Public Policies and Procedures for Campground Operations

- Properties shall rent to first-come, first-serve campers (also known as walk-up or local sale rentals, hereafter, referred to as local sales) if sites are available, on the day of arrival only.
- Each group shall register at the control station, property office, with a department representative, or through self-registration (where provided) for each night’s camping. The nightly camping fee, to be paid in advance, shall entitle the group to occupy one campsite or cabin for one overnight period for each night they have paid the fee.
- An individual may register as many campsite or cabins as desired but must be present. At registration, the names and addresses of individuals who will occupy each site also must be provided. Renting only one night will not guarantee availability beyond the first night due to other reservations being made via the Central Reservation System. Internet reservations may be made 24 hours/7 days a week. Campsites may be reserved six months in advance until the night before arrival. Cabins may be reserved one year in advance until two nights before arrival.
- Campers registering by local sales may request a specific site if that site is available.
- One camping group shall be permitted to occupy one campsite in a campground. A camping group consists of as many as six persons, not necessarily related. One main camping unit per campsite with one additional tent and one dining fly are permitted per site and subject to the property manager’s discretion. Equestrian campgrounds permit additional trailers for horse transport, and some of those units provide family living space. The horse trailer may serve as either the main or the secondary camping unit.
- Campsites reservations are available at camp.IN.gov or by calling 1-866-622-6746. Local sales may be processed in person at the property; however, reservations may only be made online or through the call center at the Internet address and/or telephone number listed above.
- An individual 18 years or older is required to register personally for the group or family for the campsite. The responsible party registering or reserving a campsite shall remain with the group on the site.
- An individual 21 years or older is required to register personally for the group or family with the department’s representative for a cabin. The responsible party registering or reserving a cabin shall remain with the group in the cabin during the stay.
- It is unlawful to injure, cut, destroy, remove, mutilate, or deface road signs, including posted hours of operation, or den, nest or abode of any wildlife animal or to climb or rappel roads on DNR properties. See property manager.
- It shall be unlawful to injure, cut, destroy, remove, mutilate, or deface any building structure, sign, rock, tree, shrub, vine or property whatever, or pick any flower or take or rifle the nest of any bird or den, nest or any animal or to climb or rappel on land subject to the regulations in 312-IAC 8-2-10.
- Each group in the camping area, provided by the Department of Natural Resources for that purpose. Fires shall be entirely extinguished immediately after use. Lighted matches, cigarettes, cigars, or other articles afire must be thoroughly extinguished before being discarded. DNR or its authorized representative may prohibit all fires in any area when deemed necessary for property protection.
- The camping hangtag or campsite pass shall be retained by the camper for use as a pass through the main gate and campground gate. Only vehicles with valid receipts are permitted to enter the campground. All visitors to a campsite must park in a designated area outside the campground; however, a 20-minute entrance pass may be issued to permit loading and unloading.
- Valid campsite hangtag or receipt will be honored at all DNR properties for waiver of entrance fees, only for dates listed on the hangtag or receipt.
- Properties shall issue additional entrance passes for extra vehicles belonging to registered campers. This additional entrance pass will permit entrance into the property without additional charges for the duration of the visit. An annual entrance pass may be issued for a vehicle only after an entrance fee has been collected on that vehicle.
- Property managers will use proper discretion in allowing mobility-impaired people to drive into the campground in accordance with the American Disabilities Act. Managers will also use discretion to allow park visitors to have controlled access to the campground during slow periods for the purpose of marketing the campsite for future rental.
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- Quiet hours shall be observed from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. Generators and similar items, which produce noise, may only be operated in campgrounds from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m. local time.
- Collecting firewood is prohibited on state park and reservoir properties.
- Dogs, cats or other pets must be caged or kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet and must be attended at all times. Pet waste must be properly disposed.
- Leasing or subleasing campsite, cabins or equipment is prohibited.
- All refuse and garbage is to be placed in receptacles provided for that purpose. If refuse is left at campsite, the occupant may be billed for cleaning and disposal fees. Pet waste is considered refuse.
- Any firearm (except lawfully possessed handguns), BB gun, air gun, CO2 gun, bow and arrow, paint gun or spear gun in possession in a state park must be unloaded or un-nocked and stored in a case or locked within a vehicle, except when owner is participating in an activity authorized by written permit.
- Roads on DNR properties are considered state roads and all state motor vehicles laws are applicable. There are restrictions on the use of vehicles and motorized carts. See property manager.
- It shall be unlawful to build a fire except in designated public-use areas, provided by the Department of Natural Resources for that purpose. Fires shall be entirely extinguished immediately after use. Lighted matches, cigarettes, cigars, or other articles afire must be thoroughly extinguished before being discarded. DNR or its authorized representative may prohibit all fires in any area when deemed necessary for property protection.
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*Check out times are strictly enforced.*

**SMOKING POLICY:** Smoking is not allowed in any indoor facilities (cabins, screened in porches, restrooms, recreation buildings, shelters, etc.) if a customer violates this policy, he/she may be asked to leave and assessed excessive cleaning fees. Smoking is allowed in open outdoor areas of the property, including campsites, however, smoking is not allowed within eight (8) feet of the entrance to a building.

**NEED ASSISTANCE DURING YOUR STAY?**

Please contact the park office, gatehouse or other DNR personnel. See telephone number on reverse side. Dial 911 for all emergencies.

**Park office hours:** See map side for hours

Weekend & seasonal hours will vary.

This is not a complete list of DNR rules and regulations. For a complete list, inquire at property office.