

2026 MATERIALS CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE

Location: Canaan Valley Resort
Date: March 10 – 12, 2026
Facilitator: Materials Control Soils
 and Testing Division

Tuesday, March 10th

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Registration		Main Lobby
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Lunch		Hickory
1:00 PM – 1:15 PM	Opening Remarks	Mike Mance	Balsam/Spruce
1:15 PM – 1:45 PM	Cheat River Bridge	Cameron Barkley	Balsam/Spruce
1:45 PM – 2:15 PM	Federal STIP	Chris Kessell	Balsam/Spruce
2:15 PM – 2:30 PM	Break		
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	Matt’s Message	Matt Crum	Balsam/Spruce
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	Equipment Simulator	Aaron Stroud	Balsam/Spruce
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Inspection of Bridges Under Construction	Shawn Brannon	Balsam/Spruce
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Construction Quality on DOH Projects	Jason Tharp and Brandon Raines	Balsam/Spruce
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Dinner		Hickory
7:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Social Time		Maple/Balsam

Wednesday, March 11th

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast		Hickory
8:00 AM – 8:40 AM	Breakout A	Various	Various
8:50 AM – 9:30 AM	Breakout B	Various	Various
9:30 AM – 9:50 AM	Break		Aspen Room
9:50 AM – 10:30 AM	Breakout C	Various	Various
10:40 AM – 11:20 AM	Breakout D	Various	Various
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Group Discussion	Various	Various
12:00 PM – 1:10 PM	Lunch		Hickory
1:10 PM – 1:50 PM	Breakout E	Various	Various
2:00 PM – 2:40 PM	Breakout F	Various	Various
2:40 PM – 3:00 PM	Break		Aspen Room
3:00 PM – 3:40 PM	Breakout G	Various	Various
3:50 PM – 4:30 PM	Breakout H	Various	Various
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Dinner		Hickory
7:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Social Time		Maple/Balsam

Breakout Selections

Wednesday Morning, Breakout A, B, C, D

Location	Topic	Presenter
Maple	Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control	Katrina High and Tommy George
Balsam	NPDES Permitting Process	Olivia O'Bryan and Brian Bridgewater
Birch/Hawthorne	TAMP Update	Gehan Elsayed
Pine	AWP – Materials / AI Usage	Dan Brayack
Spruce	Basic Change Orders / Life of a Contract	Russ Kees and Chuck Harper
Willow/Elm	Temporary Traffic Control Inspections During Construction	Ryan Canfield and Dave Ferrell
Hemlock	IA Updates	Brandon Merritt and Adam Boothroyd
Aspen	Equipment Simulator	Aaron Stroud

Wednesday Afternoon, Breakout E, F, G, H

Location	Topic	Presenter
Maple	AWP – Construction & CRL	David Ballard and Russ Kees
Balsam	Environmental Issues / Effects	Ashley Gauntt
Birch/Hawthorne	Technician Certification Updates / Training Updates	Shane Harper
Pine	Proper Pipe Installation and Inspection	Don McNutt
Spruce	Asphalt Paving Best Practices	John Crane and Shawn Jack
Willow/Elm	Guardrail and Guardrail Grading	James Moore
Hemlock	Stationed for Success: Real-Time Tools for Smarter Roadway Projects	Dave Thomas
Aspen	Equipment Simulator	Aaron Stroud

Thursday, March 12th

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast		Hickory
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	James River Overpass	Ryan Canfield and Micheal Ramey	Balsam/Spruce
8:30 AM – 9:15 AM	Utilizing Emerging Technologies to Improve WVDOT's Efficiency and Productivity	Robert Bryant and Yueming Wu	Balsam/Spruce
9:15 AM – 9:30 AM	Performance Management Hub	Nicholas Pettry	Balsam/Spruce
9:30 AM – 9:45 AM	Break		Aspen Room
9:45 AM – 10:00 AM	Research Updates – FY 2026	David Chappell	Balsam/Spruce
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Civil Rights Updates	David Ballard and Ray Patrick	Balsam/Spruce
10:15 AM – 10:45 AM	Updates from the Secretary	Todd Rumbaugh	Balsam/Spruce
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	2026 Publications Update	Janie Adkins and Jacinda Chapman	Balsam/Spruce
11:00 AM – 11:15 AM	Wheeling Bridge Incident	Mike Witherow	Balsam/Spruce
11:15 AM – 11:45 AM	Summary of Group Discussion	TBD	Balsam/Spruce
11:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Closing Remarks	Shawn Smith	Balsam/Spruce
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch		Hickory

