

Dills Tavern Rental FAQs

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What is Dills Tavern?

Dills Tavern and Plantation is a Living History Museum owned and operated by the Northern York County Historical and Preservation Society. As owner and manager of historic buildings, structures, and landscapes, we have a responsibility of stewardship for the unique resources entrusted to our care. Even the most beautifully restored or preserved building can quickly show wear and tear and loss of historic building fabric if not protected from inappropriate use.

How much does it cost to rent?

Base cost for use of Dills Tavern is \$800, the log barn is \$600, the grounds are \$400 (the wheelwright shop is not available for rent). The bathrooms are included in all rentals. Use of the kitchen is an additional \$100 and Living History Demonstrations/reenactors/artisans are at an additional fee and are dependent upon availability. The rental fees are for 5 hours of time; if you should need more than 5 hours, it is an additional \$100 per hour.

What is the capacity of Dills Tavern?

A capacity limit in the Dills Tavern for the second floor should not exceed 60 people. And, for safety reasons, no more than 20 guests are allowed on the balcony at one time

What hours is the Dills Tavern available for rent?

Rentals will not begin before 9am and the event will last no longer than 10pm – with cleanup, completed by the renter – ending no later than 11pm.

Who are those extra people I see wandering the property?

Because this is a historic property, NYCHAPS staff member(s) are required to be on the Tavern premises during the rental time. NYCHAPS will determine the number of staff needed before the event.

Is the Tavern climate controlled?

No. The Tavern can be heated in the winter but, in keeping with the authenticity of the building, it is not air-conditioned in the summer.

Depending on the temperature and time of the year, the renter may utilize the fireplaces and stoves in Dills Tavern. However, they are ONLY to be maintained by NYCHAPS staff. In addition, candles can be utilized but ONLY to be maintained by NYCHAPS staff.

What parking is available?

There is a parking lot off of Rt 15 (250 Rt 15N) with two handicapped spaces available as well as on street parking along N Baltimore St and Greenbriar Ln. Please note, vehicles are NOT allowed on any brick walkways.

Is smoking allowed?

Smoking is **prohibited** in all buildings and on the grounds except by the gate where the smoking disposal ashtray is located.

May I bring my pet or service animal?

No pets are allowed. Only service animals are permitted in the buildings and on the property.

May I rent the venue for another person?

At no time shall the reserving party sublease or assign its lease to another group or organization. Reservations that consist of minors (under 18 years of age) must provide adult supervision at all times, with no less than one chaperone per twelve minors present during use of NYCHAPS' facility.

May I rent tables and chairs from an outside vendor?

If additional equipment is being rented from an outside rental company for the event, it is the responsibility of the renter to make arrangements to meet the rental company at the facility to accept the deliveries. NYCHAPS staff cannot sign for outside rental items and cannot be responsible for them while they are on the premises. Arrangements must also be made by the renting party to have all decorations and rental equipment picked up and removed from the facility during the reservation time. The Northern York County Historical & Preservation Society is not responsible for any damage or theft of any items left by the renting party or hired services. Storage is not available on the property before or after your event.

What else do I need to know?

All trash generated by the event must be removed from the property by the renter.

Before leaving the premises, a NYCHAPS staff member will do a walk through with the renter to complete a check list to make sure there is no damage to the property, no missing property, and that the bathroom, summer kitchen, etc are clean.

If damage is noted, an incident report will be completed by NYCHAPS staff.