

DELTA COUNTY PARKS

CAMPGROUND POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

It is the mission of the Delta County Park to create and maintain a vibrant system of parks and open spaces that foster community engagement, promote healthy lifestyles, and preserve the natural beauty of our County.

Camping is permitted only in established campgrounds and on designated sites.

Campgrounds are not maintained as places for permanent residence, or as bases for the operation of business.

Any violation of any of these Policies and Regulations may warrant immediate removal from the campground with no refund.

DEFINITIONS:

- A. **Administration:** Delta County.
- B. **Employee:** A Delta County employee performing his/her duties under the direction and authority of the Delta County to administer the parks as owned by the County of Delta, Delta County, Michigan.
- C. **Camper:** is a person who has registered and paid a fee to temporarily stay for recreation purposes, with or without shelter, within a designated campsite at a Delta County Park.
 - a. Seasonal Camping / Seasonal Site Camper: is a person staying five (5) consecutive months at a Delta County Park.
 - b. Extended Stay Camping / Camper: is a person staying more than one (1) month but less than five (5) consecutive months at a Delta County Park.
 - c. Temporary Camping / Camper: is a person staying less than one (1) month at a Delta County Park.
- D. **Tent:** is a freestanding, fabric shelter supported by poles and erected on the ground, that is used for shelter and sleeping.
- E. **Camping Trailer:** is pulled behind a motorized vehicle, that is used for shelter and sleeping; this includes a tent trailer and/or standard travel trailer.
- F. **Vehicle Camper:** is a motorhome, converted bus, camper bus, and/or pickup camper that is used for shelter and sleeping.
- G. **Camping Unit:** is a Camping Trailer and/or Vehicle Camper.
- H. **Hiker/Biker Camping:** is using a shelter and/or place for sleeping, including back-pack tent, hammock, tarp or bivouac, that is carried to the site by backpack or bicycle with no motor vehicle involved.
- I. **Vehicle:** is a motorized conveyance in or by which people or objects are transported, including, but not limited to, cars, trucks, motorcycles, dirt bikes, mini bikes, golf carts, all types of ATVs and ORVs (including side by sides, four wheelers, and three wheelers), and snowmobiles.
- J. **Utility Trailer:** is pulled by a motor vehicle and is used to carry property or special equipment and is 16 feet or less in length.
- K. **Single Family:** consists of the camper and spouse, and his/her father, mother, children or dependents under 18. Maximum number of immediate family members on a site is eight (8).
- L. **Age:** Must be 18 or older to register on a site.

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CAMP STRUCTURE:

- A. Vehicle Camper or Camping Trailer: Maximum of one (1) vehicle camper or camping trailer, one (1) tent, and two (2) vehicles per site. Maximum number of people is six (6).
- B. Tent Only: Maximum of two (2) tents and two (2) vehicles per site. Camp set-up must be within the physical limits of the site size as determined by Administration. Maximum number of people is six (6).
- C. Hiker/Biker Camping: Maximum of two (2) tents per site. Maximum number of people is six (6).

RESERVATIONS:

- A. Seasonal Camping requires an executed Seasonal Ground Lease Agreement with Administration, with one-half (1/2) of the balance due at the signing of the Lease Agreement; the remainder is due on the "due-date" as established in the Lease Agreement.
- B. Temporary and Extended Stay camping must be paid in full at the time of reservation.
- C. The person making the reservation is the responsible party.
- D. For emergency purposes, the person making the reservation must provide the name of each of the individuals staying at each site.
- E. All reservations incur a \$5.00/site, non-refundable fee.

FORM OF PAYMENT:

- A. The following forms of payment are accepted by Administration for payment of the required fee: cash, personal check, cashier's check, money order or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express).
- B. Reservations paid by credit card incur a non-refundable, credit card processing fee.

CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT:

- A. Check-in time is 1:00 PM (EST).
- B. Campers must check in with the office (or campgroundhost, should the office be closed) and ensure payments are in order before proceeding to their site.
- C. Check-out time is 12:00 PM (EST), unless other arrangements have been made with the office.

