

### Minimize Campfire Impact

- Build campfires in the existing fire rings only.
- Collect only dead and down firewood around your site. Kiln dried firewood is available for purchase from the campground staff or any Dept. of Natural Resources certified source.
- Be a good steward. Do not leave a campfire unattended.
- Contain fire and all logs within the fire ring. Burned through large logs are unsightly and unnecessary.

### Respect Wildlife

- Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach wild animals.
- Never feed animals. Feeding wildlife damages their health, alters natural behaviors, and exposes them to predators and other dangers.
- Protect wildlife and your food by storing rations and trash securely.
- Hike in surrounding public lands; control pets at all times or leave them at home.
- Avoid wildlife during sensitive times: mating, nesting, raising young, or winter.

### Be Considerate of Others

- Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience.
- Drive 15 MPH or less. The speed limit in the campground is regulated to enhance the enjoyment of all visitors. All vehicles, including bicycles must observe all traffic regulations, including one-way loops.
- Pets do not always get along with other visitors or pets. They must be either on a leash not to exceed 6 feet or in a kennel.
- For your own pet's safety, pets are not to be left unattended (includes the beach parking lot).
- Pick up pet waste. For hygienic reasons, other than service animals, pets are not permitted in restrooms, cabin areas, or the beach area.
- Generators may be operated for only 4 hours a day between 8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.
- Quiet hours are observed between 10:00 P.M. AND 7:00 A.M. Many retreat to the woods to hear the sounds of nature. Music, generators, and loud voices can drown out these beautiful sounds.

Camping/Day Passes are available for purchase at entrance station. If the entrance station is not open, use the self-service fee envelopes and the fee tube located near the gatehouse.

Reservations may be made by contacting the National Recreation Reservation Service at 1-877-444-6777 or online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). Reservations must be made at least 4 days in advance of arrival date.

Refunds may be made only for emergency situations. No refunds are given for weather. Refund requests for reserved sites are handled by Customer Service at the National Recreation Reservation Service. See contact information listed above.



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Campsites must be occupied the first night and not left unattended for more than 24 hours. Maximum permitted length of stay is 14 days per visit. Check out time is 2:00 p.m. Please renew by 11:00 am. Vehicles with Day Passes must leave the campground by 10:00 p.m.

**Campground Rules are based on the 7 Leave No Trace Principles and are meant to enhance the enjoyment of campers.**

### Plan Ahead and Prepare

- Know the regulations and special concerns for the area you will visit. Remember, the State of Indiana has very strict regulations on firewood.
- Prepare for extreme weather, hazards, and emergencies.
- Schedule your trip to avoid times of high use.
- Visit in small groups when possible. Campsites are meant to sustain no more than 8 people and 2 vehicles and no more than 16 people and 4 vehicles for double sites.
- Repackage food to minimize waste.
- Hike in the surrounding public lands; use a map and compass to prevent getting lost.

### Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

- Pitch tents on the provided gravel tent pads. This is to preserve the plant life around your campsite.
- Park vehicles, including motor homes or trailers, must have all wheels on the graveled area or asphalt.
- Trails are for foot and bicycle traffic only. Motorized vehicles are hard on trails and grassy areas within the campground. Mopeds may be used for transportation to and from campsites only. Electric scooters specifically designed for persons with disabilities are permitted, but all other electric powered vehicles and ATVs are not permitted in the campground.

### Dispose of Waste Properly

- Wash dishes at your campsite only. Loop hydrants are meant for gathering potable water only and are not intended for RV/Trailer water needs.
- Secure your foods. Wild animals quickly become habituated to human food and become nuisance animals.
- Place all bagged trash in dumpsters and double bag any fish remains before placing in dumpster.
- Dump RV/Camper sewage and grey water at dump station only.

### Leave What You Find

- Preserve the past: examine, but do not touch cultural or historic structures and artifacts.
- Leave rocks, plants, and other natural objects as you find them.
- Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species.
- Do not build structures, furniture, or dig trenches.