

health, and interested in an active outdoor work and living experience.

The Youth Centers originated in 1955 as Boys Forestry Camps. They were renamed Youth Centers by the Board of Public Works on September 20, 1977. The Centers are combined into a single administrative unit with one budget and one central business management unit located in Cumberland (Code 1957, Art. 83C, sec. 2-117). Located in the same region, the Washington County Holdover Facility is overseen with the Youth Centers.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY HOLDOVER FACILITY**

Michael Wolford, *Supervisor*

Hagerstown, MD (301) 777-2489

In response to a federal initiative to move minors out of jails, Maryland established two holdover facilities in the late 1970s. One was closed in 1991 due to cost containment. The Washington County Holdover Facility still serves as a secure, temporary place of confinement for alleged or adjudicated juvenile delinquents. Detention in a holdover facility, however, is limited to less than 72 hours.

**BACKBONE MOUNTAIN YOUTH CENTER**

Robert L. McElvie, Jr., *Supervisor*

Route 1  
Swanton, MD 21562 (301) 359-9190

In 1964, the General Assembly appropriated funds to establish a forestry camp at Backbone Mountain in Garrett County with facilities for thirty-five boys (Chapter 159, Acts of 1964). The Camp opened in May 1966. It was renamed Backbone Mountain Youth Center in 1977.

**GREEN RIDGE YOUTH CENTER**

Nancy E. Seifert, *Supervisor*

Flintstone, MD 21530 (301) 478-2930

In May 1955, Green Ridge Youth Center originated as Green Ridge Forestry Camp for Boys in Allegany County. Originally, the Camp was operated by the State Department of Public Welfare in cooperation with the State Department of Forests and Parks. In 1977, the Camp was renamed Green Ridge Youth Center. The Center accommodates thirty-five boys.

**MAPLE RUN YOUTH CENTER**

Glen Gamble, *Supervisor*

Flintstone, MD 21530 (301) 478-2251

The 1965 General Assembly appropriated funds to establish a forestry camp at Maple Run in the Green Ridge State Forest, Allegany County (Chapter 743, Acts of 1965). The Camp opened in April 1967 with facilities for thirty-five boys. The Camp was renamed Maple Run Youth Center in 1977.

**MEADOW MOUNTAIN YOUTH CENTER**

B. Dan Hoyle, *Supervisor*

Route 2  
P.O. Box 75  
Grantsville, MD 21535 (301) 895-5669

Meadow Mountain Youth Center originated as Meadow Mountain Forestry Camp for Boys in June 1958 (Chapter 454, Acts of 1957). The Camp reopened as Meadow Mountain Youth Center in October 1984 in Garrett County. With facilities for thirty boys, the Center treats youth who suffer from alcohol or substance abuse.

**SAVAGE MOUNTAIN YOUTH CENTER**

Harry W. Grove, Jr., *Supervisor*

Lonaconing, MD 21539 (301) 463-2244

The success of the first boys' forestry camp at Green Ridge prompted the General Assembly to appropriate funds for additional facilities in 1956 (Chapter 98, Acts of 1956). Lonaconing Forestry Camp for Boys opened in December 1957. The Camp was renamed Savage Mountain Youth Center in 1977 and now accommodates thirty-five boys.

**DETENTION FACILITIES**

Vacancy, *Administrator*

(410) 333-2663

Detention Facilities oversees four detention centers for juveniles awaiting trial. These include Cheltenham Youth Facility, J. DeWeese Carter Center, Alfred D. Noyes Children's Center, and Thomas J. S. Waxter Children's Center.

**CHELTENHAM YOUTH FACILITY**

Moses McAllister, *Superintendent*

Cheltenham, MD 20623 (301) 782-4223

The Cheltenham Youth Facility originated in 1870 as the House of Reformation and Instruction for Colored Children (Chapter 392, Acts of 1870). In 1937, it became the Cheltenham School for Boys (Chapter 70, Acts of 1937). The School was renamed Boys' Village of Maryland in 1949 (Chapter 692, Acts of 1949). In May 1991, a unit for girls was transferred to the facility from the Charles H. Hickey, Jr., School. The facility was renamed Cheltenham Youth Facility in 1992 (Chapter 8, Acts of 1992).

The Facility provides for the care and detention of youths awaiting trial or court disposition from Baltimore City, and Prince George's, Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties (Code 1957, Art. 83C, sec. 2-117).

**J. DeWEESE CARTER CENTER**

Merrick B. Thayer, *Superintendent*

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Chestertown, MD 21620 (410) 778-6444