



# Hole in the Wall Gang Camp

Ashford, Connecticut

**The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp  
is a nonprofit residential summer camp  
for children with cancer or other  
serious blood diseases.**

**T**he Hole in the Wall Gang Camp's accessible treehouse, sponsored by Discover ® Card, allows campers, regardless of physical challenges, to slowly ascend 20 feet in the air by way of a ramp to a 600-square-foot shelter with views overlooking Person Pond. The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, founded by Paul Newman in 1988, is a nonprofit residential summer camp where children with cancer or other serious blood diseases "do not have to sit on the sidelines." Over 1,000 children from 7 to 15 years old come each year free of charge from across the United States and abroad. Designed and built by the Yestermorrow Design/Build School, the structure took more than six months to design and construct with the assistance of many volunteers, professionals, and craftsmen. This arboreal hide-away has an elaborate 340-foot ramp and deck that can accommodate many individuals. The designer and arborist pioneered new ways to build in a large number of trees with the least impact on the forest, and construction and cabling techniques ensure that the structure and trees can withstand hurricane-force winds.



**"I sold my house and moved into the treehouse.  
That's how good they are!"**

—Paul Newman, founder

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