

2026 Campground Rules



Adventure awaits at a
MWCD Campground

At **Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD)**, we want all our guests to have a **fun, safe, relaxing, and memorable camping experience**. To help make that happen, we've put together a few simple rules that protect **our natural resources, campground facilities, and—most importantly—you and your fellow campers!**

Following these rules helps:

- ✓ Ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all campers
- ✓ Keep our parks and waters clean and beautiful
- ✓ Protect wildlife and preserve nature for future generations
- ✓ Prevent damage to facilities and maintain quality amenities

Our campgrounds are also regulated by the **Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Administrative Code, Ohio Department of Health, MWCD Rules and Regulations, and MWCD Operational Policies**. **Failure to follow these guidelines may result in the termination of your camping permit or your right to remain on MWCD property.**

We appreciate your cooperation in keeping MWCD a great place for everyone to enjoy! If you have any questions or need assistance, we're here to help.

Thank you for doing your part, and happy camping!

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A. DEFINITIONS

A.1 CAMPING PERMIT authorizes a guest to stay on an MWCD campsite for a specified period of time as long as appropriate camping fees are paid and MWCD rules are followed. All Camping Permits are subject to the right of MWCD Rangers and Employees entering campsites for the purposes of performing their duties.

A.2 CAMPING UNIT is any motor vehicle, watercraft, or other camping equipment to be used for sleeping and for the purpose of occupying a portion of MWCD property for temporary outdoor living. Pick-up campers, vans, and camper trailers are regarded as Camping Units.

A.3 INDIVIDUAL TRANSPORTATION DEVICE (ITD) includes Bicycles, E-Bikes, Low Speed Micromobility Devices, skateboards, and roller blades. Low Speed Micromobility Devices has the same definition found in O.R.C. § 4511.01(WWW).

A.4 LOW SPEED MICROMOBILITY DEVICE has the same definition found in O.R.C. § 4511.01(WWW) and means a device weighing less than one hundred pounds that has handlebars, is propelled by an electric motor or human power, and has an attainable speed on a paved level surface of not more than twenty miles per hour when propelled by the electric motor.

A.5 MOTORIZED WHEELCHAIR means any self-propelled vehicle designed for, and used by, a handicapped person and that is incapable of a speed in excess of eight (8) miles per hour.

A.6 NEWLY RENOVATED CAMP AREAS See “New and Renovated Campsite” listing towards the end of this book.

A.7 PETS has the same definition found in O.R.C. § 961.01(D) and means an animal that has been adapted or tamed to live in intimate association with or for the pleasure or advantage of people and includes but is not limited to dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, and hamsters.

A.8 PRIMARY SEASON is MWCD’s main camping season, which runs from April 1 through October 31 each year and corresponds with the term of a seasonal camping permit.

A.9 SEASONAL CAMPER is one who purchases a seasonal permit. Seasonal permits are valid from April 1st through October 31st. Each MWCD Park offers a limited number of seasonal camping permits.

A.10 TRANSIENT CAMPER is one who pays for a permit on a daily or monthly basis and brings their camping equipment with them each time. Transient campers are permitted to camp on any available site of their choice.

A.11 UNDER THE INFLUENCE the consumption of some drug of abuse or intoxicating beverage in such quantity that it affects the actions, reactions, conduct, movements, or mental processes in such a manner as to deprive the consumer of the clearness of intellect and control of himself which he otherwise would have possessed under the circumstances then existing.

A.12 WINTER SEASON is MWCD’s season which runs from November 1 through March 31 each year and corresponds with the term of a storage permit.

B. REGISTRATION

B.1 CAMPING PERMIT

Overnight guests must register for a camping permit online or at the gate or park office. Permit holders are responsible for the conduct of all persons using the assigned campsite. Permits will only be issued to persons eighteen (18) years of age or older. Camping permits expire at 2:00 P.M. on the expiration date. All personal property must be removed from the campsite by that time. Permits cannot be purchased for other individuals not present at the time of purchase.

B.2 CAMPSITES

Campsites are available for reservation except for seasonal camping and sites designated as non-reservable. Upon entering a campground, the camper must check in at the gate or park office. Campers with reservations will be issued vehicle passes.

Campers without reservations will be provided with a list of available lots to select a campsite. All MWCD campsites are considered pet-friendly.

B.3 VEHICLE PASSES

- a. Only two (2) motor vehicles are permitted on each campsite. Passes issued with each camping permit must be displayed on the rearview mirror to allow free access at the entrance gate. Campers with more than two (2) vehicles requiring access to the campsite may list up to three (3) vehicle license numbers on each pass. However, no more than one (1) vehicle may use a pass at a time. Vehicles must be parked on their registered campsite pad or in a designated parking area. Parking on vacant campsites is prohibited. Parking on grass or along campground roads is prohibited. Golf carts do not count toward the two-vehicle per campsite limit.

- b. Friends and Family passes are available for seasonal campers at designated parks. A seasonal camper may purchase up to four (4) Friends and Family passes. There is a nominal fee for these passes, and they are good for the duration of the camping permit. The permit holder must be present to purchase Friends and Family passes.