SUBLEASING:

- A. Subleasing a site or cabin is prohibited.

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CANCELLATIONS OR TERMINATION:

- A. If cancellation occurs seven (7) days or less prior to the stay, the total amount paid is forfeited (otherwise, non-refundable). If cancellation occurs eight (8) days or more prior to stay, there is a full refund minus a \$15.00 cancellation fee per site.
- B. **If a guest decides to leave early for any reason during their camping stay or if Administration deems it necessary to terminate the camping stay for any reason, there is no refund.**

SUPERVISION OF PARKS:

- A. All county-owned parks located in Delta County, are operated and maintained under the direction of the County of Delta.
- B. The Administration, as well as law enforcement agencies operating within Delta County, will enforce the Policies and Regulations.
- C. Any complaint made to campground hosts or the office will be directed to the Park Manager, who will decide what course of action will be taken.

CAMPSITE MAINTENANCE:

- A. The Camper agrees to maintain the campsite in a clean and neat appearance. Maintaining the campsite in a clean and neat appearance includes, but is not limited to, adherence to all of the requirements set forth in these Policies and Regulations; properly disposing of all trash and cans each day; and properly storing all equipment or appliances when not in use. Whether the campsite is maintained in a clean and neat appearance is a determination to be made by the Park Manager.
- B. All routine maintenance of the campsite will be done by the Administration.
- C. If the campsite is not maintained in a clean and neat appearance, a warning will be issued. If the Camper does not comply with the warning in a timely manner, the Camper may be asked to vacate the premises without refund.

GREY/BLACK WATER AND DUMP STATION:

- A. The Camper must use dump station or a tote. There is **ABSOLUTELY NO DUMPING OF GREY/BLACK WATER FROM THE CAMPER'S CAMPING UNIT ON SITE OR SURROUNDING AREA. PENALTY WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE EVICTION FROM CAMPGROUND WITH NO REFUND.**
- B. Use of the dump station is free for registered campers. Non-registered campers may utilize the dump station for a \$10.00 fee (payment is to be made at the office).

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GARBAGE:

- A. The Camper is responsible for disposing of any litter and their garbage, properly enclosed in garbage bags, in the dumpsters provided by the park and never in fire-pits. The only dumping allowed is of ordinary household waste generated on site. The dumping of household waste generated or collected elsewhere, and large, bulky items, including but not limited to mattresses and furniture, into the campground dumpsters, is prohibited.
- B. Garbage shall not be permitted to accumulate and should be properly disposed of each day.

EQUIPMENT/APPLIANCES:

- A. Only manufactured equipment and/or appliances that were part of the original Camping Unit when purchased are allowed. Any deviations must be cleared by the Administration. Excessive electrical use caused by original appliances and/or permitted ancillary equipment will result in a daily surcharge.
- B. Air conditioners must be turned off when Camping Unit is unoccupied.
- C. Patio and bug lights shall be turned off when Camping Unit is not occupied and when the Camper retires for the evening.
- D. No generators are allowed in the park.

FIRE PITS:

- A. Fires are only permitted in the designated fire rings provided by the park. Upon leaving, the Camper must extinguish all fires.
- B. Cans, glass, and other non-flammable debris are not permitted in fire rings.
- C. Disposing of food and cigarette butts in fire rings is prohibited.

FIREWOOD:

- A. All firewood brought into any Delta County Park must have a mandatory firewood inspection by either the office or campground host. Illegal firewood (e.g., non-inspected firewood or firewood on the restricted wood species list) shall be removed to prevent the spread of devastating disease and insect infestations.
- B. If it is determined that firewood has not been inspected, the Camper may choose to remove the firewood from the park immediately, or it will be confiscated and disposed of. At that time, a warning will be issued. If the Camper does not comply with the warning in a timely manner, the Camper may be asked to vacate the premises without refund.
- C. Oak is prohibited at Pioneer Trail Park and OB Fuller. The restricted wood species list may be amended depending on the progression/advancement of certain conditions.
- D. The quantity of firewood stacked at any given time is restricted. Contact office for individual specific regulation.

