

# Yes, We Are Adventure Gurus!!

Adventure recreation has been the back bone of the Outdoor Wilderness Leadership School since 1996. First established in the George Washington National Forest and quickly expanding to regional locations, OWLS has developed extensive mountain biking, kayaking, rock climbing, caving, and back country adventures of all types. OWLS is the largest recreation provider in the Mid Atlantic and is growing rapidly Nationally. The OWLS Adventure Learning Center focuses programming on high end guided activities utilizing the best equipment in the industry.

## Just a few of our outstanding clients



“We participated in kayak classes and rock climbing classes-and the instructors were absolutely top-notch and very gentle with two middle aged women”



Tina Bergstrom  
Morrisville, North Carolina

“Simply the best time I have ever had rock climbing and the scenery was spectacular. The instructors were knowledgeable, professional and fun. I will continue to come back to learn more from this outstanding program”



Liz Jones  
Charlottesville, Virginia

“By far the best single track in Virginia. The OWLS took us to both Panorama Trails and Walnut Creek Park and knew the trail system like the back of their hands. And don't worry about getting a flat with these guys they will fix it for you in less than 1 minute”.



Tracy Smith  
Charlottesville, Virginia



**OUTDOOR WILDERNESS  
LEADERSHIP SCHOOL**

## OWLS Adventure Learning Center at Boar's Head Inn

Rock Climbing  
Repelling  
Kayaking  
Mountain Biking  
Caving  
Backpacking  
Fly Fishing



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# Let us tell you all about the OWLS Adventure Learning Center

## Why OWLS is the Best!

- ✱ We individually tailor all our programs to encourage all ability levels.
- ✱ Our equipment is top of the line from full suspension bikes to key hole kayaks, we only carry the best. We replace our equipment every year and inspect everything before every course.
- ✱ All of our instructors are CPR First Aid Trained and many hold specialized accreditations such as EMT's, Wilderness First Responders, Outdoor Emergency Care and AMGA Top Rope certification.
- ✱ We have permitted access to many National Forests for Adventure Recreation.
- ✱ We offer college accredited climbing courses through Randolph Macon and Piedmont Virginia Community College.
- ✱ The OWLS Adventure Learning Center is Virginia's largest provider of guided and instructional Mountain Biking Trips.
- ✱ All courses are available to individuals, groups, schools, and corporations through half, full and multi-day lessons.
- ✱ All adventure equipment and shuttle transportation is included. Meals may be included for full day courses.

## Rock Climbing

This is the largest and safest program in the Mid Atlantic with over 50 routes including the longest multi-pitch climb in Virginia, over 300 feet! We offer classes in top rope, lead climbing, and sport. Our courses can be custom tailored to the clients needs and private lessons are available. Courses incorporate safety, technique, equipment identification, belaying, basic knots, and many other skills.

## Rappelling

This is a fundamentally easy activity with a huge fear factor. Participants are taught safe top rope techniques, anchoring, and abseiling. They then proceed to the edge of a 100 foot cliff and lower themselves down backwards, if they have the nerve! These courses are top rope belayed for added safety and are great for all ability levels.

## Caving

Caving is a one of a kind activity. Our caving courses include learning the technical skills necessary to explore this amazing and exquisite underground wilderness. Participants will learn the technical skills of cave travel, the science of Speleology, and caving "Leave No Trace".

## Backpacking

The Outdoor Wilderness Leadership School has created a unique Adventure Camp that caters to adventurous youth. This comprehensive camp offers 7 fun-filled days that include all aspects of high alpine backpacking and ecology, ecosystem management, as well as many other fundamental skills. Plus some courses may have the opportunity to go kayaking, rock climbing and rappelling. It's all included! At OWLS we utilize the environment to teach communication, leadership, self-reliance, motivation, goal setting and technical skills.

## Mountain Biking

From challenging single track to smooth down-hills, "phat" creek and log crossings to easy jeep trails and forest service roads, we have your biking experience covered. We have 112 miles of permitted trails access to Wintergreen Resort, Panorama Trails, Walnut Creek Park, and the George Washington National Forest. Our mountain bike program uses current year model full suspension bikes and a shuttle service.

## Kayaking

Courses include learning how to paddle a boat and all the strokes necessary to maneuver the kayak quickly and effectively. Roll classes are also taught so that individuals are better prepared in rapids and moving water if the boat flips. OWLS has all day river trips for both advanced and beginner kayakers on the Shenandoah River and James River.

## Fly Fishing

Learn how to fly fish or spend the day fishing with a professional guide on some of the World's premier Trout Streams and Smallmouth Rivers. OWLS offers internationally acclaimed fly fishing to our clients through our partner Fly Fishing Patagonia. The OWLS program offers lessons in Fly Fishing including: equipment selection, casting, advanced casting, knot tying, fly selection, and stream side tactics. Whether you are a beginner or an expert, the OWLS program has something for all levels and is sure to challenge your abilities.

**Reservations are Required**

**12 and Older**

**Please call 434-325-8166**