

Camping Regulations and Guidelines for Bald Eagle State Forest

Temporary camping in accordance with State Forest Rules & Regulations is permitted on the Bald Eagle State Forest. Camping permits may be obtained at the district office:

Bureau of Forestry
P.O.Box 147
Laurelton, Pa 17835
Phone: 570-922-3344
Fax: 570-922-4696

Or, at the Forest Maintenance Headquarters at Eastville, Hickernell Springs, Troxelville, or New Lancaster Valley no more than 90 days before the planned camping trip. **The yellow copy of the permit must be displayed at the campsite** in the holder attached to the numbered post.

- No more than **10 people** will be allowed per permit or per campsite at one time.
- There is a limit of **7 continuous days** of camping. Camping resumed until 48-hours have passed. All vehicles and camping equipment must be removed from the State forest land during this time.
- Human waste **must be buried 6 inches below ground level and 200 ft** from any water source. There are no self-contained disposal sites in Bald Eagle Forest.
- All trash and refuse **must be removed** in accordance with the Department of Environmental Protection.
- Small campfires for cooking and warming are permitted **except** when the fire danger is high, very high or extreme and from March 1st to May 25th and from October 1st to December 1st, unless authorized on the campground permit. Gather only dead and down wood for campfires. Put your fire **out cold** and scatter the stone fire rings before leaving. Leave stone fire rings intact only at established campsites.
- Firewood can be cut from **dead** standing trees or down trees. Only enough wood necessary to be used is allowed.
- **Fires cannot** be left unattended at anytime. Ashes must be buried or removed.
- No nails are allowed to be put in a tree. All strings, ropes, tie-downs, etc., will be removed prior to departure. Tables, chairs, or other furniture may not be left behind on the site after departure.

Certain areas are closed to camping:

- 1) All nature areas; natural areas: Snyder Middleswarth, Tall Timbers, The Hook, Joyce Kilmer, Rosencrans bog, Bear Run, Mtn. Logan & Half Way Run area.
- 2) Weikert Run Road. (Union & Mifflin counties)
- 3) Wild areas(except for primitive camping): White Mtn area
- 4) Municipal watershed areas (within 1 mile of an intake impoundment): Spruce Run, White Deer Creek, Stoney Run, Little Fishing Creek, Laurel Creek, Jamison Run, East Kammerdiner Run, McElHattan Run, Lucys Run, Woodward Run, Laurel Run, Kern Run, Luphers Run, Bull Gap Run, Eastville Run, North Branch of Mahantango Creek, Pleasant Gap Run, Long Run, Springs at Centre Hall, Troxville and Stillhouse Hollow Run.
- 5) Within 300 ft of leased campsites
- 6) Within 100 ft of any water source
- 7) Within 1 mile of a State Park
- 8) Within 300 ft of a State Forest picnic area
- 9) Poe Valley State Forest Road
- 10) Any other area posted against camping.

Camping with domestic Animals:

- No more than two domestic animals are allowed per campsite. Dogs **cannot** be left unattended. They must be controlled at all times.
- Chains, or any other restraints, **cannot** be attached to trees.

Horses at Camping Sites:

- Tether lines must be used when horses are kept on site. Horses may **NOT** be directly tied to trees or shrubs.
- **Manure must removed** from site or scattered in woods at least **100 feet** from the fire ring.

YOU WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE for the condition of your site when you leave. Take it in-Take it out!
Any non-compliance with these regulations will result in loss of future camping privileges in Bald Eagle State Forest.

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