Camping Rules and Regulations

1. Camping is by permit only and restricted to map-designated campsites only. Camping permits and registration can be found at agriculture.delaware.gov (http://de.gov/forestcamping) and by contacting the state forest offices.

2. Reservations are required prior to your arrival date.

3. Campsites are of a primitive type and are to be used ONLY for tent camping. Pickup campers, travel trailers and/or self-propelled motor homes are excluded due to access and parking limitations, unless otherwise noted by a state forest employee.

4. There are a limited number of campsites that are equipped with tables, fire pits, and charcoal grills. Campsites are limited to a maximum number of six (6) people per site, with two (2) vehicles per site, overflow parking is provided nearby the parking areas. Camper(s) must remove their trash upon vacating their campsite and drop it off at the designated dumpster located on the camping map. Failure to adhere to these regulations will result in the camper’s removal and loss of security deposit.

5. Camping is at your own risk. State Forests are a public use area and there is no after-hours, nighttime or weekend security. Law enforcement is provided by the Delaware State Police and the Department of Natural Resources Police should the need arise.

6. State forests are “multiple-use facilities,” which means other activities will continue while you camp. These activities include: hunting, picnicking, hiking, nature study, horseback riding, firewood cutting (by permit only), and timber harvesting. The DFS reserves the right to limit or deny permits during times of conflicting use.

7. Firewood for camp use is available for purchase onsite and no outside firewood is permitted. Please refer to the camping map for its location. If more firewood is needed, it may be gathered locally from dead and downed trees. Standing trees or shrubs shall not be cut. Using firewood located outside of the designated area of the office complex is prohibited. Campfires shall be contained in established fire rings only.

8. Campsites are to be left clean and all fires are to be extinguished before departing from the area.

Campsite Fees

- There are eight (8) tent sites at Blackbird State Forest and seven (7) at Redden State Forest.
- The cost per night is $25. There is a three night maximum per reservation. Check-out 11 AM, Check-in 1 PM.
- A major credit card is required to reserve a campsite and obtain a permit. (VISA, MC, Discover)
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