

Family Camping Guide



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Thanks for camping with us...

We know that you could have gone lots of places with your family but we want to say thank you for camping with us. The following guide will give you some needed information about camping on our properties.

Recreational Family Camping

Recreational family camping occurs when Scouting families camp as a family unit outside of an organized program. It is a non-structured camping experience but is conducted within a Scouting framework on local council owned or managed property.

- Only members of a household can camp together.
- One members of the household must be registered with BSA. The registered member can be a youth.
- When on the grounds you must practice social distancing and wear a mask when in company of non-household members on the property.

Youth Protection Policies

Youth protection must be observed even when camping as a family unit. Please take caution to the below points,

- Youth may share a tent with an adult, **ONLY** if that adult is the parent or legal guardian of the youth.
- Youth that are within two years of age from each other cannot share a tent
- If a family household has a large family tent they can use that singular tent to all sleep in.
- Youth protection standards require that restrooms be gender specific. Youth and adults should not share a bathroom. There is youth male and adult male bathrooms available on the property. For females' bathrooms, youth and adults are to take turns in the facility.

- There is gender neutral bathrooms available on the property for children that require assistance.
- The buddy system must always be used while on the property. Youth should always have a buddy when wandering around on the property. This buddy should be a member of his/her household.

Camp Rules

Please share these simple rules with your family at the beginning of your stay. These rules are designed to keep you and your family safe. It is expected that you will ensure that everyone will abide by these rules.

- Park and unload cars in designated parking areas only. – Rangers will not be transporting gear due to social distancing guidelines. Please keep this in mind when packing as you will need to carry your gear to and from your car to the camping site.
- Bring Garbage bags with you on your trip. At the end of your stay carry out your garbage to the dumpster located at the front of camp.
- When driving on campgrounds the speed limit is always 10 mph.
- Use only the facilities assigned to you. Make sure to practice social distancing and wear a mask. Keep in mind that to follow the 10-person gathering maximum. Extended family groups should maintain social distancing at all times.
- Check your site upon arrival; report any damage to the Ranger or Camp master immediately.
- Drugs and/or alcoholic beverages of any type are strictly prohibited on all GNYC properties.
- Build campfires in established fire rings only, keep them small and never leave fires unattended. Fire must be completely cold before leaving the site.

- The use of liquid fuels (gasoline, kerosene, white gas, liquid fire starter, etc.) is prohibited. Propane and butane appliances are acceptable.
- The following items are prohibited in camp: firearms, bows, arrows, chainsaws, fireworks, BB guns, slingshots.
- Do not cut or injure any standing (dead or alive) trees or shrubs. You may pick up any fallen wood.
- Use only permanent latrines, bathrooms or comfort stations located throughout the camp. Be certain to follow youth protection policies with using comfort stations.
- Pets of any kind are not permitted in camp.
- Ranges, indoor/outdoor climbing areas, swimming and boating, as well as all other program areas are closed unless otherwise advised by the camp.

Check-In Procedure

Please check in at the Visitor's Center located at the entrance of the camp. When checking in please have your reservation confirmation with you. The Ranger will collect any site fees that are outstanding, but to ensure a socially distanced experience please pay all fees prior to arrival. Fees due at camp can be paid by only by credit card. Please make checks out to Greater New York Councils, BSA. You will be provided a receipt for all payments or deposits. For early check in please contact your Ranger.

Check-Out Procedure

When you are ready to checkout, please contact your Ranger. A member of the camp staff will inspect your site to ensure that it is left in good condition for the next group to use.

All gear should be removed, and the area should be clean; and trash or debris in or around site discarded.

Please make sure to check out by 12pm the latest. Otherwise please contact the Ranger in the Visitor's Center to arrange for an extra day's stay or a late departure.

Family Camping Essentials

When camping as family there are some essentials you should have to make your experience as pleasant as possible. We as a campground only provide the space to set up, access to water spigot, 3 comfort stations. These are things you will need to bring.

Site & Sleeping

- Tent
- Sleeping pad or mattress (pillow is optional)
- Sleeping bag or sheet
- Lantern, flashlight or headlamp
- Camp chair
- Picnic table covering*optional
- Trash bags
- Toilet paper / hand sanitizer / baby wipes
- Tarp & Rope
- Matches or lighter
- First Aid Kit

Site Kitchen

- Camp stove & propane gas
- 3 wash basins
- water jugs
- can opener
- knife, serving spoons, spatula
- bounty towel
- kitchen rag
- cutting board
- Cooler for cold foods and cooler for dry goods
(do not keep food in bags use sealed containers)

Personal Items

- Face Covering for anyone over the age of 2
- Hand sanitizer

- Hand soap
- Bug spray
- Sunscreen
- Mess kit and water bottle
- Playing cards, Ball, etc.
- Knife (blade should not exceed size of your palm)
- Day bag (used to carry items while exploring grounds)
- Change of clothes
- Closed toe comfortable shoes

Campground areas to check out

Upon check in pick up a map or feel free to download the map from our website prior to check in. We encourage you to hike around the property as a family while practicing social distancing and wearing mask when encountering other campers. Depending on availability some program elements may be available to include, fishing, hiking, BB & Archery or Climbing. Some of the cool places to check out are,

At Alpine

- The Ship (2 level play area)
- The Fort (2 level play area)
- Outdoor Obstacle course
- Sports Field (No contact sports)
- Pavilion Field (No contact sports)
- Activity Center field
- Hiking trails listed on the map

At Ten Mile River

- Hiking trails listed on the map
- Fishing in any of our lakes, bring your own gear.
- Ten Mile River landing on the Delaware River

A Note on Cabins –

Maintenance Items: Please report any repairs that need to be made to the Ranger at the Camp Office.

Gas Readings: A fee of \$1.25 per pound is charged for gas use in the cabins. Gas readings are taken by the Rangers prior to your arrival and will be provided to you at check-in. Please verify the gas reading when you arrive at your cabin. A reading will be taken upon your departure from the cabin.

Safety Equipment: All cabins have smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors for your protection. Tampering with these devices is a criminal offense. A fire extinguisher is provided in each cabin. Please make note of its location as you enter the cabin.

Cleaning Equipment: Each cabin is provided a broom, mop, dustpan and garbage can for your use. Please clean your cabin before departure.

A Note on Safety

The Camp Ranger Cell phone numbers for emergency use only are:

- Alpine 201-310-3675
- TMR 845-798-6114

Serious Accident or Injury

If a serious accident or injury occurs in camp, notify the Ranger, who will respond immediately. The Ranger has appropriate contacts for local police, fire and ambulance if needed.

Lost Person

If you suspect that a person in your group may be lost, notify the Ranger immediately. Rangers will conduct a search of the camp and surrounding areas. Local authorities will be notified by the Ranger when deemed appropriate.

Fire

In case of fire your first concern must be to ensure your group is safe! Immediately notify a Ranger. Rangers, who

are trained in firefighting, will respond to the fire; local authorities will be called in as deemed appropriate by the Ranger. ***Under no circumstances should your group fight fires!***

Severe Storms

In the event of severe storms (high winds, hail, lightning, etc.) or predictions of severe storms, Rangers may curtail the use of tent or lean-to sites. Appropriate housing will be identified by the Ranger.

We've had some fun. Thank you for staying with us and we hope you've had a great visit. Come again soon!