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PERSONAL SAFETY:

- A. No person shall endanger the safety of any other person by any conduct or permit any assault (physical or verbal), battery, or fighting within any of the Delta County Parks.
- B. During all times fireworks are strictly prohibited (this includes the week 4th of July).
- C. Anyone wishing to use inflatable toys, water slides, etc., must submit a letter of request to the office for approval: If permitted, the Camper must provide proof of liability insurance listing Delta County as additionally insured on the policy.
- D. Children under the age of sixteen (16) must be supervised by an adult guardian while playing on playgrounds and/or swimming within any waterbody or waterway accessible by, or within, any Delta County Park.
- E. It is strictly prohibited to engage in any violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, vulgar, lewd, wanton, obscene, or otherwise disorderly conduct; to create a breach of the peace or to annoy or disturb others; or to lounge, sit or be upon walks, passages, steps, or porches which obstruct the passage of others.

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY:

- A. Criminal charges shall be sought against any person who willfully, maliciously, wantonly, or without cause, destroys, injures, or steals property owned by the County of Delta, including but not limited to buildings, structures, equipment and supplies.
- B. A person found guilty of such crimes will be banned from all Delta County Parks for life.

DESTRUCTION OF LANDSCAPE:

- A. Criminal charges shall be sought against any person who willfully, maliciously, wantonly, or and without cause, cuts down, destroys, or injures any tree, shrub, grass, turf, plants, or soil of the County of Delta, that is standing, growing, or located in any Delta County Park.
- B. It is unlawful for any person, individual, organization or corporate group to do any trenching or digging on County property.
- C. A person found guilty of such crimes will be banned from all Delta County Parks for one (1) year.
- D. If harmful plant species are found on a campsite, contact the office for removal of the species.

SOUND SYSTEMS/NOISE DISTURBANCES:

- A. Quiet hours are from 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM (EST).
- B. No person shall use a sound amplification device or any other device that creates noise exceeding the sound level at which sound disturbs or annoys any person.
- C. During quiet hours all sound systems must be turned off. Registered campers are permitted to keep noise to a minimal at their campsite during quiet hours.

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- D. If sound amplification devices are used or quiet hours are violated a warning will be issued. If the Camper does not comply with the warning in a timely manner, the Camper may be asked to vacate the premises without refund.

ANIMALS (PETS):

- A. Pets are permitted in the Delta County parks.
- B. Pets must be kept on a leash no longer than six (6) feet in length and under handler's immediate control at all times. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- C. Pets are not permitted in restrooms, shower buildings, laundry rooms, sand beach, playground areas, or pavilions.
- D. Pet owners shall immediately pick up any feces or bodily waste their pet produces.
- E. Pets are not to be left unattended at any time.
- F. All Delta County Park visitors with pets are subject to the Delta County Animal Control Ordinances, which include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. **Delta County Animal Control Ordinances, Section 107 NUISANCE:** An animal shall be considered a nuisance if it: damages, soils, defiles or defecates on private property, other than the owners, or on public property, unless such waste is immediately removed and properly disposed of by the owner; cause unsanitary, dangerous, or offensive conditions; chases vehicles; or molests, attacks, or interferes with person(s) or other animals on public property. Any nuisance caused by excessive barking, howling, yelping or other noise making may be considered as disturbing the peace and shall be investigated by an animal control officer or any law enforcement agency. The disposition of complaints will be at the discretion of the county and subject to penalty, per ordinance.
 - b. **Delta County Animal Control Ordinances, Article VI, Section 601:** It shall be unlawful for any person to own, possess, shelter, keep, or harbor more than four (4) dogs or four (4) cats over four (4) months of age at any one time, at any one residence or address.
- G. If a Camper has more than two (2) animals per campsite, they must notify the Park office.

VEHICLES:

All park roads in Pioneer Trail Park and OB Fuller are under the control and rules of the Delta County Road Commission and are subject to all State of Michigan laws and rules.

