

ST. ANDREW'S HOUSE

retreat & conference center



St. Andrew's Lodge FAQ

Check-in and check-out? Standard check in time is after 4:00 p.m with check out by 1:00 p.m., unless otherwise negotiated. Retreat planners may arrange to arrive earlier for set up. Please confirm with reservations your estimated time of arrival.

What is your capacity? The Main Lodge sleeps 30 in three sleeping wings. Additional beds can be procured through nearby lodging facilities as our dining room can accommodate 50. We can accommodate up to a 100 for day use in the summer with the utilization for our expansive decks.

Is your facility air conditioned? Yes.

Will my group share space and meal time? No. St. Andrew's House is an exclusive use facility, provided minimum occupancies are met. Although not optimal, sharing the facility is an option. Like-minded groups sharing the facility will reduce your cost to stay.

How do meals work? Buffet-style meals are served in the dining room. Standard meal times are as follows: breakfast 8:30, lunch 12:30, and dinner 6:00. Meal times can be adjusted by 1/2 hour if necessary. Also, if desired, staff will ring the mealtime bell. We are happy to accommodate food allergies or intolerances with alternatives. We expect the leader to notify us at least 7 days prior to arrival about dietary restrictions. We kindly ask your assistance in bussing dishes---not a requirement, just a request. Guests are not allowed to cook in our kitchen as we are commercially licensed.

What about refrigeration for food and drink? Our guest Tea Room includes a microwave, refrigerator and freezer, all available for your use. You may find tea shelf under the microwave and coffee in the counter top canisters. Coffee will be prepared mornings at 6:30 am and prior to each meal. Please remember to recycle cans, bottles and paper in the bins below the counter.

Can I bring snacks? Yes. We leave it up to the groups to bring their own social hour and snack goodies. Beer and wine in moderation is permitted on our property.

Do I need to bring a sleeping bag and towel? We provide all linens for you, rolled up in lovely bundles for each person, so we ask you to make up your own bed. We appreciate guests stripping their beds and gathering linens in their pillow cases before they leave.

Do you provide Internet access? Yes.

Do you have a piano and/or guitar? Yes.

What kind of meeting supplies do you provide? We provide paper, marking pens and two flip charts, a portable projection screen (but do not provide projector), TV/VCR-DVD and printer.

Can I move the furniture? Yes. Please keep in mind that the main lodge was built in 1928, so we ask great caution be used. On your day of departure, we ask that furniture be returned and any used chairs/tables be put away.

Is there room available to invite an on-site massage therapist? Yes. Most groups choose to configure the multi-purpose chapel or living room for table massage.

What if someone needs to reach me? Phone messages can be received by staff and delivered during the retreat. Also, there is a phone that guest may use if needed.

Is there swimming? Our position on Hood Canal is unique as it warms to swimmable temperatures in July and August. For the brave, swimming is available all year. Spa treatments at nearby Alderbrook Resort include pool usage.

Can we roast marshmallows? We have a covered outdoor fireplace, perfect for gathering. We provide the wood! If you choose to have multiple fires, it would be helpful for you to bring additional wood. We also have two gas fireplaces indoors that can be used with staff supervision.

What if I want to eat the oysters? We ask that oysters stay on the beach. Guests who want to eat raw oysters do so at their own discretion.

Do you have beachfront property? Yes. You may access the beach by the stairs next to Bayne Cottage. Please be respectful of the guests who may be staying at there.

Can I hike on the property? St. Andrew's House consists of 7 acres and great gardens to walk through. For more hiking, we can recommend nearby trails for all levels.

Can I go onto the property at Harmony Hill? Our delightful sister organization is a cancer-wellness center with whom we share a driveway and our friendship. The folks there are very open to our guests walking through their labyrinths, gardens and scenic paths. Please observe discretion when they post that they are hosting a silent retreat.

Health and safety? For the health and safety of our guests, please do not smoke inside the building. And, due to allergens, please leave your pets at home, unless you have a certified service animal.

Any other questions? Please do not hesitate to contact our Director, Dan Oberg, at 360.898.2362 or director@saintandrewshouse.org. He is happy to demonstrate our flexibility to make your retreat the best experience possible. Let us know how we can best serve!

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