- c. Third-vehicle passes are available for an additional daily fee, subject to availability. They must be displayed in the rearview mirror of the third vehicle at all times during the period for which they are issued and recorded on the camping permit. Third vehicles must be parked in a designated parking area and are not permitted to remain on the campsite overnight.

- d. Any changes required on vehicle passes can only be authorized by the permit holder or his/her spouse and must be performed by an authorized park employee. Any unauthorized sharing, alteration, or duplication of a vehicle pass will be cause for revocation of the pass and/or camping permit.

- e. Campers may not share vehicle passes with non-registered guests.

B.4 SELF-REGISTRATION

After Labor Day and prior to Memorial Day, some MWCD Parks may use a camper self-registration procedure to issue camping permits. Self-registration instructions will be posted near the park entrance gate.

B.5 LOT CAPACITY LIMIT

The maximum campsite occupancy is six (6) people, except for immediate family members of more than six. MWCD agents may waive this requirement based on operational needs.

B.6 CAMPING UNIT LIMIT

Only one (1) Camping Unit with wheels is permitted on a campsite. One (1) tent may be erected in addition to a wheeled Camping Unit or a maximum of two (2) tents per campsite. Camping unit spacing must comply with health department regulations. See the diagram at the back of this book.

B.7 CAMPGROUND GUESTS

Campground visiting hours are from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. The normal daily entrance fee will be charged for any guest without a valid vehicle pass. Guest passes may be used in certain park areas to fit the need of that particular park and may be obtained at the entrance gate. The Guest's name, date of visit, campsite being visited, number of people, and license plate number will be recorded on the visitor pass by the gate attendant. A maximum of two (2) guest vehicles per campsite will be permitted at any one time. Guests must park in designated parking areas, where provided. Parking in the areas provided for the shower house/restroom facilities is prohibited. Guests arriving after 9:00 P.M. will not be admitted without a valid vehicle pass.

B.8 REFUNDS

See MWCD Operational Policy 7035

B.9 LATE PAYMENTS Additional fees will be charged for late payments. See MWCD Operational Policy 7030.

C. CAMPGROUND CONDUCT

C.1 CAMPGROUND QUIET HOURS

Quiet hours are from 11:00 P.M. until 7:00 A.M. Please be considerate of others. All singing and talking or use of speakers, radios, TV's, music, or musical instruments, during quiet hours must be done so that it does not interfere with the quiet enjoyment of other campers in the discretion of MWCD personnel. Minors must be at their campsite by 10:00 p.m. and for the duration of quiet hours unless accompanied by an adult. Loud and/or abusive behavior will not be tolerated and will be grounds for removal from MWCD properties. Park-approved special events or sponsored activities may be exempt from this rule.

C.2 ALCOHOL

No person shall overtly and publicly consume or display the presence of any beer or intoxicating liquor, as defined in O.R.C., § 4301.01, in any unauthorized area administered by the MWCD. No person under the influence of alcohol shall enter or remain on MWCD property. See also MWCD Rule 1.6.

C.3 ILLEGAL DRUGS

No person shall possess, use, or consume a drug of abuse, as defined in O.R.C. §3719.011, in any area administered by the MWCD. No person under the influence of a drug of abuse shall enter or remain on MWCD property. See also MWCD Rule 1.7.

- a. Use of adult-use cannabis in public areas is prohibited. Violation of this rule will result in removal from MWCD Campgrounds.

C.4 SOLICITING

Selling, vending, peddling, and distributing of any merchandise or property and the placing or distribution of advertising matter, literature, or other printed commercial material on MWCD property is prohibited without the expressed written permission of the MWCD. See also MWCD Rule 1.5. This includes but is not limited to: selling of food, beverage, or craft items from your campsite; yard sales; placing of signs or advertisements on MWCD property; soliciting for donations or peddling items or propaganda; handing out business cards; and directly soliciting business to campers or park guests. Campers wishing to sell their camping unit are permitted to place a for-sale sign on the inside window of their camping unit.

C.5 PICNIC TABLE

Only one (1) MWCD-owned picnic table is permitted on each campsite. Campers should contact the park office for special temporary circumstances requiring additional tables.

Tablecloths/coverings are permitted but shall not be permanently affixed to tables or benches. Campers are discouraged from using vinyl covers as they can cause retention of moisture and lead to decay.

C.6 CAMPFIRES

Campfires are permitted only on MWCD campsites and should only be ignited and maintained in MWCD-provided fire rings or another approved container by the park manager. Charcoal fires are permitted only if confined to an appliance manufactured for such purpose. See also MWCD Rule 2.5. No fire should be left unattended. All fires must be extinguished before leaving the area.

The MWCD has the right to regulate the size and location of campfires and to ban campfires when conditions warrant. Removal or relocation of any fire ring by anyone other than park personnel is strictly prohibited.

C.7 FIREWOOD

Firewood is offered for sale at the parks for a nominal charge. Fallen limbs or branches may also be gathered from the ground on MWCD property for use as firewood. Cutting of standing trees or green limbs is strictly prohibited. The use of chainsaws is prohibited without the written permission of the Park Manager.