- A. Any vehicle operated anywhere on the premises is subject to all laws and rules of the State of Michigan, as well as the County of Delta ORV Ordinance.
- B. Campers are subject to all laws and rules of the State of Michigan related to the operation of vehicles, as well as the County of Delta ORV Ordinance.
- C. It shall be unlawful to operate a vehicle unless the vehicle is properly licensed and/or registered.
- D. Drivers must have a valid driver's license to operate any vehicle.
- E. There will be no standing on or horseplay when operating a vehicle within the park.

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- F. The use of a vehicle in any Delta County Park shall be restricted to developed and maintained roads; no vehicle shall be used on any other surface.
- G. Use of an ORV is strictly prohibited, unless by a registered Camper.

HUNTING AND FIREARMS:

- A. Hunting and/or trapping (of any kind) is not permitted on any Delta County Park property without permission, except for the Delta County Forest (see separate policies and regulations).
- B. Target practicing is not permitted on Delta County Park property.
- C. Campers are subject to all local and state regulations for firearms.
- D. The feeding of wildlife is prohibited.

DISC GOLF:

- A. Course fee: by donation only. Campers must get a day pass.
- B. Disc-golfers using the course must register at the park.
- C.
- D. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult and must be registered at the office.
- E. The disc-golf course is open from 9:00 AM (EST) until dark. (No night play unless authorized by the Park Manager).
- F. Course priority is given to campers of Pioneer Trail Park and OB Fuller.
- G. Maximum group size is twelve (12). Groups exceeding 12 individuals must schedule ahead of time and be authorized by the Park Manager.
- H. League play may be considered by the Park Manager under strict sets of rules.
- I. Any league play cannot be for profit.
- J. All tournaments must be authorized by the Park Manager. The office will process the player registration, distribution of printed procedures, etc.
- K. No course work (trees, soil, trails, etc. - Michigan Penal Code 750.382)
- L. No littering (NRE Protection Act 324.8905a); items packed in must be packed out.
- M. Alcohol or any drug or paraphernalia including marijuana ingestion or consumption is prohibited on the disc-golf course.
- N. Any items put on the disc-golf course (seats, benches, buckets, etc.) must first be donated to Delta County Parks. These items become the property of Delta County Parks.

KAYAK RENTAL: Update pending.

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PAVILION RENTAL/SPECIAL EVENTS:

- A. Pioneer Trail Park offers two (2) pavilions to rent for private functions. Campers are to be aware of the potential for increased traffic, noise, and activity related to rental of the pavilions and shall respect the privacy of the pavilion renters and their guests. Likewise, pavilion renters and their guests shall be required to respect the privacy of Campers.
- B. Pavilion renters are subject to the terms and conditions as defined in a Pavilion Lease Agreement, as well as all of the terms and conditions in these Policies and Regulations.
- C. Pioneer Trail Park hosts the Halloween Spooktacular event each year for Campers registered at both Pioneer Trail Park and OB Fuller Campground. The activities provided at the Halloween Spooktacular event are intended for the Single Family of each Camper, as set forth in the "Definitions" section above. (Additional registration for individuals within the Camper's party may be required in order to regulate attendance and participation.
- D. Smoking is prohibited within fifty (50) feet of all play areas and buildings, including the pavilions, bathrooms, shower house, office and shop.

PLAYGROUND/ BEACH/SWIMMING AREA:

- A. Delta County and the County Parks and Recreation Commission, employees, volunteers and representatives are not certified as lifeguards.
- B. Lifeguards are not on duty at any time in any of the Delta County Parks.
- C. Swimming is to be performed at swimmer's own risk.
- D. Children, under the age of sixteen (16) must be supervised by an adult guardian while playing on playgrounds and/or swimming within any waterbody or waterway accessible by or within any Delta County Park.
- E. Glass containers are not permitted in the playground or beach area.
- F. Smoking is prohibited within fifty (50) feet of all play areas and buildings, including the pavilions, bathrooms, shower house, office and shop.
- G. Anything brought into public areas such as toys, inflatables, and/or garbage are the responsibility of the guests and must be removed upon leaving the immediate area.

