



# Christian Retreat

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## CONFERENCE CENTER

### Guest Services Directory

1201 Glory Way Blvd. Bradenton, FL 34212  
941.746.2882  
[www.ChristianRetreat.org](http://www.ChristianRetreat.org)

Dear Guest,

Welcome to the Christian Retreat Conference Center! It's a blessing and a privilege to have you as our guest. We trust you will be refreshed and renewed here at Christian Retreat, a place to get away from the distractions of life and focus on your spiritual development.

For more than 50 years, it has been our joy to welcome people from all walks of life, cultures and religious backgrounds. Serving you is our passion...we hope you will feel like "family" and come back often.

Make yourself at home, relax, and let us know if we can do anything to make your stay more enjoyable by visiting the Front Desk or dialing (0). I pray that your time here will bring you closer to God and revive you—body, soul, and spirit.



Pastor Phil Derstine



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## Amenities

The amenities of Christian Retreat Conference Center are for the Guests of Miracle Manor and the Residents on the grounds at Christian Retreat

- This includes:
  - Swimming Pool
  - Shuffleboard Court
  - Horseshoe Court
  - Basketball Court
  - Volleyball Court
  - Tennis Court

Christian Retreat is a privately owned property, and management reserves the right to refuse its services to anyone, and will not be responsible for accidents or injury to guests or for loss of money, jewelry, or other valuables. Acknowledgment of these terms and agreement to abide by the rules is given upon use of amenities.

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## Swimming Pool

Pool use is reserved for registered guests of Miracle Manor

- No lifeguard is on duty. Swim at your own risk.
- Pool Hours
  - o 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM.
  - o The Pool will be locked during off hours.
- No one under the age of 16 is allowed to be in the pool area without supervision from a parent or legal guardian.

### Swimming Attire:

- Modest bathing suits are requested.
- Please wear a bathing suit cover or t-shirt to and from the pool.
- No smoking, pets, food, beverages, foul language, running, horseplay, or diving is permitted in the pool enclosure.
- Please deposit your trash and debris in the appropriate receptacles.
  - o We are surrounded by beautiful natural habitats and strive to keep the grounds free from trash.

### Pool Towels

- Pool towels are available at the front desk.
- Unreturned pool towels will incur a \$20 replacement fee per towel.

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## Canoe Rentals

The Manatee River offers much to explore and one of the best ways to experience the mesmerizing natural habitat is in a canoe.

Canoe rentals are \$20 up to 3 hours. To rent a canoe, please see the front desk.

Guests under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult, legal guardian, or parent. This adult will have to sign the waiver and assumes responsibility for the lives trusted to them during the extent of the canoe excursion. Please bring the identification of adult who is signing the waiver to the front desk when renting the canoe. The ID will be held with the waiver and returned when you have completed your adventure.

***All participants MUST wear a life vest per the U.S. Coast Guard.***

We suggest that canoe trips be started no later than two hours before sunset.

Please complete your trip 30 minutes prior to sunset to avoid being stuck on the river in the dark.

- There are times in the evenings that the water management authorities choose to release the pressure at the reservoir up river and this can cause a sudden rush of water to flow downstream.

We suggest anyone interested in taking a canoe trip be somewhat experienced in paddling a canoe and to also look up the tide times. This can determine which direction you head first, with or against the flow.

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## **Shuffleboard & Horseshoe Court Rules**

- Shoes must be worn at ALL TIMES.
- NEVER walk on court. Walk in end zones and between courts only.
- Courts can be very slippery at all times.
- Small end of cue is to be used to move the disc.
- No bicycles, skateboards or any kind of roller skates are allowed inside the fenced area surrounding the shuffleboard courts.

The horseshoes are stored in the shuffleboard cabinet.

- They are to be played outside the fenced area in the grass.
- All horseshoes are to be returned to the shuffleboard cabinet when done using them.
- No children are allowed to play unless there is an adult or responsible 18 or older person with them throughout the entire game.
- Key must be signed out and in at the front desk.