No treated lumber, OSB, plywood, or other materials that may emit hazardous fumes may be burned at MWCD campsites. All wood should be free of hardware, i.e., nails, screws, staples, etc.

A maximum of 128 cu. ft. (4' x 4' x 8') / one cord of firewood shall be permitted to be stored on the campsite during the Primary Season. Firewood stacked on pallets is encouraged. Firewood must be stored only on full-width concrete pads in Newly Renovated Camp Areas.

C.8 CAMPING UNIT LOCATION

The Ohio Department of Health governs the placement of Camping Units on campsites pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code §3701-25. The MWCD also enforces specific rules and guidelines on the location of camping units on the Campsite. When placing your Camping Unit on the campsite, the following provisions shall be followed:

- a. Campers must maintain 15 feet from the side of their Camping Unit to the next campsite line.
- b. When Camping Units are located on campsites that are back-to-back, campers are required to maintain a distance of only 10 feet from the rear of each Camping Unit.
- c. When Camping Units are located on campsites that are back-to-side, campers are required to maintain a 15 foot distance from the rear of one camping unit to the side of the other camping unit.
- d. Campers may place a recreational vehicle and one (1) tent on the same campsite provided that 5 feet distance between the Camping Units is maintained and the camping units are 15 feet from the next campsite line.
- e. When placing a Camping Unit on the campsite, Campers must do so without crossing another campsite and must position it within the confines of the lot.
- f. If there is a pad on the site, wheeled Camping Units must be placed on the pad provided.
- g. The Camping Unit must be located on the campsite so that the tongue of the unit is accessible from the roadway and can be pulled out without crossing or accessing an adjacent campsite or non-designated public area. Tongue and/or hitch-pin must be attached and installed. Camping Units may be positioned parallel to the roadway on campsites large enough to accommodate, if they are in compliance with the specifications (A-G) above. A diagram of how to set up the Camping Unit on a site may be obtained from the park office. The diagram is also located at the back of this book.
- h. Newly Renovated Camp Areas: Permanent blocking used as stabilizers is not permitted. Commercially manufactured stabilizers must be used. A stabilizing block under the camping unit's stabilizer jack is permitted to prevent it from sinking into the ground.
- i. Trailers must be positioned so that a campsite lot post and/or fire ring removal is not required to place or remove the Camping Unit.

C.9 EXTERNAL LIGHTING

Campers are permitted to use external lighting provided such lighting is directly attached to the primary Camping Unit or attached awning. The electrical supply for the lighting must come directly from the Camping Unit and is not permitted to be on during daylight hours. Timers or electric eyes are encouraged to control lighting. Using lights, spotlights, or reflective shades is not permitted when such use creates a hazard or nuisance to other campers or to pedestrian, boat, or motor vehicle traffic.

MWCD reserves the right to limit the location, brightness, and number of lights allowed on an individual basis as it deems necessary.

Bulbs will be limited to 750 lumens (approximately equivalent to 50-watt incandescent, 35-watt halogen, or 8-watt LED bulbs). Total bulb usage shall not exceed 1500 combined lumens. Light bulbs should only be directed at the owner's camping unit or campsite or shielded so that they do not cause a nuisance to nearby camping lots.

C.10 REMOVAL OF CAMPSITE LOT POSTS AND FIRE RINGS

Anyone other than park personnel is NOT permitted to remove any campsite lot post and/or fire ring.

C.11 TREE TRIMMING

The trimming or cutting of trees on MWCD lands is strictly prohibited. If you feel that a particular tree or limb is a hazard, you may contact the Park Manager or Assistant Park Manager to request an evaluation of the situation. If the Park Manager or Assistant Park Manager deems it necessary, removal or trimming will be handled promptly.

C.12 UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (UAV)

The recreational and commercial use of UAVs or drones on MWCD property is permitted in Designated Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Areas with the appropriate MWCD-issued permit. A permit application is available at the park office.

C.13 FIREWORKS

The possession or use of fireworks, as defined in Divisions 1.3 and 1.4 in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulation, on MWCD property is prohibited. Written permission for fireworks displays will only be granted by the MWCD Chief of Recreation to licensed exhibitors authorized to conduct a fireworks exhibition under Ohio Revised Code §3743.53.

C.14 WASHING VEHICLES

Washing any vehicle, boat, camping unit, or bike at a dump station is prohibited. Use of a garden hose on the park water system to wash a vehicle is also not permitted as set forth by the Ohio State Health Department. Certain parks permit camper washing on designated days. Contact the Park office for information.

C.15 SPEED LIMIT IN PARK

Motor vehicles shall not be operated at speeds greater than the posted speeds in camp areas and Lake Park areas. See also MWCD Rule 2.6.

C.16 PETS

Pets are permitted at all MWCD campsites. However, pets are permitted only in designated areas throughout MWCD Parks. All pets must be confined to the camping unit or kept on a leash attached to the camping unit or held in hand. The leash should enable the user to maintain the pet within six (6) feet of the owner. Tethers attached to a camping unit must keep pet on the owner's lot. See also MWCD Rule 1.9. Electronic control methods, such as buried electric pet fences and shock collars, do not satisfy the leash requirements. Pets shall never be tied to a tree. Owners are responsible for the actions of their pet(s). Owners must clean up after their animal(s) on their campsite at least daily.

