General Camping Rules

All visitors are responsible for knowing park rules and regulations. A full text of rules is posted and is available upon request.

**Alcohol** – Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

**Fires** – Fires are permitted only in provided stoves, fireplaces, fire rings –or– in approved camp stoves provided by the camper. Fires may be prohibited due to forest fire threat when prevailing conditions warrant this precaution. Any device that produces a flame is prohibited inside a yurt.

**Firewood** – Firewood is not provided at any overnight facilities but it can be purchased at some Park Offices.

**Firearms** – A person shall not possess or discharge any firearm, pellet gun, bow and arrow, slingshot or other weapons capable of injuring people or wildlife. Hunters in compliance with Division of Fish and Wildlife hunting laws are exempted. Target practice is prohibited.

**Minimum age of permittee** – All overnight facilities must be reserved and occupied by at least one adult, 18 years of age or older. All group campsites shall have a minimum of one adult 18 years of age or older for every nine campers who are under 18 years of age in the group.

**Occupancy Limits** – Not more than six people shall occupy a camping facility, excluding group campsites and primitive campsites, unless they are all members of one family. The Superintendent or designee may authorize a greater number as conditions warrant.

**Group Camping** – Group camping is restricted to areas specifically designated for this purpose. A camping group is defined as a minimum of seven persons. Groups may use family campsites at a State Park, provided that the limitation of six persons per site is not exceeded.

**Pets** – Pets are only permitted in campgrounds with “Pet Friendly” campsites. There will be an additional charge of $5 per night.

**Smoking** – Smoking is prohibited in all New Jersey State Parks except within a personal vehicle or vessel.

**Trailer Hook-Ups** – Water and 30/50 amp electric hookups are available at select campsites at Spruce Run Recreation Area.

**Vehicle Limits** – No more than two vehicles (including trailers) shall be parking at a camping facility, excluding group campsites. Additional vehicles are required to pay an addition $5 per night and may be parked in a location designated by the Superintendent.

**Visitors** – Visitors are allowed in the camping facilities between 8 am and 8 pm. All visitors shall pay day-use parking fees when applicable. The total number of people at a camping facility (campers and visitors) shall not exceed six persons, except at group and primitive campsites.

**Check-In/Check-Out Time** – Check In/Check-Out time is noon at all tent, trailer, and group campsites. Check-In/Check-Out times for shelters is at 11 am. Check-In/Check-Out times are indicated on the confirmation letters issued for all other overnight facilities.

**Time Limits for Camping Facilities** – A person or persons shall not occupy a camping facility for more than 14 consecutive nights. Additional camping shall be permitted in intervals of not more than 7 nights provided the applicant has vacated the camping facilities for at least 7 nights between each occupancy. A group, family, or person shall not occupy any State Park Service camping facility for more than 40 nights in a year.

**Re-registration** – If camping facilities are available, campers may re-register before 10 am on the expiration day of their permit, provided they have not exceeded their maximum limit of stay and that facilities are available.

**Cancellation Policy:**

Edits to a reservation (e.g. moving the reservation to a future date) and cancellations can be made online at [www.camping.nj.gov](http://www.camping.nj.gov)

The cancellation fee will be deducted from any refund due. The reservation transaction fee is non-refundable.

The cancellation fee for family campsites is $40 NJ Resident / $50 Out of State Resident –or– a two-night use fee (whichever is less).

The cancellation policy for all other overnight facilities depends on when the cancellation is made:

- A minimum 24-hour notice for the cancellation of a reservation is required in order to receive any refund.
- If you cancel seven days or less prior to your check in date, a one-night use fee will be deducted from any refund due.
- If you cancel eight days or more prior to your check in date, only the transaction fee will be deducted.

**No Show Policy & Eviction** – Refunds shall not be made to persons who do not arrive for their reservation or for persons who are evicted.

**Early Departure Policy for Family Campsites** – If any portion of your stay is cancelled after check-in, then the total number of nights you occupied the site (based on check-out time) in addition to $40 NJ Resident / $50 Out of State Resident or a two night use fee (whichever is less) will be deducted from any refund due.

**Early Departure Policy for all other Overnight Facilities** – If any portion of your stay is cancelled after check-in: the total number of nights you occupied the site (based on check-out time) in addition to a one night use fee will be deducted from any refund due.

**In Case of an Emergency** – Call 911 or call the NJ State Park Police DEP Hotline at 1-877-927-6337 [1-877-WARN-DEP] and choose Option 1.

We hope you enjoy your stay!