

TITLE IX: GENERAL REGULATIONS

CHAPTER 93: CAMPING AND CAMPGROUNDS

§ 93.01 PRIMITIVE CAMPING – TENTS ONLY.

(A) **PERMITS.** All campers with tents for use as a temporary lodging or a sleeping place within a park must obtain a written permit from the Director or the Director's designated agent by contacting Greene County Parks & Trails. After hours and weekends contact the Ranger on duty through Greene County Central Dispatch.

(B) **LENGTH OF STAY.** Primitive camping permits are limited to a maximum of three consecutive days and cannot exceed a total of six days per any 30-day period within the parks designated primitive camping areas. Check-in 2:00 pm, check-out 12:00 noon

(C) **AGE REQUIREMENT.** Primitive camping permit holders must be 18 years of age or older.

(D) **OCCUPANCY.** Each primitive campsite is limited to a maximum occupancy level of 6 persons per campsite. Personal possessions may not be left in any camping or park area for more than two hours unattended except with a prior written permit from the of the Director or the Director's designated agent.

(E) **RVs PROHIBITED.** Recreational vehicles or campers are prohibited at the following locations: Jacoby Road Canoe Launch, Narrows Reserve, Constitution Park, Mill Bridge Launch, and Old Town Reserve.

§ 93.02 CAMPGROUNDS – RECREATIONAL VEHICLES.

(A) **PERMITS.** All campers with recreational or other vehicles for use as a temporary lodging or a sleeping place within a park must obtain a reservation or written permit from the Director or his designated agent for a campground site by contacting Greene County Parks & Trails. Permits must be displayed in a conspicuous location. Permit holders must disclose all persons, equipment, and animals that will be present in a campground site.

(B) **OCCUPANCY.** Each campground site is limited to a maximum occupancy level of 6 persons. Each campground site may only contain up to one recreational vehicle (bus, a travel or horse trailer attached to a car, a house vehicle, motorhome, station wagon, motorcycle, car, truck, van, or pickup camper) and two portable camping units, or no recreational vehicle and three portable camping units. The number of additional vehicles or persons per campground site will be determined by space availability and by prior written permission of the Director or the Director's designated agent.

(C) **PLACEMENT DISTANCE.** Each recreational vehicle must be a minimum distance of at least 5 feet between any other camping units located on the same campground site. Each camping unit must maintain a minimum of 10 feet between any other camping units located on adjacent campground sites. Recreational vehicles must maintain a minimum distance of 15 feet from the vehicle's side and a minimum distance of 10 feet from the vehicle's end, in relation to any other recreational vehicle or camping unit on adjacent campground sites. Each recreational vehicle or portable camping unit in a campground shall be placed upon the site so as to provide a minimum of a 15 feet distance from any building, public roadway, street, alley, and or any right-of-way designated for vehicular traffic as specified by the Ohio department of transportation or other local jurisdiction, and not less than a 7.5 feet distance from the campground property line. The width of the recreational vehicle or portable camping unit includes any structure adjoining the vehicle or unit. An awning or similar structure which is partially supported by the recreational vehicle or portable camping unit is not included in computing the width, if the awning or structure is open on at least two complete sides. No freestanding auxiliary building shall be placed within five feet of any occupied recreational vehicle or portable camping unit other than the recreational vehicle or portable camping unit occupied by the owner of the freestanding auxiliary building.

(D) **VISITORS.** Persons and vehicles are only permitted in designated campground sites for the purpose of utilizing campground facilities with a valid permit. All visitors who do not have a permit must obtain a valid visitor's pass prior to entering the campground site or to use the campground facilities. Visiting hours are from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily. All visitors must return their visitor's pass.

(E) **FEES.** Campground fees must be paid by renter to Greene County Parks & Trails according to the current fee schedule. The Campground fee for a day runs from Check-in 2:00pm till Check-out 12:00 noon the following day. For multiple days Check-in 2:00pm the first day, Check-out 12:00 noon the last day

(F) **CAMPGROUND RESTRICTIONS.**

(1) **PLUMBING OUTLETS.** No person shall hook up a water supply line to any plumbing outlet in a campground unless the outlet has an approved anti siphon valve, or with the prior approval. No person is permitted to operate or bring into any campground area, any vehicle used for camping, and having plumbing fixtures with provision for outside drainage, which does not include suitable, non-spilling holding tank which will not overflow and being connected with leak-proof couplings to a drain(s) that is controllable and will not allow any contents to be drained except into suitable park drainage facilities. A vehicle used for camping may have drain(s) from the sink, wash basin, and shower to be drained into a suitable external holding device of a capacity of at least five gallons provided such device is not spilled, overflowed, or drained onto

the campground area. Any wastewater disposed of at a county park shall be disposed of in an approved and marked park facility.