## **Basketball, Volleyball and Tennis Courts**

- Equipment can be checked out at the front desk.
- Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- No bicycles, skateboards, or roller skates on the tennis courts.
- No pets allowed on any courts.
- If the volleyball or tennis court nets are damaged, participants must report this to the front desk prior to using.
- Courts are open until dusk.

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## Services & information

### **Airport Information**

Tampa International Airport, one hour north of Christian Retreat off I-275.  
Sarasota/Bradenton Airport, thirty minutes south of Christian Retreat off University Parkway.

### **ATM**

The closest ATM is located just across the parking lot in the west lobby of the Tabernacle/International Training Center Building. (See the map for reference on page 17)

### **Check-In**

Check-in time is 3PM.  
The front desk is open 8AM to 6PM every day.

### **Check-Out**

Check-out time is 12PM. DO NOT leave your keys in your room or drop them in the "Mail" box on the counter. You will be assessed a "lost key" fee of \$20 each.

### **Church Services**

The Family Church meets Sundays at 9AM and 10:45 AM and Wednesdays at 7PM. Everyone is welcome! Services are live-streamed at [www.thefamily.church](http://www.thefamily.church) and shown on channel 98.1 in your room.

### **Counseling**

Our Pastoral Department is available for counseling. Call extension #420 to make an appointment.

### **Cribs**

Cribs are complimentary and available on a first come, first serve basis. Contact the front desk to inquire.

### **Curfew**

The pool is open from 9AM to 9PM.  
The first-floor deck closes at 8PM.  
Miracle Manor *Quiet Hours* begin at 11PM.

### **Dining Room**

Agape Gardens is located just beyond the main entrance to Miracle Manor by the Gazebo and Pond.

### **Gift Shop**

Book and gift shop is located in the Resource Center in the Tabernacle Lobby. The gift shop is open before and after services.

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## **Housekeeping**

If you need extra towels, toilet paper, pillows, blankets, etc. please ask the front desk. Personal items such as toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, and feminine products are available at the front desk for a small fee.

## **Ice and Vending Machines**

Located on the first floor between the lobby and hallway rooms, the ice machine is only for servicing the ice bins in your guest room. Please do not fill coolers. 10lb bags of ice are available for purchase at Wawa, Publix, and other convenience stores.

## **Irons, Ironing Boards, Hair Dryers**

Available at the front desk on a first come, first serve basis.

## **Laundry Facilities**

Coin operated machines are available between Miracle Manor and the River House on the first floor. Laundry detergent is available for \$1 at the front desk. Washers are \$1.75 a load and dryers are \$1.50 a load. You may exchange cash for quarters at the front desk.

## **Lost and Found**

Items left in the lobby area or rooms are turned in to the front desk. If you discover you have left something behind, please call 941.746.2882. If item is retrieved, we will gladly mail it to you and any charges will be reimbursed using the card on file with your reservation.

## **Luggage Carts**

Luggage carts are available to assist in transporting your items to your guest room. Should you use one, please return it to the first-floor lobby for the next guest to use.

## **Mail**

To receive mail while you are a guest, please make sure your name appears on mail and use c/o 1201 Glory Way Blvd. Bradenton, FL 34212. Forwarding service through USPS is not permitted. Stamps are for sale at the front desk should you like to send a letter.

Pack-N-Ship UPS Store is located in the Publix Shopping Plaza on the Southeast corner of Upper Manatee River Road and S.R. 64. The nearest Post Office is located about 6 miles away just over Fort Hamer Bridge in Parrish.

## **Maintenance**

Should you need assistance, please call the front desk (0) or Security (941) 779-6340.

## **Pets**

No animals of any kind are allowed in any of the lodging rooms or lobby area. If you have a service animal, please notify the front desk. A fee may be assessed to any guest that brings a pet (not service animal).

## **Prayer**

There is a 24-hour prayer room located in the east side of the church sanctuary. Our 24-hour prayer line is available at 941.584.8878

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## **Reservations**

Please allow us to confirm your next visit! Stop by the front desk.

## **Telephone Dialing Instructions**

Front Desk (0)

Room to Room: Dial room number

Local: 9, 941, and then the number

Incoming Calls: Callers can enter your room number to reach you directly or call the front desk (0) and leave a message.

