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# A Presidential Retreat to Camp David

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President Ford strolls alone in front of Aspen Lodge, the presidential residence, during his first visit to Camp David this weekend; at right, President and Mrs. Ford and children Steve and Susan Ford chat with the press at Camp David, which had previously been closed to the press for the past year and a half.



Photos by Frank Johnston  
The Washington Post

President Ford's first visit to Camp David this weekend, joining hundreds of other Washingtonians who deserted the city for the Labor Day holiday.

In addition to bringing his wife and two of his three children (Susan and Steve) to the presidential retreat in northern Maryland, Ford also opened the camp to news photograph which had not been invited for the past year and a half.

Mr. Ford's pre-Labor Day stay spent a great deal of time in the heavily wooded, isolated site, but photographs of Richard Nixon who were almost always accompanied by government photographers. Since Franklin D. Roosevelt opened the camp in 1942, the media have rarely been allowed inside its guarded walls.

The President and his family arrived Saturday morning by helicopter, joined by photographers early morning in front of the Lodge, the presidential residence.

With the rest of the family looking on, Mrs. Ford held a fawn, a pet of the commander-in-chief's, while from a baby bottle. Mr. Ford chatted with photographers as he strolled by himself around the lodge and down a dirt road.

The White House photographer, David Kennerly, was also present and said Mr. Ford had planned to play tennis later in the day. Chided by other photographers about his lack of skill, he responded that he would play against his boss, Kennerly insisting on winning.

Mrs. Ford said she had moved to the spot from the Pennsylvania town of Shangri-La because it is all that she could find that is agreeable. The residents who've frequented the place would probably say that Roosevelt, in fact, chose the camp "Shangri-La" because its previous secretiveness was revealed during World War II.

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# *Ford Works On Amnesty Plan, Opens Camp David To Newsman*





**FIRST LADY BETTY FORD FEEDS FAWN**  
*. . . the President, son Steven and daughter Susan at Camp David.*

—AP Wirephoto.

# Fords Like Camp David Despite Stormy Weather

CAMP DAVID — (UPI) — President Ford decided that he enjoys the presidential retreat at Camp David, despite

house, but a few yards from the front entrance is a goldfish pond surrounded by flowers.

White House photographer David Hume Kennerly.

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## Holiday

President and Mrs. Ford and two of their children, Steve and Susan, made their first visit as first family to Camp David

over the holiday weekend. Here, they feed the pet fawn of the camp commander. Story and other pictures on Page D1.