is free if no IVV credit or award medal is desired. Water is available at each checkpoint and at the start and finish points. Rollerskates, bicycles, skateboards, etc., may not be used by anyone wanting IVV credit. All pets must be on a leash at all times, and water will be provided at checkpoints for all pets.

For more information about Volkssport, call the Academy Outdoor Adventure Program at 333-2940.

Eligible Users of Farish

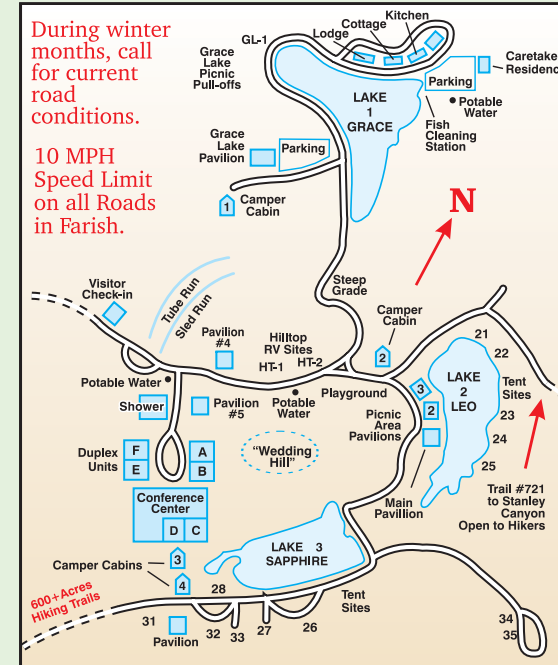
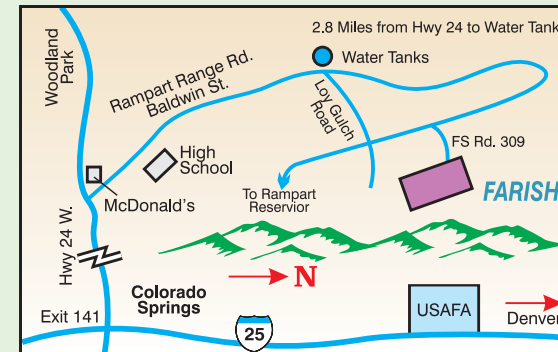
Eligible users of Farish Recreation Area are all active duty and retired military, Reserve and National Guard, Department of Defense and NAF civilian employees, cadets and Prep School students, USAFA contractors and the immediate family members of these groups.

NOTE: The Farish campground and camper cabins will close mid-October depending on the weather conditions. Please call for availability on weekdays. Cell phones do not work at Farish. Rooms do not have phones.

Make Reservations Well in Advance

Reservations are required for all but day use. Bring your pets for the day only and remember they must be on a leash. Sorry, no pets may stay overnight except at campsites.

The staff welcomes you to Farish whether it is your first visit or your 50th and reminds you to make your plans well in advance so you won't be disappointed. Please call for prices and special promotions.



Easy Directions

Farish is a 7½-mile hike from the Academy via the Stanley Canyon Trail or about 45 minutes by car. Take Interstate 25 to Exit 141, then head west on Highway 24 to Woodland Park (watch your speed is good advice). Turn right at the third stop light (Baldwin Street at McDonald's) and follow Rampart Range Road to its end (big water tank on left), look for the Farish sign and take the fork to the right (Loy Creek Road). Go up the hill to the three-way stop, then make a left on the dirt road and follow the signs to Farish Recreation Area. Experience the magic.

In winter, we always recommend that you call Farish, (719) 687-9098, for road and weather conditions before leaving home.

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