(2) **LENGTH OF STAY.** The maximum period of time that any person is permitted to stay overnight in any designated campground or other rented overnight facility within a park shall not exceed fourteen days in any 30-day time frame. Any attempt to circumvent the fourteen-night limitation by means of changing the registered name of a group or individual, creating multiple user profiles, or otherwise altering reservation information is not permitted. If a reservation or series of reservations is determined to be out of compliance with the maximum length of stay prescribed in this rule, the occupant or occupants of the campground or other overnight facility will be contacted and directed to determine which reservations will be canceled to achieve compliance with these provisions. Refunds will be applied to any advance reservations, as necessary, to bring the total nights within the allowable limit. Cancellation fees may be applied for any advance reservation canceled for this reason. Persons who knowingly violate the rule may be restricted from obtaining future reservations or rentals and may have their online reservation account restricted or suspended.

§ 93.03 REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL PRIMITIVE CAMPING AND CAMPGROUNDS.

(A) **AREA NOISE.** No person shall cause, create, or contribute in any way to noise, including but not limited to, playing a radio or other electronically amplified device, or a musical instrument, or operating a motorized generator in any way that disturbs the peace and quiet of other persons, in any manner in any area administered by the department. No person shall, between the quiet hours of 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM within a campground area, or other department approved sleeping area, cause, create or contribute in any way to noise that disturbs the peace and quiet of other persons. Approved special events, park, or concession sponsored activities may be exempt from noise restrictions by prior written permit of the Director or the Director's designated agent.

(B) **JUVENILE USE.** No person who is a juvenile (under the age of 18) shall camp in, or stay in any area under the administration of the department except: when accompanying a parent or guardian; or when the juvenile is accompanied by an adult and furnishes to the area manager the written consent (including dates and park location) of and full name, residence, and telephone number of parent or guardian where they may be reached at all times for purposes of emergency medical information. If a juvenile is part of a youth group occupying an area administered by the department overnight, the group must be supervised by at least one adult for each ten juveniles.

(C) **PETS.** All pets must be registered on a campground or camping permit. Animals must only be brought or kept in camping areas designated for that purpose. The number of pets permitted at each site may not exceed two domestic pets. Service animal as defined by the

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (28 C.F.R. part 35, subpart A, 35.104), are not considered domestic pets for the purpose of this rule. Pet owners must clean up and place in a rubbish area any excrement left by their pet in any campsite or campground. All domesticated dogs or cats must have current rabies inoculation and wear a collar tag with the owner's name and address. Pets are not permitted in any enclosed park area. A domestic dog or cat may be tethered with a securely anchored leash or lead line of the appropriate length and weight on the owner's or handler's campsite or campground. The tether and anchor restraint for the animal must be situated and arranged in such a manner that it does not infringe on a neighboring campsite, campground, or interfere with or menace passersby. No person shall leave their domestic pets unattended. All animal bites, domestic or wild, must be reported to Animal Control or the Ohio Division of wildlife.

(D) RESERVATION OR RENTAL TERMINATION. Where applicable or otherwise permitted under these Regulations, a person reserving or renting a campsite or overnight group facility shall remove all personal property from the camping area, campground or overnight group facility prior to a time as determined and so posted at the park office on the expiration date of the reservation or rental period. If, upon the expiration of a valid rental agreement or camping permit, any person fails to vacate a campground, campsite or other overnight facility, or if any person or party fails to comply when instructed to leave park property by a peace officer, authorized department personnel or department official, such person or persons will be considered to be trespassing and may be prosecuted under applicable provisions of the Revised Code. Personal property remaining on a campsite or overnight group facility after the expiration of the rental period may be removed and stored by the department. At the end of fourteen days, said property shall be disposed of.

(E) VIOLATIONS. No person shall violate any provision of these rules. It is unlawful for any person to fail to comply with any terms or conditions prescribed in any form of agreement or camping permit, whether set forth in these Regulations, in a written agreement, or provided through the campground site reservation system or posting at any of the Parks. Nothing in these Rules and Regulations shall nullify any other penalty which may attach to a violation of this rule.

(F) PENALTIES. Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of these Rules and Regulations may be subject to fines, civil, or criminal penalties, may be restricted from obtaining future permits, may have their reservation account restricted or suspended and may be instructed to leave county property by a peace officer, authorized department personnel, or department official. If a person or party is instructed to leave park or county property under these provisions, any fees paid for or unused portions of a rental or permit period and remaining reservations will be forfeited.