

Fall Frolic Venue Information (October 12-14, 2018)

Robibero Vineyard

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This year's Fall Frolic weekend will be held at the Robibero Winery (for the old-timers, it's the old Rivendell Winery location – new name) on October 12-14. The fee includes weekend camping and catered dinner Saturday night (all other meals on your own.) We will have use of the facility from 7:00-10:30 PM. (Please note that the Winery will be open to the public until 5-6PM every night.)

The winery is a small New York State winery that bottles fifteen different wines for wine tasting and purchase by the glass or bottle – they also carry a selection of New York brewery beers. The website (above) contains directions, pictures, and wine lists.

Camping and Directions:

The winery is roughly five miles west of New Paltz, on the way to the climbing cliffs. When you turn into the Robibero Vineyard sign (near the family houses down at the entrance area), drive up the gravel road to the very top of the long hill and bear right at the main building – the gravel road ends at a lone big tree. There will be a large mowed area down the back toward the lower building (orange line on page 2 of maps – do NOT park/tent in the blue circled area), park along the mowed area with tents around the mowed perimeter. (Beware of poison ivy close to the tree line.)

Please see separately attached two-page Google directions and maps.

- DO NOT park anywhere on the gravel parking or the blue circle areas – those are for customer public parking only (11AM-6PM) and includes the overflow grass area with the lone big tree (blue circle area)
- Camping arrival is anytime Friday day/night
- You can stay until Monday morning
- Quiet hours are 10 PM – 6 AM. No loud music/ talking (house-neighbors are close by and most climbers will be in their tents “early”.) And watch the high beams [aiming at other's tents] and talking Friday night for the late arrivers.
- DO NOT leave beverage container, coolers, etc. outside on the grounds
- And please police your own trash!

Facilities:

The main winery building is on the left at the top of the hill on the gravel parking area (not for climbers' parking.) It has a tasting room with indoor seating for 40, bathrooms, coolers for chilled wine bottles, beer, meat, cheese, and fruit. There is a partially covered elevated porch with seating for 50 (we will try to move all the seating under the covered area if it rains.) At the edge of the building is an uncovered outdoor area with a large in-ground firepit (that should be running during our Saturday night dinner.) The main building (and firepit) is only available for us during the Saturday night dinner 6:30-10:30 PM (normal public access 11AM-6PM daily.) There are trash cans and recycle areas to leave bottles and glasses out around the firepit area (for after the winery closes at 10:30.)

We will have access to two “fancy” flush/running water hand-build Port-a-Johns (real sinks and real toilets) located on platforms under the porch (down the slight hill in the grass from the firepit). **Those will be open all night and all weekend!**

Alcohol and beverage policy -- VERY IMPORTANT!!!:

New York State has some pretty draconian liquor laws for their family wineries/breweries. **THERE IS NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED ON THE PREMISES THAT HAS NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED IN THE MAIN WINERY BUILDING!!!!** Any violation of this policy will affect us ever being allowed back as well as their liquor license, so please comply!

- NO OUTSIDE alcohol
- No outside beverages of any kind on the picnic/firepit area (keep it to your car/tent area). Water will be provided during the Saturday night dinner – NOTE: you can bring your water bottles to fill etc.
- The winery website describes the wines they make/carry, which range in price from \$15-19 (with some limited edition reds from \$26-30.)
- There will be a selection of beers on hand in the cooler in the main building (again, access will be during the Saturday night dinner.) They carry various selections from the following local New York State brewery brands:
 - o Yard Owl Craft Brewery, Captain Lawrence, Saranac, Lake Placid, Keegan Ales, Ithaca Brewing Company, Coney Island Beer Company, Brooklyn Brewery

Saturday night catered dinner:

Doors open at 7:00, close at 10:30PM (they are open to the general public until 6PM) – please don’t park in their gravel parking area. A three course dinner will begin at 7:30 PM. There should be enough food for seconds, but please wait until the late stragglers (Return After Dark [RAD] climbers) have arrived for Round 1.

The menu will feature the following items:

- Bistro Jambalaya (contains meat)
- Tofu and Vegetable Stir-Fry (vegetarian)
- Brown Rice
- Minnewaska Salad
- Green Beans with Almonds
- Wheat Baguette
- Dessert: Apple Pie, Cherry Pie

Raffle ticket sales (random gear + a new rope) will be on sale during the dinner. Announcements will begin around 8:30/9:00-ish with the raffle ~30 min later.

- Wine tasting begins at 7:00 and is \$10 for a glass and 5 tastes (you keep the glass.) Wine and beer purchase will be available all night (until 10:30.) You can purchase wine by the glass as well as by the bottle.
- Dinner will be finished by 10PM and the facility closed by 10:30 – the firepit should still be running if it’s not raining. You can sit outside after, but need to keep the noise down.
- Seating indoor and covered-outdoor can accommodate ~100 people (more in the uncovered area). If it rains, we will try to move the seating to a covered area if it fits, but may mean people crowding in on the floor etc. If you have small camp-chairs, they may be useful inside as well as for sitting near the firepit (if not raining).

Mike Mullins (August 2018)