Kennels cannot exceed (36) thirty-six square feet. Kennels must be maintained in a sanitary fashion and must be able to secure the pet within the confines of the structure safely.

Proof of rabies shots and a physical description of the animal must be provided upon request, along with any additional information required by the local County Health Department.

No pet shall be allowed to cause any nuisance. No dangerous or vicious dogs, as defined in O.R.C. §955.11(A), are permitted on MWCD properties.

C.17 REMOVAL OF PROBLEM PETS

MWCD staff may direct that any animal(s) be removed from MWCD property if said animal(s) is menacing, disturbing the peace, or creating a nuisance. Said agent may arrange for the removal of said animal(s) by the proper authorities. See also MWCD Rule 1.9.

C.18 HORSEBACK RIDING ON MWCD PROPERTY

Horseback riding on MWCD property is prohibited except on designated trails. Horses are prohibited in non-designated areas of the campgrounds. See also MWCD Rule 2.10.

C.19 TRASH AND SOLID WASTE

A scheduled pickup service is provided for all park-provided trash receptacles. To promote more sanitary conditions, all trash must be placed into plastic garbage bags before depositing into the trash receptacle.

C. 20 PUMP OUT SERVICE

MWCD no longer provide pump-out services. Campers may use designated dump stations or arrange pump-out service through a private vendor.

C.21. WASTEWATER and SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Campers shall use the sanitary facilities provided for public use and shall not cause any nuisance or unsanitary act upon MWCD property. See also MWCD Rule 1.4. Camping Units having plumbing fixtures will not be permitted in any MWCD camping area unless drain lines are sealed so that no waste can be discharged in the camping area.

The use of unsealed containers for the collection of wastewater or sewage is prohibited. Wastewater (dishwater or wash water) may be disposed of in drains that are identified by signs for that use.

Raw sewage or any liquid containing septic material may only be disposed of at trailer dumping stations, or other locations designed specifically for that use. Please note that water fixtures located at dumping stations are designed for flushing holding tanks, drain lines, etc. These fixtures should never be used to fill potable water holding tanks.

Drains with signs indicated "fresh water only" are not designed to receive wastewater or sewage and should never be used for that purpose.

C.22 PERSONAL PROPERTY STORAGE

No private property shall be stored on MWCD property except with valid permit from the MWCD. Any property found stored on MWCD land without written permission shall be deemed abandoned and handled in accordance with Campground Rule C.23, MWCD Rule 1.11, and MWCD Rule 1.12.

C.23 PERSONAL PROPERTY IMPOUNDMENT

Any personal property impounded by the MWCD shall be held by the MWCD for a period of fourteen (14) days. Said property may be claimed by the owner during this period upon payment of a storage/impound fee of \$10.00 per day, plus the actual cost incurred in the removal of said property, which shall not exceed \$1,000. If property is not claimed at the end of fourteen (14) days, said property will be disposed of in accordance with MWCD policy. See also MWCD Rule 1.12.

C.24 REMOVAL OF BOATS AND DOCKS

All boats and docks must be removed from the water before 2:00 p.m. on the expiration date of the camping permit. Boats and docks left in the water after this date will be removed, impounded, and handled in accordance with MWCD Rules. See MWCD Rules 1.12, 3.12, and 3.15.

C.25 RADIO, TELEVISION AND SATELLITE ANTENNAS

External radio, television, and satellite antennas are permitted only if they are directly attached to the camping unit and do not exceed a total height of ten (10) feet above the Camping Unit. All exceptions need to be approved by the Park Manager or Assistant Park Manager. Antennas or satellites may not be attached to electric boxes or campsite posts.

Newly Renovated Camp Areas: External radio, television and satellite dishes are permitted only if they are directly attached to the Camping Unit or deck and do not exceed a total height of ten feet (10) above the camping unit. Satellite dishes can also be mounted to tripods specifically designed for temporary satellite placement and must be located within the boundaries of the campsite. Cable lines cannot be buried.

C.26 CLOTHESLINES

Clotheslines are permitted on campsites provided they are only attached when in use or when the campsite is occupied. Clotheslines shall not be attached to trees.

C.27 DISPOSAL OF GRAY WATER AND WASTEWATER

Drains are located throughout the campgrounds for emptying the gray water or dishwasher tanks. These drains are usually labeled for wastewater and are not to be confused with a dumping station. They are for disposing of dishwasher only, not black water. Grey water must be disposed of in designated locations only.

Located along with most of the dishwasher drains are freshwater faucets. The RV tank may be filled from these faucets by temporarily attaching a hose or by transferring the water into a container from these faucets to the RV.

All black water tanks must be emptied at the trailer dumping stations, or by the trailer pumping service.

C.28 ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS

Alteration or tampering with MWCD electric service or electrical posts is strictly prohibited. Such alteration will be cause for immediate cancellation of the camping permit and possible criminal prosecution.

Campsites are rated at specific amperage. It is the camper's responsibility to stay within the supply available. Damage to the camper's equipment and/or the MWCD's electrical system will be the responsibility of the camper.

