



Camping Permit Regulations

The permit holder is subject to all rules and regulations contained in the Forest Preserve District of Will County's [General Use Ordinance No. 124](#), the Illinois Criminal Code, the Illinois Vehicle Code, and the Illinois Game and Fish Codes.

Falsification of information and/or violation of rules, regulations, or District ordinances will result in the denial and/or revocation of the permit, forfeiture of the fees, fines, and/or the cancellation/termination of the permitted event.

Permits are issued to adults (18 years or older) only. Permit holder must be present at the campground during permitted date/s and time.

The permit is valid for the permitted event of the applicant/organization named on the permit. Attendance must not exceed the amount listed on the permit.

No other use of the facilities shall take place other than for which the permit is granted.

The permit is not transferable or assignable. Changes to date or location may only be made in compliance with District rules and regulations. Any attempted transference or attendance violation will void the permit and subject the permit holder to fines, penalties, and loss of fees.

Request for refunds must be in writing to the District.

The District reserves the right to close and/or limit access within the preserves during regular hours when safety and/or weather conditions warrant such actions.

The District is not responsible for permitted events canceled due to inclement weather.

The District assumes no liability for injuries that occur as a result of the permitted activity.

Call 911 in an emergency.

In a non-emergency, call the Will County Sheriff's dispatch at 815.727.6191 to reach a Forest Preserve officer.

No admission fees or charges may be levied by the permit holder.

Parking passes are required for all vehicles remaining in the campground after closing. Passes must be displayed in the vehicle's front or rear windshield.

All campers are to remain in the preserve after the following closing hours.

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| January | February | March | April | May - August | September | October | November - December |
| 5 p.m. | 5:30 p.m. | 6:30 p.m. | 7:30 p.m. | 8 p.m. | 7 p.m. | 6 p.m. | 4:30 p.m. |

Campers must observe quiet hours between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.

Check out time for all campers is noon. Unless pre-approved otherwise, campers must depart by noon.

Campers should bring water during winter camping. Water fountains are turned off November 15 through April 15, and hand pump water wells may be frozen.

No driving or parking on the grass is allowed at any time. Do not drive on access routes and/or sidewalks to unload supplies at campsites. Park and drive in designated parking areas and on roadways only.

Use designated fire rings and/or grills only to build fires. Building fires on grass or shelter floor is prohibited. Extinguish all fires before leaving. Do not dispose of hot coals in garbage or recycling receptacles. Place remaining hot coals in District grills for Forest Preserve staff to remove and dispose.

Gathering firewood is prohibited. The District does not provide firewood. In order to reduce the risk of spreading Emerald Ash Borer, please obtain firewood within a 50-mile radius of the preserve. Do not transport firewood across state lines in accordance with mandates from the [Illinois Department of Agriculture](#).

Cutting trees, limbs, or shrubs is prohibited.

Pick up all trash in campsite. Place trash in cans and recyclable materials in recycling bins.

Fireworks and other pyrotechnics are strictly prohibited.

Music must not be audible beyond the immediate vicinity nor should it disturb other visitors or permitted groups.

Pets must be leashed. Leashes in excess of 10 feet are not allowed. Owners must clean up after pets.

Do not mark on or affix anything (tents, signs, banners, balloons, piñatas, etc.) to trees, District signs, shelters, structures, or buildings. Strapping, pinning, gluing, or stapling to any shelter post, table, or other District structure is prohibited.

The sale of alcoholic beverages, in any form, is prohibited.

Posting solicitation signs in the preserve is prohibited.

Use of devices capable of discharging a projectile is prohibited.

Decorative or repellent candles must be in heat-proof containers with stable bases.

Do not use artificial decorations such as glitter, "silly string," or confetti.

Remove all decorations and signs upon departure. Place trash in cans and recyclable materials in recycling bins.