

FRIENDS CREEK CONSERVATION AREA CAMPSITE RESERVATION PROCEDURE

Camping is available by reservation or on a first come first served basis. Reservations may be made by calling the business office of the Macon County Conservation District at 423-7708, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. A non-refundable reservation fee of \$5.00 and security deposit of the first night's camping fee, which is \$10.00 in-county residents, \$12.00 out-of-county residents for non-electric sites, and \$15.00 in-county residents, \$18.00 out-of-county residents for electric sites, will be required to secure the reservation. Payment may be made by credit card, check or cash. Campers without a reservation may have an available site on a first come first served basis when no reservation has been made in advance. Refunds: requests for refunds must be received one week in advance of the reservation. The camping fee will be refunded; the \$5.00 reservation fee is non-refundable. Refunds will not be issued for requests received less than one week in advance.

A "self service" registration permit and fee envelope is available at the campground on days the campground host is not present. At all other times the campground host will accept payments and assign camp sites. A specific site number may be assigned in advance if it is requested and if the site is available. The camper may choose to select up to three specific sites and the campground host will attempt to assign them a site of their choosing if at all possible. Otherwise the campground host will assign a site at the time of check in.

RULES AND ETIQUETTE FOR FRIENDS CREEK CAMPGROUND

Friends Creek Campground is intended for recreational camping only. Camp only in designated campsites. The camping day begins at 3 PM. Maximum length of stay is 14 days. No campsite shall be occupied by the same party for more than 14 consecutive nights. At the end of the 14 nights the party shall vacate the campground. Campers must vacate the campground for five nights before returning.

Campers on non-electric sites may not run electrical cords to other campsites
or
buildings.

Solicitation is not permitted.

Only one camper vehicle and one tent allowed per site or if tent camping, two tents per site. Maximum six people per campsite. Tents must be moved every five days to avoid killing the grass.

Maximum of two vehicles per camp site. Please do not park on the grass or along the roadways. Overflow parking is available in the parking lot by the picnic pavilion.

Check out must occur by 2:00 PM. on the last day of stay to free up the site for the next camper.

Quiet hours are from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. During these hours, the use of generators is prohibited. Respect your camping neighbor by keeping conversation, radio, television and musical instrument volumes to a minimum. Outside of quiet hours, you should continue to be considerate of the park's environment and the campers who are seeking a peaceful outdoor experience. Always keep noise to a minimum and respect your neighbor's space.

Pets are welcome and must be on a secured leash that is no longer than 6 feet, reasonably quiet at all times, under control of the owner and never left unsupervised. Pets are not allowed in any park structures (including restrooms and shower house). Owners shall clean up after their pets.

Please protect your campground environment by not hanging lanterns or any other items in trees, trenching around tents, littering or discharging sewage or gray water on the ground. There is a sink for gray water on the west side of the comfort station and dump station at the campground entrance.

Campfires are the responsibility of the camper and are restricted to the rings or grills that are provided. Fires must be extinguished when vacating the site. Do not burn trash.

Gathering firewood is strictly prohibited. Campers are asked not to bring firewood in from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, or Kane County, Illinois where infestations of the emerald ash borer are prevalent.

Campers may not hook up to a shared water source for extended periods.

When you have completed your stay please leave your campsite in as good as or better condition than when you found it.

All non-camping visitors must leave by 10 p.m.

Alcohol is not permitted.

Any camper who violates any of the above rules will be asked to leave and will lose camping privileges. Any damage incurred is the responsibility of the camper. All other rules and regulations governing Macon County Conservation District shall apply.