SIGNS AND FLAGS:

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to paste, glue, tack, or otherwise post or permanently affix any sign, advertisement, banner or inscription anywhere on County property. For temporary event signs, permission must be attained from Administration and must be picked up and removed when the relevant event ends.
- B. The following flags are allowed to be displayed at campsites: American, Military, POW, MIA and Veterans, sports and decorative flags (e.g., holiday, seasonal, or garden).
- C. Any signs, flags, or displays containing political or promotional content is prohibited.

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SOLICITING:

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to vend, sell, peddle, or offer for sale any commodity article within the park, unless such sale is pre-authorized by Administration.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- A. No member of the Delta County Board of Commissioners, County Parks and Recreation Commission or staff; nor volunteers; nor representatives working in any manner on behalf of the County of Delta/Delta County Parks shall move, relocate, or handle personal property of campers. Seasonal campers will receive advanced notice of mowing to ensure personal possessions are repositioned away from cutting zone.
- B. No recreational drug use is allowed.
- C. Smoking is prohibited within fifty (50) feet of all play areas and buildings, including the pavilions, bathrooms, shower house, office, and shop.
- D. Any person other than a current employee of the County of Delta entering the employee areas of the office or shop, using Park equipment or riding on/within County and Park vehicles must be a working volunteer. Each working volunteer will have a signed volunteer form stating volunteer time hours, work to be done and conditions of such. Also, conditions of releasing the County of Delta of any and all liabilities and personal injury. This document must be on file in the Park Administration office. All others are prohibited from being in these areas.
- E. Persons camping at any of the parks owned by Delta County will not be allowed to receive mail and or any other type of package delivery service (e.g., UPS or FedEx) to the park's office. Any mail or package must be delivered to the campsite and is the responsibility of the camper to collect any item from the delivery service directly. All mail or packages received at the Delta County Parks office shall be deemed undeliverable and returned to sender. This is being done to avoid any interpretation of a possible landlord – tenant relationship.
- F. Delta County recognizes and follows all local, State of Michigan and Federal Laws. Individuals using Delta County properties or other properties managed by the County of Delta are likewise expected to follow the law. Individuals using Delta County properties or other properties managed by the County of Delta are expected to comply with all laws related to use, consumption, possession, purchasing, transportation, and processing of controlled substances. This provision applies to substances including but not limited to alcohol and marijuana. See the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act (MRTMA).

Any violations of any of the campground or cabin policies may warrant immediate removal from the park with no refund.

RUSTIC CABIN RESERVATIONS AND CANCELLATIONS:

- A. Reservations are recommended and are accepted Sunday through Saturday from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM (EST) during the regular camping season.
- B. There is a two (2) night minimum stay.
- C. Check in time is 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM (EST)

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- D. Check out time is 12:00 PM (NOON) (EST)
- E. If cancellation occurs seven (7) days or less before the scheduled check in date, there is no refund. If cancellation occurs eight (8) days or more before the scheduled check in date, the stay is refunded minus a \$15.00 cancellation fee, booking fees, and any applicable credit card fees.
- F. **If a guest decides to leave early for any reason during their stay in a rustic cabin or if Administration deems it necessary to terminate the stay for any reason, there is no refund.**

RUSTIC CABIN RULES & REGULATIONS:

ALL POLICIES AND REGULATIONS SET FORTH HEREIN APPLY TO INDIVIDUALS RENTING RUSTIC CABINS.

In addition, the following rules apply to the rental of rustic cabins:

- A. Maximum occupancy is eight (8) people per cabin.
- B. **All visitors must check in at office to register and obtain a key.**
- C. Renters must be twenty-one (21) years of age. Any occupants under 21 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- D. Major credit card and driver's licenses are required as I.D. and for any charges that may incur.
- E. Guests must provide their own linens, camping gear, and lighting.
- F. Excessive use of alcohol will not be tolerated. If necessary, law enforcement will be notified and the proper decision made for removal or persons. Refunds will not be issued.
- G. No recreational drug use is allowed.
- H. Generators must be approved by Park Manager.
- I. **NO SMOKING** of any type is permitted inside cabins. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- J. No burning of candles or insect repellents is permitted inside cabins.

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