Use of electric generating equipment is not permitted without the expressed written approval, by annotation on the camping permit, by authorized park personnel. The use of 3-wire grounded weatherproof cable with a 3-prong plug is required for the connection to an MWCD electric service.

C. 29 PACKAGES AND MAIL

If campers wish to receive mail, they should acquire a post office box in the area. The MWCD will not be responsible for mail that arrives at the park, it will be returned to the sender.

C. 30 EMERGENCIES

In case of an Emergency, Dial 911, then contact park staff. To contact a MWCD Ranger, please dial 1-844-MWCD-LAW (844-692-3529).

C.31 FILLING POTABLE WATER TANKS

Campers wishing to fill the potable water holding tank(s) in their Camping Unit from the park water system may do so provided they make no changes or alterations to the park plumbing fixtures and install an approved anti-siphon device between the Camping Unit and the park water fixture.

It is strictly prohibited to attach a garden hose or similar device to a park water system to rinse wastewater or sewage-holding tanks.

C.32 PROPANE TANKS

No tank used to contain propane or liquefied petroleum gas may exceed a 50-pound rating. There shall be no more than two (2) tanks attached to a Camping Unit simultaneously. Propane tanks must be attached to the trailer or Camping Unit manner as specified by the manufacturer or in a cradle specifically designed to hold propane tanks to Camping Units. Freestanding tanks are not permitted to be used for Camping Units.

C.33 DECORATIONS

Campers wishing to display flags and decorations may do so, provided they are attached to the camping unit and are no larger than 3' x 5'.

C.34 CAMPGROUND WI-FI

Wi-Fi internet service is available at some MWCD parks. By using the provided network, guests acknowledge that it features limited bandwidth, is not secure, and is not guaranteed to reach any specific campsite or area of the park. Use of the network constitutes consent to monitoring, retrieval, and disclosure to authorized personnel, and all users must abide by all MWCD rules and regulations and any applicable local, state, or federal laws. Users have no reasonable expectation of privacy in using the system and inappropriate use may subject violators to criminal, civil, administrative, or other disciplinary action.

C.35 METAL DETECTORS

The use of metal detectors on MWCD property is prohibited unless a permit has been obtained from the park office. Permits for the use of metal detectors will not typically be issued from Memorial Day through Labor Day. See also MWCD Rule 2.9.

D. VEHICLES AND WATERCRAFT

D.1 WATERCRAFT

All watercraft anchored, tied, or stored overnight upon MWCD property shall display a decal furnished by the MWCD. This decal shall be affixed upon the stern of the watercraft in such a location that only a valid decal is always visible. Said decal shall be valid for the duration of the camping permit or from April 1 to October 31 of the year issued (whichever applies). Watercraft may only be docked at MWCD-owned docks between April 15 and October 15.

Boats must be registered to the camping permit holder or immediate family member. Proof of ownership is required prior to receiving a boat decal.

No boat decals shall become effective prior to the effective starting date on the camping permit, nor shall the effective ending date exceed the expiration date on the owner's camping permit.

Campers with a second boat must purchase a "second boat" decal. Short-term and seasonal decals are available at an additional fee.

Third-boat decals may be purchased on a daily or seasonal basis. The watercraft must be less than 11' and docked at a campsite or approved area. Decals will not be issued for more than three (3) boats per campsite.

Boats and trailers are to be stored on a campsite or at an area designated for such storage by the parks. Any boats left on MWCD property without the required decal or after the expiration of the applicable camping permit or storage permit may be removed, impounded, and handled in accordance with Campground Rule C.22, Campground Rule C.23 and Rule 1.12 of the MWCD Rules and Regulations.

Newly Renovated Camp Areas: Watercraft must be parked on campsites with concrete pads. If there is insufficient space, the watercraft must be moved to an area designated for such storage by the parks.

D.2 MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATING AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Vehicles may not be operated or parked on MWCD lands except where roads or parking areas are provided See also MWCD Rule 2.7 (A). Vehicles in violation of this regulation may be removed in accordance with Campground Rule C.22, Campground Rule C.23, and Rule 1.12 of the MWCD Rules and Regulations.

Newly Renovated Camp Areas: Vehicles must be parked on pads or patios on campsites with pads. Additional vehicles must be parked in additional parking areas or third-car parking.

D.3 REMOVAL OF VEHICLES

Any motor vehicle found by a duly authorized agent stopped, parked, standing or unattended, in a lake park area, after the daily closing hours of said area may be removed by said agent in accordance Campground Rule C.22, Campground Rule C.23, and Rule 1.12 of the MWCD Rules and Regulations.

D.4 INDIVIDUAL TRANSPORTATION DEVICES

The use of Bicycles, E-Bikes, Low Speed Micromobility Devices, skateboards, and roller blades ("Individual Transportation Devices") is permitted throughout MWCD parks. Individual Transportation Device use is permitted on park roadways but subject to the right-of-way of all other vehicle traffic. Campsite permit holders are responsible for any damage caused by themselves or their guests while using Individual Transportation Devices.

Individual Transportation Devices are not permitted after dusk unless the ITD contains a red rear reflector and an electrified white headlight or as otherwise allowed by Ohio Law.

