

Motorized Camping Guidelines and Ethics

- ❖ When planning and prior to your camping trip: **you must check with the local forest district office to determine where to camp: acquire a camping permit**: and, tell someone of your trip plans. There is no fee for a camping permit.
- ❖ The campsite must be within 300 feet of a road open to public travel or a trail designated for motorized use. Vehicles may not be driven more than 50 feet from the traveled portion of the road or trail. Make sure it is a well drained area and where you do not need to clear any vegetation. Keep your campsite small.
- ❖ All camping within 300 feet from any building, Natural Area or State Forest Picnic area requires the written authorization from the District Forester or a designee. In addition to a camping permit.
- ❖ All camping must be more than one road mile from the entrance to a State Park having camping facilities within or from any commercial campground.
- ❖ All camping must be more than 100 feet from any stream or any other open water source.
- ❖ Deposit human solid waste in "catholes" dug 6-8 inches deep at least 200 feet away from water, camps or trails. Cover and disguise the "cathole" when finished. Some campsites may require the use of self-contained toilet facilities.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Wash yourself, your dishes and your clothes only in containers. Washing in lakes, springs, streams or any other open water source is prohibited.
- ❖ A camping permit will be valid for no more than seven consecutive nights.
- ❖ Camping permits are issued no more than 90 days in advance.
- ❖ If more than 10 people are in your group, a letter of authorization is required, in addition to the camping permit, from the District Forester 30 days prior to the date of the camping.
- ❖ Leave the camp area better than you found it.
- ❖ Respect other visitors and let nature's sounds prevail. If you bring pets, keep them quiet and under control at all times.

There are no modern facilities, dump stations or utility hook-ups on state forest lands.

Keep wildlife wild. Please do not feed the wildlife.

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