

WATOGA

State Park

Watoga State Park
4800 Watoga Park Rd.
Marlinton, WV 24954-9550

CAMPGROUND RULES

Applications will be processed on a first-come, first served basis; however, first consideration will be given applications for the longest rental period.

Campsites that are not reserved shall be rented on a first-come, first-served basis. Campers shall register before occupying a campsite, unless otherwise instructed by posted signs or by other clear means. A campsite is reserved when the rental fee for the site has been paid, which shall be indicated by a camping permit affixed to the numbered campsite post.

One responsible person who has passed their 18th birthday, who is answerable for the actions and safety of the campsite occupants and liable for any damages caused by them, shall be at each rented campsite.

Camping in any manner is prohibited in state parks, state forests and state hunting and fishing areas, except at numbered sites in areas designated for camping. Campground facilities are provided for the exclusive use of the registered campers. The area superintendent, at his discretion, may permit cabin guests to use campground laundry facilities during periods of low use by campers, preferably at a designated time.

The length of stay in any camping area shall not exceed fourteen (14) consecutive nights, except after Labor Day until the first day of May of the following year. Campsites may be rented for longer periods, at the discretion of the area superintendent, when there are vacant campsites. At the end of a fourteen (14) consecutive night rental, the area superintendent, at his discretion, may request the camper to move to another campsite for conservation and maintenance of the first rental site. In no case may occupancy of a campsite be extended by the camper registering under a different name.

No more than two (2) motor vehicles are permitted on a campsite at any time. A non-family group may have only one camping unit (tent, trailer, motor home, camper, van, etc.) on its campsite. A family camping group, at the discretion of the area superintendent, may be permitted to have one (1) or two (2) small tents on its campsite in addition to the main camping unit, but in no case may the additional units be ecologically detrimental to the campsite. A family is defined as parents or guardians and their dependent children.

Campsites shall be vacated by noon on the day the campsite permit expires, unless the area superintendent extends the time at the request of the camper. No extension may extend beyond 4 p.m.

The campsite rental fee does not include the use of any other facilities or services for which a fee or rental is charged.

The washing of any equipment, paraphernalia, clothing, pet or the body is prohibited at water fountains and water pumps and in lakes, ponds, pools and streams. The washing of cooking utensils, tableware, flatware, or any other cooking or eating paraphernalia is prohibited at water fountains and water pumps and in comfort stations, bathhouses and washrooms.

Hay, straw, boughs, pine needles or other similar materials shall not be kept or used in tents or screened rooms or under shelters for bedding or any other purpose. The Director of the Division of Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Section, may permit the use of hay and straw in conjunction with special events or programs.

No object may be driven into any tree, shrub, rock, sign, building or other object or structure in a state campground. Trenching or digging in a campsite is prohibited.

Quiet hours are in effect and shall be observed and enforced from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Generators shall not be operated during quiet hours. Motorbike riding is prohibited in camping areas, except to go to and from the campsite.

No bicycle may be ridden in a campground after dark, unless it is equipped with lights on both front and rear and the lights are turned on while the bike is being ridden. Also, WV State Law requires that all children under 15 years of age must wear helmets when riding their bikes.

Pets must be restrained on a sturdy leash not to exceed ten (10) feet in length and the owner shall clean up after the pet, keep it from disturbing others and be responsible for any damage that may occur.



