

Chesapeake Bay

Ravine 12, Groin 45, Ravine 11, Ravine 10, Ravine 9, Ravine 8, Groin 30, Ravine 7, Ravine 6, Ravine 5, Ravine 4

Lookout, Chestnut Cabin, Bluebell Rd, Cherry Rd, Cypress Rd, Dock Rd, Daylily Rd, Elm Rd, Elder Rd, Evergreen Rd, Daffodil Rd, Dove Tree Rd, Scientists' Cliffs Rd, Apple Rd

Gate E, Gate D, Gate C, Gate B, Gate A

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Col. Howard Wickert (circa 1947):
“Upon inquiring from our hosts, the Hennebergers, I was assured there was no possibility of acquiring any place here, and ‘there was a waiting list eight to ten years long.’ ‘But,’ I asked, ‘doesn’t anybody die?’ ... They assured me no one dies at Scientists’ Cliffs.”

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Most early Cliffsers of all ages seem to have spent most of their daylight hours on warm weekends and in the summer down on the beach or on/in the water, however tricky or tiring to negotiate the staircases were. Simply being near the water, though, seems to have been just as important to non-fishermen and non-boaters. “There is one group,” one early resident said, “joined usually by most of the rest toward the end of the day, that just likes to sit on the porch, watch the colors of the water change, and see the ships go by.”

Flippo Gravatt c. 1940

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1950. Scientists' Cliffs is not fancy. You have to like roughing it to some degree. If you want a luxury resort with all the fancy amenities, you won't find it here! It's always been quiet and easy-going. The people here, for the most part, are very compatible, and we tend to help each other out. Attracting independent-minded middle-class Washingtonians with college degrees was no doubt a factor in getting a productive, orderly system of self-governance going, but it also guaranteed that disagreements on legal, aesthetic, and philosophical matters would spring up regularly among the residents...