

ASCANOR LODGE

MAP LEGEND

1. GATEHOUSE: The entrance to the lodge is through twin wroughtiron portcullises set within large arches inside a small half-timber watch-house, flanked on each side by a low stone tower. A small contingent of six mercenaries monitors the gate. Most of the time, the gates are kept closed, and the guards refuse to open them without the presentation of a formal reservation.

2. CABIN: A small, two-story cabin.

3. COTTAGE: A cottage featuring a small but impressive herb garden outside.

4. STABLES: Ascanor's superior hunting horses are kept in these stables, along with mounts belonging to lodge guests.

9. COBBLED PATH: A path of slate cobblestones connects the gatehouse and main entrance, and narrows and runs along the southeast side of the lodge around the back. A live trellis woven from the boughs of bent willows and deep red roses shelters the walkway.

13. MAIN ENTRANCE: A flight of wide, slate steps climb up to a shallow porch and a pair of massive iron-shod, timber doors. A small brass bell hangs on a post near the door. The door is typically kept barred on the inside, while a small shuttered hatch permits one to see anyone standing on the porch.

14. GRAND HALL: This huge hallway serves as the centerpiece of the ground floor. Golden pine floor planks, over a foot in width and sanded smooth, stretch almost the entire length of the hall, while four massive tree trunks serve as pillars, running down the center of the room supporting the ceiling overhead. Large hide rugs and trophy heads of bears, bucks, and snarling wolves adorn the floor and natural log walls, boasting of some of the lodge's patrons' finer kills. Garlands and banners embroidered with the crests of various aristocrats, secret orders, and hunting clubs hang from exposed rafters high overhead. Stone fireplaces on either side keep the room at a comfortable temperature.

15. NORTH STAIRWELL: This enclosed wooden staircase spirals upward to the private guest rooms on the building's second floor.

16. SOUTH STAIRWELL: This enclosed wooden staircase provides access to the second floor of the south wing and the south tower. The staircase is creaky.

26. GUEST BEDROOMS: Ascanor Lodge has seven rustically (though luxuriously) appointed private rooms for the use of its guests.

- **Room B:** Rented by the PCs. Contains a bed, chest, desk, chair, and fireplace, and has an exterior balcony.
- **Room E:** Rented by the PCs. Contains a bed, chest, desk, chair, and fireplace, and has an exterior balcony.

27. CROSS PASSAGE: This passage connects the main lodge's second floor to the south tower.

29. READING LIBRARY: Bookshelves line both walls of this long room, while a multi-shelved central partition divides this area. A small fireplace keeps the room cozy. At the far end, a balcony facing the front courtyard permits readers to get fresh air. The majority of the books here are for entertainment and consist of novels, plays, and collections of short stories, essays, and poetry. The library is available to all guests.

30. REFERENCE LIBRARY: Shelves lining the walls of this circular tower room contain hundreds of reference books on such diverse topics as botany, demonology, geology, history, and religion. Cubicles in the center provide areas for reading, and a fireplace in the eastern wall heats the room. An ascending flight of stairs curves around the southern wall, leading to a trap door that opens to the third floor. The library is available to all guests.