



Dane County Parks

CAMPGROUND RULES



Definitions:

Campground – a designated area in a park where a Camping Party may stay overnight.

Camping Day/Night – a period of no longer than 24 hours beginning and ending at a time designated and posted by Dane County Parks.

Camping Party – an individual, family, or group of not more than six (6) people.

Camping Unit – a vehicle, trailer, tent, or other unit which provides shelter for the users of the Campsite.

Campsite – a designated individual site for camping.

Campsite Registration – the process of securing a Campsite by filling out the registration form and paying the proper fee at the Campground prior to occupying the site.

Campsite Reservation – securing a Campsite through the Dane County Parks online reservation system or through the Parks office at least 5 days in advance of occupying the site.

GENERAL CAMPSITE SET-UP AND REGULATIONS

- Campers must register for or have a reservation for a Campsite prior to setting up camp.
- Campsites must be registered/reserved by the Camping Party occupying the site.
- A Camping Unit must occupy the Campsite the first night of registration/reservation.
- No Campsite may be left unattended for more than 24 hours.
- One (1) Camping Unit is allowed per Campsite unless additional units are approved by park staff.
- Camping is only allowed in signed and designated areas.
- Only one Camping Party (6 individuals) may occupy a Campsite.
- A Camping Party or Camping Unit may not move from the assigned Campsite to another Campsite within the park without prior approval by park staff or campground host.
- Camping is limited to 14 days. The Camping Party and Camping Unit must vacate the Campground for at least 48 consecutive hours before being eligible for an additional 14-day registration at the same Campground.
- Park staff may close a Campsite and move a Camping Party at any time to protect the condition of the Campsite and surrounding park land.
- If camping more than four (4) days without a reservation, you must self-register for a non-reservable site. Contact parks staff or campground host for availability of a reservable site if self-registering for five (5) to fourteen (14) days.

PARK HOURS – Parks open at 5 AM and close at 10 PM

- Campgrounds are closed to non-campers from 10 PM to 5 AM. All visitors must vacate the Campground by 10 PM.
- Quiet hours are from 10 PM to 5 AM. Please be considerate of your camping neighbors.
- A Camping Party may not set up or take down a Campsite between 10 PM and 5 AM unless approved by a parks employee or law enforcement officer.
- Camping permits begin at 3 PM on the first day of permit registration and expire at 3 PM on the last day of the permit registration.
- Re-registration for the following night is by 10 AM on the last day of the camping permit

CAMPGROUND CONDUCT

- No person may engage in any loud, drunken, or disruptive behavior that causes a disturbance.
- No person may operate any sound device, loudspeaker, generator, air conditioner or other device that produces excessively loud or unusual noises without approval from park staff.
- It is illegal to deface, destroy or vandalize any park property or natural growth.
- All controlled substances and paraphernalia, identified in Chapter 161, WI State Statutes, shall be prohibited from use or possession.
- No personal items or equipment may be left unattended in the restrooms/shower areas.

VEHICLES

- No more than two (2) motor vehicles or a vehicle and trailer may be parked within the parking area of any Campsite; up to six (6) motorcycles are permitted. At Mendota Park, only one boat is permitted at boat campsites. Vehicles are restricted to designated roadways and parking areas.
- A permit is required for vehicles parked outside of the campsite area.

CAMPFIRES

- Only firewood originating from within Dane County is allowed in the parks.
- Fires are permitted in fireplaces, grills, and fire rings only and may not be left unattended.
- Do not place hot coals on the ground or in trash containers.

PETS

- Dogs are permitted in the Campground with a registered camper at no additional charge and must be kept on-leash at all times. Pet waste must be cleaned up and placed in the proper container.

