



Pinchot State Forest Camping Area Rules



Pinchot State Forest is managed on a **leave no trace** philosophy that is a **CARRY IN, CARRY OUT** approach. Depositing any refuse on State Forest Lands is prohibited. You are responsible to remove and properly dispose of any refuse or trash from your stay.

PERMITS

- (a) Campers shall have a current, valid camping permit. Permits shall be obtained from the Pinchot District Office at 570-945-7133 Monday – Friday, 8 am – 4 pm.
- (b) Permits will only be issued to individuals 18 years of age or older
- (c) Campers shall display their current valid camping receipt on the dashboard of their vehicle.
- (d) Campsites shall be vacated by 3pm on the day the permit expires.

OCCUPANCY

- (a) Occupancy of a campsite is limited to no more than 10 people.
- (b) A responsible person of at least 18 years of age must accompany each camping group.
- (c) Maximum camping period is limited to 7 consecutive nights, provided campsites are available.

USE

- (a) Camping is restricted to designated, numbered sites within any Recreation Area or Camping Area.
- (b) No more than 1 wheeled camping unit
- (c) No more than 2 vehicles are permitted per campsite. (Additional Parking is available)
- (d) Pets must be restricted to the permitted, designated campsite.
- (e) Owners must properly dispose of the animal's excrement.
- (f) The use of chainsaws within any Recreation Area or Camping Area is prohibited.
- (g) Excessive noise; any unreasonable noise that causes others to be inconvenienced, is prohibited.
- (h) Quiet hours are between 10PM and 7AM.
- (i) Fires are limited to the approved metal fire rings provided and shall be attended at all times. All fires shall be extinguished COMPLETELY before leaving the campsite.
- (j) Property left unattended on any campsite for a period of 24 hours shall be deemed abandoned and will be removed by DCMR employees. Such property will be stored for a 90 day period. To reclaim lost items, contact the District Office at 570-945-7133. If not claimed within 90 days, the property may be disposed of.

MISCELLANEOUS PROHIBITIONS

- (a) The use of water outlets, springs and waterways for washing purposes is prohibited. Discharge of trailer sewage, sink water or waste on or into the ground or surface waters is prohibited.
- (b) Removal or destruction of tables, fireplaces or any other Commonwealth property is prohibited.
- (c) No other permit is required for gathering dead and down firewood for use during your stay.
- (d) The discharge of firearms, fireworks, and explosives is prohibited.
- (e) Hunting within any Camping or Recreation Area is prohibited. Hunting firearms shall be kept unloaded in a secure location while staying in the campground.
- (f) Damaging any tree or shrub is prohibited.
- (g) All other DCMR Bureau of Forestry Rules and Regulations – Title 17. Pennsylvania Code, Part I. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Subpart C. State Forests, Chapter 21. General Provisions - apply within Pinchot State Forest Recreation Area and Camping Area.