

Gifford Pinchot State Park

The modern campground accommodates virtually any piece of camping equipment. Each of the 289 campsites has a paved parking pad, and selected sites offer amenities like full service hook-up, electric hook-ups, pet friendly sites, and sites for people with disabilities. Some campsites are near the lake or have direct access to the lake.

The campground has playgrounds, hiking trails, a boat launch and mooring area, sanitary dumps stations, bathhouses with flush toilets and warm showers, and a seasonally staffed campground office.

Pets

Pets are permitted at designated campsites in this campground for a fee. Please contact the park office or campground office for guidelines for pets.

Pets are prohibited in swimming areas and all overnight areas, except the campgrounds and lodging facilities involved in the pet program. Guide dogs and service dogs are not considered pets.

Camping Season

The campground opens the second Friday in April and closes October 31.

Reserving a Site

Most campsites in Pennsylvania state parks can be reserved 11 months in advance to noon of the day of arrival. Campers without a reservation arriving after noon should check at the campground office or near the campground entrance for instructions.

Reservations can be made using MasterCard, VISA, American Express, and Discover credit cards, or personal, traveler's, and cashier's checks, or Pennsylvania State Parks Gift Card. To receive a confirmed reservation, full payment must be received by the Bureau within ten days of making the reservation.

For reservations visit www.visitPAparks.com, or call 888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757), Monday to Saturday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. except on the Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day holidays.

Campsite Issuing

Advance reservations are available for all campsites. Unreserved sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. If an employee is unavailable, read posted instructions, check the site availability listing, and then proceed to an available site and set up.

The appropriate fee must be paid to a park employee or deposited in a supplied honor system envelope before setting up on a campsite.

Changes and Cancellations

Cancellations, changes, or transfers to reservations will be assessed a fee and can be made prior to arrival by calling the Pennsylvania State Parks Reservation Center at 888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757) Monday through Saturday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, EST, or by visiting the website at:

http://pennsylvaniastateparks.reserveamerica.com. Any cancellation, change, or transfer made upon arrival must be processed through the state park.

For complete information on fees, cancellations, changes, transfers, and discount policies, view the Reservation Cancellation/Change Policy at the website noted above.

Access for People with Disabilities

If you need an accommodation to participate in park activities due to a disability, please contact the park you plan to visit.

Protect and Preserve Our Campgrounds

Please be familiar with all state park rules and especially the following rules and regulations.

Maximum Camping Period

Campers may stay in a state park campground for up to 14 consecutive nights from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Campers may camp for 21 consecutive nights during the remainder of the year.

Maximum Number of People Per Site

Site occupancy is limited to one family unit (persons living under one household) or one non-family unit limited to five persons per site. Anyone renting a campsite must be 18 years of age or older and must be present at the campsite.

Motor Vehicles

Only one car per campsite is allowed unless otherwise posted. Park only in designated areas.

Alcoholic Beverages

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in all Pennsylvania state parks.

Check-in/Check-out Time

Check-in time is 3:00 PM. Campsites must be vacated by 3:00 PM . Camping cottages and yurts must be vacated by 10:00 AM.

Visitors, Quiet Hours and Noise

Visitors are welcome to campsites from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM. Campers must not disturb the sleep of others between 9:00 PM and 8:00 AM. Electric generators that create excessive noise are prohibited.

Fires

Fires are permitted only in provided fireplaces or grills. Gas and propane camp stoves are permitted. Please be careful with fire. Fires must be attended at all times and extinguished before leaving the campsite.

Firewood

Firewood is not provided. Cutting live trees or standing trees and the operation of chainsaws are prohibited.

Firewood Advisory

Firewood may contain non-native insects and plant diseases. Bringing firewood into the park from other areas may accidentally spread pest insects and diseases that threaten park resources and the health of our forests. Campers should use local firewood. Do not take wood home and do not leave firewood - Burn It!

Handwashing

Handwashing and dishwashing are permitted only where appropriate facilities are available. Handwashing and dishwashing are prohibited at water spigots, hand pumps, springs, lakes, and streams.

Hunting

Firearms and archery equipment used for hunting may be uncased and ready for use only in authorized hunting areas during hunting seasons. In areas not open to hunting or during non-hunting seasons, firearms and archery equipment shall be kept in the owner's vehicle or enclosed trailer Exceptions include: law enforcement officers and individuals with a valid *Pennsylvania License to Carry Firearms* are authorized to carry a firearm concealed on their person while they are within a state park.

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Modern Camping





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