Food Menu

Tuesday, March 10

Lunch

Pot Roast & Baked Chicken, Garden Salad, Chef's Choice Vegetable

Dinner

BBQ Pork Loins & Chicken, Pasta Salad, Oven-Roasted Potatoes, Baked Beans, Chef's Choice Desserts

Wednesday, March 11

Breakfast

Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Breakfast Potatoes, Biscuits & Sausage Gravy

Lunch

Grilled Hamburgers, All Beef Hot Dogs, Assorted Toppings, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Kettle Chips

Dinner

Chicken Parmesan, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, Seasonal Vegetable, Garlic Bread, Chef's Choice Desserts

Thursday, March 12

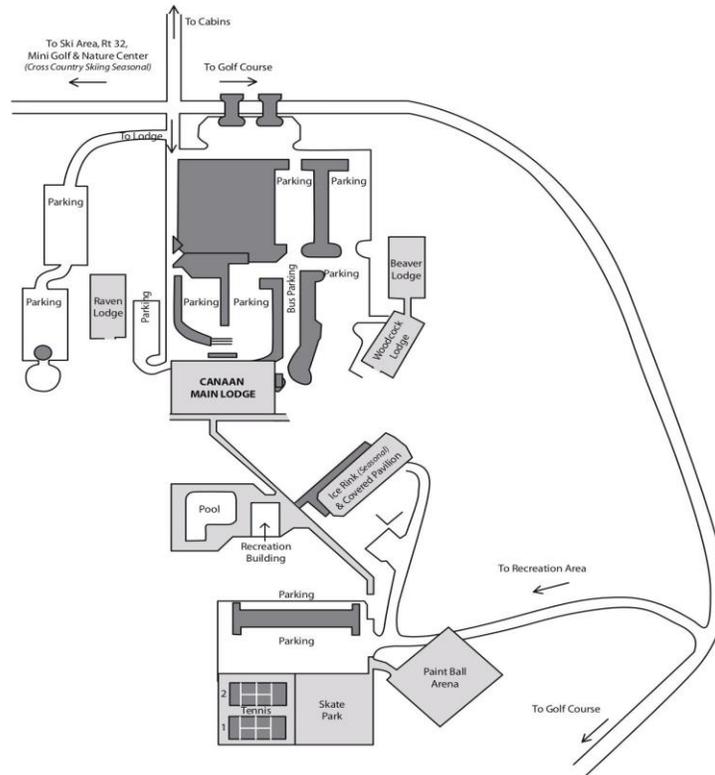
Breakfast

Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Breakfast Potatoes, Biscuits & Sausage Gravy

Lunch

Canaan Deli: Variety of Cold Lunch Meats, Grilled Vegetables, Cheeses & Breads and Toppings, Garden Salad, Potato Chips, Chef's Choice of Dessert

Canaan Valley Resort Map



Directory - Phone List

2631 Campground
44 Reservations

Golf Course (Seasonal)