Mopeds are permitted in the parks if operated pursuant to O.R.C. § 4511.521 and all applicable safety laws.

Operators of Individual Transportation Devices must obey the same traffic laws that apply to operators of motor vehicles, including obeying traffic signs and signals, traveling in the same direction as the rest of the traffic, signaling turns, and yielding the right-of-way.

Motorized scooters powered by gasoline engines are strictly prohibited from the park campground areas.

D.5 OPERATION OF SNOWMOBILES, GOLF CARTS, ATV'S, UTV'S, AND MOTORIZED TRAIL BIKES

Snowmobiles and all-purpose vehicles and motorized trail bikes may not be operated on MWCD property without a permit from the MWCD. See also MWCD Rule 2.8. These rules shall be in addition to and supplement the state traffic laws which are in force, and which are incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

D.6 WHEELCHAIRS

Wheelchairs and motorized wheelchairs (as defined in R.C.§ 4511.01 (EEE)) are permitted anywhere in the park where foot traffic is permitted. Special permits for the use of golf carts for mobility will no longer be issued but may be used in accordance with Campground Rule D.7.

D.7 GOLF CART POLICY

See an MWCD park office for a copy of the separate Golf Cart Policy or visit <https://www.mwcd.org/essential-information>.

E. SEASONAL CAMPING REGULATIONS

E.1 SEASONAL CAMPER LIMIT

In order to maintain a balance between Seasonal and Transient campers, a limit on the number of Seasonal Camper Permits exists and is different for each park. This number may be changed periodically to accommodate park needs.

E.2 SUBLETTING PROHIBITED

Sub-leasing a Camping Unit or campsite is strictly prohibited. Campers violating this rule will lose all camping privileges in MWCD parks for the remainder of the year.

E.3 PERMIT TRANSFERS

Seasonal camping permit transfers are not allowed.

E.4 PARK TO PARK MOVES

Seasonal Campers may transfer their seasonal camping permit to another MWCD park if the following conditions are met:

- a. The move must occur between April 1st - through October 31st .
- b. All fees and payments must be current for the original seasonal campsite permit.
- c. Seasonal Camper must pay any price increase from the transfer before the move is completed. Seasonal Campers may receive a difference if the new lot has a lower fee.
- d. The park that the camper desires to move to must have open seasonal campsites.
- e. Only designated seasonal lots will be used for park to park moves. The- site will be included in the First Lottery the following year.
- f. All other lottery rules apply.

E.5 RETURNING SEASONALS

Returning Seasonal Campers can keep their same campsite for subsequent seasons by paying the annual seasonal camping fee in accordance with the MWCD fee structure in advance of the seasonal lottery. The payment deadline is listed in the seasonal camper letter and can also be obtained by calling a park office. The seasonal camp letter is mailed after the first of the year and explains payment options.

E.6 MOWING OF CAMPSITES

Seasonal permit holders are responsible for the appearance of their campsite. This includes mowing and trimming of grass on the campsite. MWCD staff will mow a seasonal campsite under special circumstances. (i.e., health, special needs situations.) Please see park management for arrangements. An hourly rate may apply. A lot that is not maintained will be mowed/trimmed by park staff and a minimum of one hour at the Board-approved fee rate will be assessed to the permit holder.

E.7 LANDSCAPING

- a. Trees - Additional tree plantings are not permitted on any lot.
- a. Flowers - Campers wishing to plant flowers on their campsite are permitted to do so. All dead plant material must be removed at the end of the growing season or upon vacating the campsite. Transplanting wildflowers from the MWCD property is prohibited.

NEWLY RENOVATED CAMP AREAS Flower and vegetable plantings in renovated camp areas are only permitted in removable commercially manufactured pots or planters. The size of the pots or planters must allow for easy movement or transport. Flowers, shrubs, and vegetables may not be planted in the ground. Vegetables must be planted in removable pots or planters. Vegetables may not be planted in the ground.

Landscape pavers may be permitted with prior park management approval for the purpose of providing a safe walking path to the camper/ deck from the parking area. Pavers are not permitted for patios, fire ring surrounds or walking paths to other amenities located on the lot. The approved location will be the shortest (single) route from the parking area to the camper/ deck. Pavers must be placed on top of the ground (not dug in). Borders, edging, and or decorative gravel will not be permitted.

E.8 LOTTERY

The lottery was developed to make obtaining a seasonal campsite fair for everyone. It is held on the first Saturday in March for returning Seasonal Campers and the second Saturday in March for new Seasonal Campers. Please consult the park office for specific start times. (THE MWCD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SUSPEND OR ALTER THE LOTTERY PROCESS.)