## **Transportation**

We do not provide transportation to or from airports or local amenities. The front desk (0) can refer reliable transportation services should you need one.

Taxi Services: Bruce Taxi Cab 941.755.6070

Car Rentals:

Budget: 800.218.7992

Dollar: 800.800.5252

Enterprise: 941.746.4311

### **Emergency**

Call the front desk (0) or dial 9-911

Please inform the front desk should 911 be called so they can direct emergency personnel to your guest room.

### **Fire**

If a fire alarm sounds, please evacuate the building and gather by the tennis courts until an "all clear" is given.

### **Security**

Security is on duty at night and can be reached at 941.779.6340

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# Television Viewing Guide

<b>Channel Station Listing</b>					
3.1	PBS	44.1	WTOG - CW	70.1	Paramount Network
3.2	PBS World	44.2	Start TV	71.1	ESPN-U
3.3	The Florida Channel	44.3	FaveTV	72.1	ESPN - News
3.4	PBS-Q	44.4	Dabl	73.1	MA TV
3.5	PBS Kids	44.5	Circle	74.1	TBS
3.6	Create	49.1	TV Land	75.1	CNBC
8.1	WFLA - NBC	49.1	WRMD - Telemundo	76.1	A&E
8.2	Court TV	50.1	Ovation	77.1	LIFE
8.3	Escape	51.1	Hallmark Mov. & Myst.	78.1	Food Network
10.1	WTSP - CBS	52.1	SBN	79.1	TLC
10.2	Twist TV	53.1	TCT	80.1	History Channel
10.3	True Crime Network	54.1	GodTV	81.1	CMT
10.4	Quest TV	55.1	TBN	81.3	WFTS - ABC
13.1	WTVT - Fox	56.1	HLN	81.4	LAFF
13.2	Movies	57.1	RFD TV	81.5	Grit TV
13.3	Buzzr	58.1	Hillsong Channel	81.6	Mystery
13.4	Heroes	59.1	Daystar	81.7	WMOR
13.5	Decades	60.1	TruTV	81.8	HSN
22.1	WCLF- CTN	61.1	NRB TV	82.1	FS1
22.2	CTNi	62.1	UniMas	83.1	ESPN
22.3	CTNX	62.2	LA - TV	84.1	ESPN 2
22.4	Lifestyle TV	62.3	Comet TV	85.1	Fox News
28.1	WFTS - ABC	62.4	Charge!	86.1	CNN
28.2	LAFF	63.1	Jewish TV	87.1	TNT
28.3	Grit	64.1	Word TV	88.1	TBS
28.4	Mystery	65.1	Insp TV	89.1	USA Network
28.5	HSN	66.1	ION	90.1	Discovery Channel
32.1	WMOR	66.2	Court TV	91.1	HGTV
32.2	ME TV	66.3	Grit TV	92.1	Hallmark Channel
32.3	Estrella	66.4	LAFF	93.1	Freeform
38.1	WTTA	66.5	QVC	94.1	AMC
38.2	COZI	66.6	HSN	95.1	TCM
40.1	WWSB - ABC 7	67.1	Accuweather	96.1	Animal Planet
40.2	Circle	68.1	FX	97.1	National Geographic
40.3	HSN	69.1	Nickelodeon	98.1	Church Services
				100.1	NBC - SN

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## Nearby Stores, Services, & Items of Interest

### Banks

On the Southeast corner of Upper Manatee River Road and S.R. 64 you will find:

- Bank of America
- BB&T Bank
- Chase Bank
- Suntrust
- Wells Fargo
- Grow Financial

### Beaches

Some of the top beaches in the state and nation are within a short drive of Miracle Manor! Anna Maria Island is west on S.R. 64 about 24 miles. From there you can make your way south on Gulf Drive to Bradenton Beach, Longboat Key and all the way to St. Armand's Circle. Known for its powder white sand is Siesta Key Beach, approximately 30 miles Southwest through Downtown Sarasota. Should you need towels for your excursion, we have some beach towels for rent at the front desk. Please DO NOT take towels from your room.