2633 Golf snack shop
2632 Pro shop
2632 Tee Times

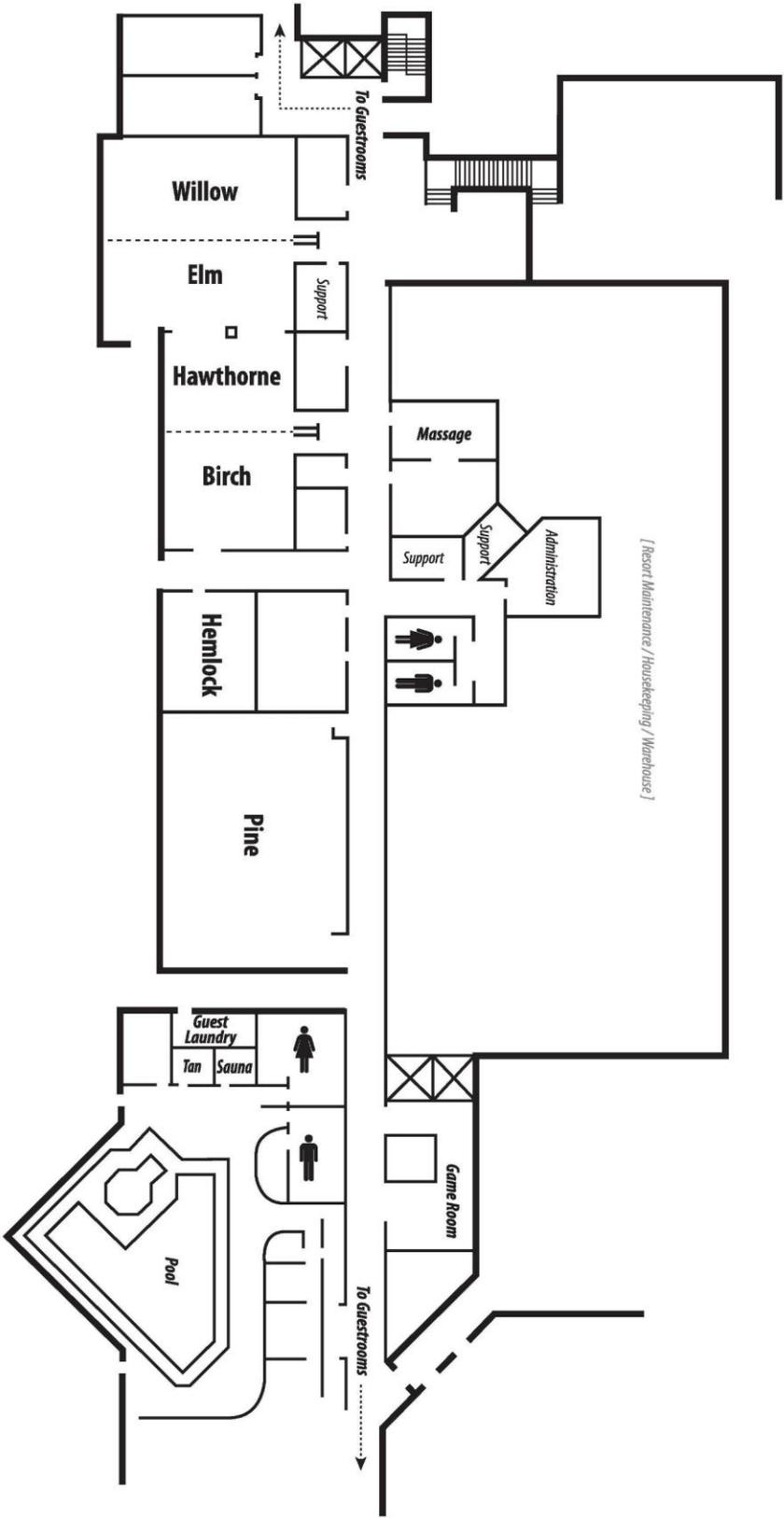
Recreation Dept. (Seasonal)

2688 Mini golf
2688 Nature center
2645 Outdoor pool
2645 Paintball
2645 Skate park
2645 Tennis courts

Ski Area (Seasonal)

2619 Bear Paw Food Court
2645 Cross country ski touring center
2645 Ice rink
2617 Quenchers
2612 Ski information
2615 Ski rentals
2630 Ski school
2616 Ski gift shop
2612 Ticket office

First Floor of the Main Lodge



Second Floor of the Main Lodge