- a. **FIRST LOTTERY**
The First Lottery is for the returning Seasonal Campers. To be eligible, you must be up-to-date on any outstanding fees. Returning Seasonal Campers will have the first option at any available campsites.
- b. **SECOND LOTTERY**
This lottery is for guests wishing to become a new Seasonal Camper.
- c. **LOTTERY RULES**
 - i. Camping Permit payment for returning seasonal campers must be received at the park office by 12:00 p.m. on the Monday before the Lottery. Campsites not paid for by the deadline will be made available in the lottery.
 - ii. If a campsite is acquired in the lottery for new seasonal campers, campsite payment will be required within 5 days of the Second Lottery.
 - iii. Only one person per household may sign up for the lottery.
 - v. The permit holder must register for the campsite. Only one name per permit is allowed.
 - vi. The number drawn will have first choice of any available seasonal campsite in the park.
 - vii. A number can only be drawn once. Drawn numbers cannot be thrown back in, to be drawn again.
 - viii. Trading campsites is prohibited.
 - ix. Tokens will be drawn at random until the Seasonal camper limit has been reached.
 - x. Once a new campsite is chosen, if another campsite was previously held, then the old campsite must be vacated by March 15th.

F. CAMPSITE IMPROVEMENTS

F.1 CAMPSITE LOT PLAN

Camping Units may be placed back onto seasonal campsites located below the spillway elevation any time after March 15th, provided a current storage agreement is in effect, and the lake is not rising due to flooding.

The MWCD reserves the right to direct the location of the Camping Unit where conditions require. Park Management must approve the location of the Camping Unit on the campsite prior to final set up. Any customer purchasing a new camper or removing and reinstalling their existing camping unit must place it on the lot in accordance with the current campground rules.

Trailers must be kept in a readily moveable state, on wheels and roadworthy (i.e., tires inflated, on rims, towable) at all times. Trailers must be leveled in a safe manner subject to approval by the MWCD. Pick-up units may be set on the ground only if the campsite is above spillway elevation and the unit is properly secured. Check on this

F.2 PROJECT PERMIT

A project permit must be obtained from MWCD management by contacting the park or marina office prior to any campsite construction, including but not limited to:

- Decks
- Steps
- Landings
- Railings
- Hard awning anchoring systems, or any other lot construction plans

F.3 APPEARANCE OF CAMPSITE

Campsites and Camping Units must be regularly maintained in order to present a clean and pleasing appearance. Inoperable watercraft, unlicensed or inoperable motor vehicles or other items, which may be deemed a nuisance by the Park Manager or Assistant Park Manager, are not permitted. Any personal property deemed a nuisance may be removed from the campsite, impounded, and handled in accordance with Campground Rule C.23 and Rule 1.12 of the MWCD Rules and Regulations.

Failure to maintain the campsite in proper appearance may result in park staff performing said duties and assessing the permit holder for the actual cost of performance of said duties at the Board-approved rate. Violations of this rule may result in administrative or other action.

F.4 DECKS, STEPS, LANDINGS, AND SHORELINE STEPS

Decks, steps, landings, and shoreline access steps are allowed as long as certain requirements and limitations are met and maintained, and permission is obtained from the park/ marina office.

Decks are not permitted on renovated sites with full-width concrete pads.

Where allowed, decks shall be no wider than ten (10) feet measured from the camper frame and shall not exceed the length of the Camping Unit. Decks must be readily removable, with NO supporting structures below ground level, i.e., footers or posts. Decks will be in sections 4' x 8' or 4' x 10' so that they may be temporarily and readily removable with minimal effort. Decks are the responsibility of the camper.

NEWLY RENOVATED CAMP AREAS WITH FULL WIDTH PADS

Camping Units with single-door entry may have a landing that is not to exceed 4ft by 4ft and a set of steps. Camping Units with double doors can have a landing the width of the door, not to exceed 6ft in length and 4ft in depth, and a set of steps.

Camping Units requiring ADA access may have a 5ft by 5ft landing or double door width, not to exceed 6 ft long. The maximum depth is 5ft, and a ramp is permitted. An ADA placard must be provided with the project permit application. (See Campground Rule F.2 regarding project permit.)

Decks for specific uses, such as tents, picnic tables, sitting areas, or grills, will not be approved.

For storage of decks, landings, and shoreline steps, see Campground Rule G.2.

Any decks or landings remaining on the campsite, or shoreline steps remaining on the shoreline after the expiration of the camping permit, will be removed from the campsite, impounded, and handled as described in Campground Rule C.22, Campground Rule C.23, and Rule 1.12 of the MWCD Rules and Regulations.

F.5 GAZEBOS/ SCREEN HOUSES/ CANOPIES

Gazebos, screen houses, canopies, and tents are permitted in addition to the primary Camping Unit. They must meet the State Health Department spacing requirements as stated in the Ohio Administrative Code. In addition to the primary Camping Unit, you may choose up to two (2) additional structures, but only one of which can be a canopy or dining fly. I.E., In addition to the primary Camping Unit on your campsite, you can add one tent and one canopy or a canopy and a gazebo, or any approved combination thereof. Park management, prior to installation, must approve the location and size of these structures.

Canopies are permitted if they are commercially manufactured, easily disassembled, and utilize a flexible cover made of canvas or similar material on the sides. Canopies can be a maximum size of 24 feet in length and 12 feet in width. Since not all campsites will accommodate the maximum size, be sure park management approves the size and location for your campsite, prior to purchasing or installing this structure.