### Fishing

Fishing from our property does not require a license. If you fish from a boat or canoe, you must obtain a fishing license. They are available at Wal Mart approximately 5 miles east down S.R. 64.

### Fruit & Farms

Mixon Fruit Farms, 941.748.5829, located about 12 miles from Miracle Manor west on S.R. 64, turn left on 27<sup>th</sup> St. East, Mixon will be on your left about 2 miles down. See their [website](#) for more information.

Hunsader Farms is located on Country Road 675 about 8 miles East of Miracle Manor. See their [website](#) for times of operation.

### Golf

World class golf courses are located within a short drive of Miracle Manor. From Lakewood Ranch to Heritage Harbor, you will find the perfect green. Greenfield Plantation and Waterlefe are located on Upper Manatee River Road and the public is welcome.

### Groceries

Publix is located on the Southeast corner of Upper Manatee River Road and S.R. 64  
Walmart is located just few miles west on S.R. 64 just past the interstate.

### Kennels

Pet Paradise, located on S.R. 64 and Portal Crossing. 941.209.1021.  
Woofdorf Astoria on Lakewood Ranch Blvd. 941.225.2664.

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## Shopping Malls

Ellenton Premium Outlets, located north on I-75 one exit (224).

University Town Center, located south on I-75 two exits (213) or drive south on Upper Manatee River Road/Lakewood Ranch Blvd to University Parkway and turn right.

## Medical Services

Manatee Urgent Care: 941.747.8600; Open 8AM to 7PM; west on S.R. 64.

9908 S.R. 64 East, Bradenton, FL 34212

Sarasota Memorial Urgent Care: 941.917.6443; Open 8AM to 8PM; west on S.R. 64.

1040 River Heritage Blvd., Bradenton, FL 34212

Doctor's Hospital of Sarasota ER at Lakewood Ranch: 941-242-6532; Open: 24 Hours

8500 E State Rd. 70, Bradenton, FL 34202

Lakewood Ranch Medical Center Emergency Room: 941.782.2200; Open: 24 Hours;

South on Upper Manatee River Road approximately 9 miles and it will be on your right-hand side.

8330 Lakewood Ranch Blvd., Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

Manatee Memorial Hospital: 941-746-5111; Open: 24 Hours; west on S.R. 64 appx. 10 miles

206 2<sup>nd</sup> Street East, Bradenton, FL 34208

## Pharmacies

Walgreens: located on the Northeast corner of Upper Manatee River Road and S.R. 64.

1455 Upper Manatee River Rd. Bradenton, FL 34212

Open: 7AM to 10PM

CVS: located on the Southwest corner of Upper Manatee River Road and S.R. 64.

1520 Lakewood Ranch Blvd., Bradenton, FL 34211

Open: 8AM to 10PM

Publix Pharmacy: 941.748.8817, located on the Southeast corner of Upper Manatee River Road and S.R. 64

1755 Lakewood Ranch Blvd., Bradenton, FL 34211

## Restaurants

Publix Shopping Center on the Southeast corner of Upper Manatee River Road and S.R. 64

- Acapulco Mexican
- Beef 'O' Brady's
- Marina's Pizza
- McDonald's
- Mizu Sushi & Hibachi
- Papa John's Pizza
- Subway
- Taste of China
- Zenobia Mediterranean
- Dunkin Donuts

South on Upper Manatee River Road/Lakewood Ranch Blvd.

- The Granary
- Skyline Chili
- Atria Bread & Coffee
- Wicked Awesome Ice Cream Emporium
- Wawa

West on S.R. 64; before I-75

- Skillet's
- Dairy Queen
- Taco Bell

West on S.R. 64; after I-75

- Cracker Barrel
- Sonny's BBQ
- Wendy's
- Ihop
- Long John Silvers/KFC
- Starbucks
- Peaches
- Applebee's
- Outback Steakhouse
- Casa di Pizza
- Gecko's
- Culvers

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# Attractions

Below is a collection of area attractions that you may find would be a perfect addition to your time of rest and relaxation at Miracle Manor. Tap on the **Title** to be taken to the website associated with the attraction.

## **Baseball**

Pittsburgh Pirates Spring Training Venue: 1701 27<sup>th</sup> Street East, Bradenton 941.747.3031.

Baltimore Orioles Spring Training Venue: 2700 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Sarasota 941.893.6300.

**Bishop Museum of Science & Nature**, is the largest natural history museum on Florida's Gulf Coast, and offers engaging exhibits as well as live manatees and full dome planetarium theater. In downtown Bradenton at 201 10<sup>th</sup> Street West, Bradenton 941.746.4131.

## **Gulf Coast Railroad Museum**

Enjoy a beautiful 90-minute train ride through rustic Manatee County aboard vintage railroad equipment. For times, location, and ticket prices 941.776.0906.

## **Lipizzan Stallions**

The world-famous dancing horses perform at the Herrmann training grounds. Free performances as horses and riders get ready for shows. 32755 Singletary Road. Myakka City, 941.322.1501.

## **Manatee River**

The Manatee River is a 36-mile-long river in Manatee County, FL. The river forms in the northeastern corner of Manatee County and flows into the Gulf of Mexico at the southern edge of Tampa Bay. Wildlife in and around the river includes alligators, herons, manatees, dolphins, turtles, and fish such as bass, bluegill, catfish, and gar. Bull sharks are occasionally found in the brackish water near its low-lying outlet. At Christian Retreat, we enjoy having a lagoon which is fed by the river. You may spot a friendly manatee feeding there, or in rare cases, an alligator. Florida law prohibits feeding or bothering either.

## **Manatee Village Historical Park**

Visit the county's first courthouse, original settler's home, Wiggin's store, a schoolhouse, and more. 604 15<sup>th</sup> Street East, Bradenton. 941.749.7165.

## **Marie Selby Botanical Gardens**

Visit world renowned Marie Selby Botanical Gardens nestled in downtown Sarasota. 811 S. Palm Avenue, Sarasota. 941.366.5731.

## **Mote Marine Aquarium**

Explore the secrets of the sea through touch pools, viewable working labs and high-tech interactive exhibits that showcase the world-renowned research of Mote Marine Laboratory. See sharks, manatees and sea turtles, along with more than 100 other species of marine life.

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### **Myakka River State Park**

One of Florida's oldest and largest, the Myakka River flows through 45 square miles of wetlands, prairies, and woodlands. Hiking, fishing, camping, biking, and wildlife observation are available. South on I-75 to exit 205 and west on S.R. 72 to Myakka State Park Road.

### **Ringling Art Museum**

Located at the end of University Parkway on Tamiami Trail, the Ringling Art Museum include the John and Mable Ringling House "Ca'd'Zan", Circus Museum, lush gardens, and the historic Asolo Theater.

### **Riverwalk**

A 1.5 mile park overlooking the Manatee River, ADA-accessible. Spanning downtown Bradenton, the Riverwalk includes family fun zone and splash pad, playgrounds, beach volleyball, skatepark, fishing pier, canoe launch and more. 452 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave West, Bradenton.

### **Sarasota Classic Car Museum**

Is recognized as the second oldest continuously operating antique car museum in the Nation. As you stroll through the museum, travel back in time and into the future of man's greatest invention, the automobile. Antique, exotic, European and one-of-a-kind classics are featured in their rotating exhibits throughout the museum, seven days a week.

### **Sarasota Jungle Gardens**

One of the oldest continuously operating attractions in Florida, Sarasota Jungle Gardens evokes memories of Florida days gone by, full of flora, fauna and fun, yet remains current and exciting for today's families, locals, and tourists alike. A wide variety of birds and animals – many of them rescued – includes Florida's noted pink flamingos, parrots, crocodiles, lemurs, snakes and more. All nestled within 10 acres of lush, tropical landscaping connected by winding jungle trails. It's one of the only places you can walk up to and feed free roaming flamingos.

### **Solomon's Castle**

Hidden in the lush Florida woodlands in one man's dream of a paradise. A visit to Solomon's Castle may be the most unique experience of your life! The home, galleries and workshop of internationally renowned artist Howard Solomon are open to the public.

### **TreeUmph! Adventure Course**

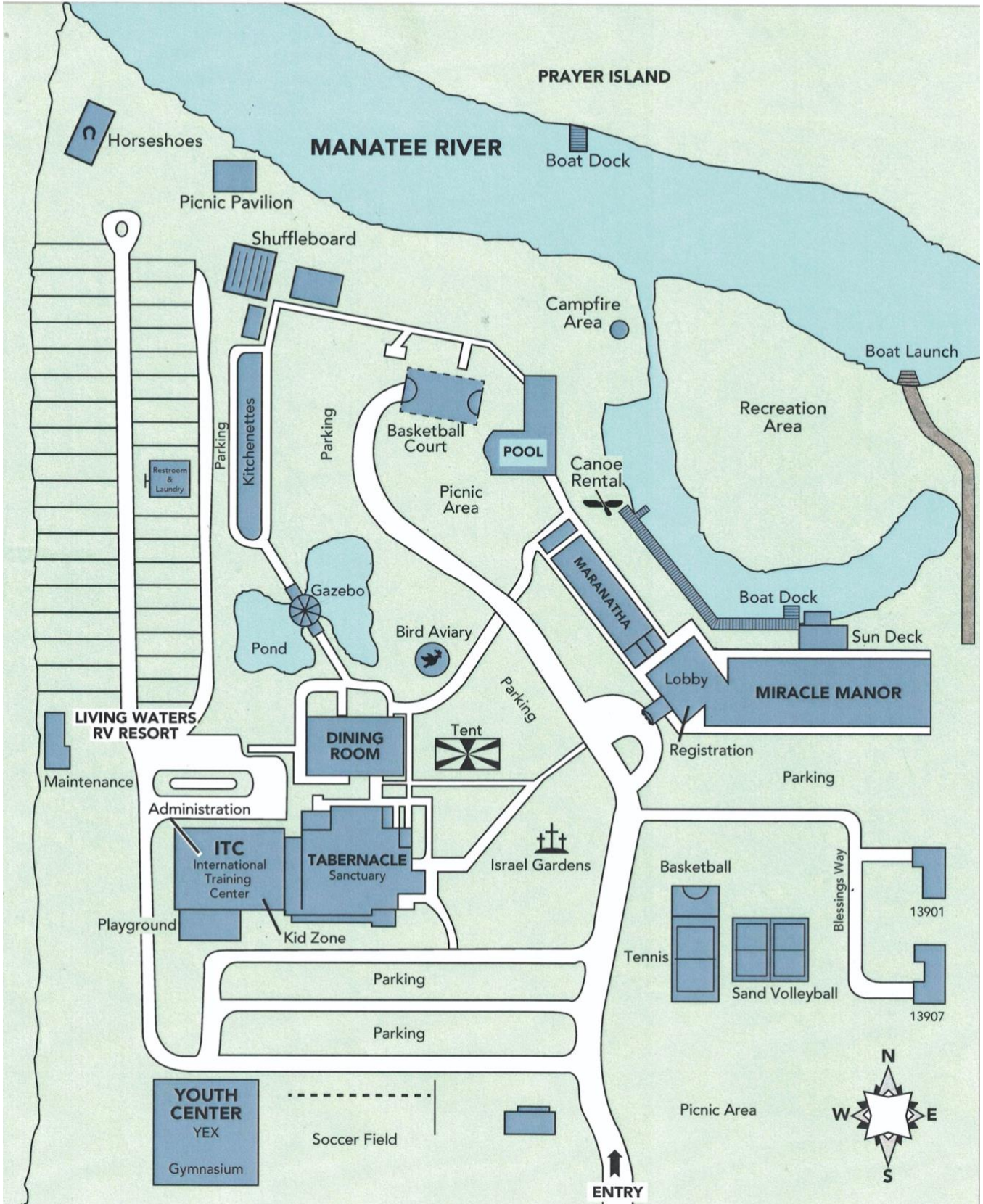
Elevated outdoor adventure park with climbing, suspension bridges and zip line courses for all levels.

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