These structures must be erected with no below-ground supports, such as footers or posts. The Park Manager or Assistant Park Manager must approve plans for all such structures. Upon the expiration of the camping permit, the owner must remove all structures. Said structures shall not become a part of or be included in a winter storage agreement. Any such structures remaining on the campsite after the expiration of the camping permit will be removed from the campsite, impounded, and handled as described in Campground Rule C.22, Campground Rule C.23, and Rule 1.12 of the MWCD Rules and Regulations.

Rigid patio and deck enclosures are prohibited. Canvas or screen material used to enclose a patio deck is permitted with the approval of the Park Manager or Assistant Park Manager. The Park Manager or Assistant Park Manager must approve modifications made to any awning. Awnings must be commercially manufactured specifically for campers or RVs and commercially sold specifically for campers or RVs.

NEWLY RENOVATED CAMP AREAS: Carports are not permitted. Commercially manufactured gazebos are permitted as long as they remain on the full-width pad and patio, or deck (where decks are permitted). Nothing shall be anchored or attached to the concrete pads. Temporary E-Z (pop-up style) canopies are permitted, as long as they remain readily removable and are not permanently anchored into the ground or any other structure. They can be anchored to the ground using the stakes provided by the manufacturer. Park management reserves the right to limit the size and location of the canopy based on the lot size.

F.6 STRUCTURAL ADDITIONS/AWNINGS

Effective October 31, 2018, no **new hard awnings** will be permitted. Existing hard awnings installed prior to October 31, 2018, will be grandfathered until such time that they are in a state of disrepair, transferred, or sold. Each park will complete an inspection and document existing hard awnings installed in each campground. Grandfathered/existing awnings may only be relocated to a new campsite obtained by the current registered permit holder through the First Lottery. No hard awnings are allowed below the spillway

Carports, canopies, or similar structures that are being used for awnings that are currently in place will be grandfathered until such time that they are in a state of disrepair, destroyed, the campsite is vacated, or are removed from the park in which it is registered for any reason. NOTE: The phrase "campsite is vacated" means that the current registered permit holder relinquishes or loses their seasonal camper status for any reason.

No structure with a self-supported awning or roof that is enclosed on all sides with screen or other material and/or constructed on a deck or flooring shall be located closer than fifteen (15) feet to a Camping Unit or flammable structure. This shall include gazebos and screen houses.

F.7 ADDITION OR REMOVAL OF FILL MATERIAL

Campers will not be permitted to add or remove fill material from their campsite without the expressed written consent of the Park Manager or Assistant Park Manager. If fill is added it will become the property of MWCD. Any approved fill that may become disturbed by MWCD staff in order to make improvements or repairs will be the responsibility of the camper to replace

Additional gravel will not be permitted on any site. Park Management will assess the need for additional gravel on a case-by-case basis, and the park will provide if deemed necessary.

NEWLY RENOVATED CAMP AREAS

Where concrete pads are provided, gravel is not permitted anywhere on the lot, and excavation and/or fill dirt are not permitted. Park management will evaluate and address drainage issues as needed.

F.8 STORAGE UNIT

A maximum of two (2) storage units are permitted on the campsite provided that the wall height does not exceed six (6) feet in height and the combined square footage of the unit(s) does not exceed 32 square feet. The units must be commercially manufactured of a plastic or composite material.

NEWLY RENOVATED CAMP AREAS: Approved storage units must be located against the camping unit on the site. On lots with full-width concrete pad and patio, the storage unit, boat, and trailer must remain on the pad.

F.9 DECORATIVE FENCES

Decorative fences not exceeding six (6) feet in length are permitted. Fences may not be installed with the posts into or below the ground.

NEWLY RENOVATED CAMP AREAS: Decorative fences are prohibited unless located on the concrete pad.

F.10 DOCK STRUCTURES AND REQUIREMENTS

The construction of docks and dock access structures is permitted only in designated shoreline areas. Campers wishing to place a dock or any access structure on the shoreline must first obtain a permit from the park office.

All docks must be constructed to meet established minimum standards. No metal drums shall be used for flotation purposes of any dock, watercraft, or any floating device on MWCD waters.

Docks must be identified with the owner's campsite number. Identification must be posted in a manner easily visible from the lake and from shore.

If an occupied campsite must be crossed to access the shoreline, foot traffic should be limited to the outer boundary of the occupied site.

All docks, ramps, steps, or any access structure will be the owner's personal responsibility. Campers wishing to tie up watercraft overnight on the shoreline without a dock structure may do so only in designated areas.

OBTAINING A DOCK LOCATION/RENTAL OF SLIP-ON CLUSTER DOCK

Some parks offer Cluster Docks with individual slip rentals available to park guests. These slips are rented on a first come-first-served basis, often with a waiting list for an available dock. The rental dock waiting list is located at the park office. The assignment of specific docks is handled during the camping lottery.

CLUSTER DOCK GUIDELINES

- Cluster docks are available for rental only to guests with a valid camping permit.
- Boats may be docked at cluster docks between April 15th and October 15th, weather permitting.
- Fishing from the docks is prohibited.
- Dock slips may be assigned by the park staff based upon boat size.
- Only one (1) watercraft per slip is permitted.
- Guests who rent a dock slip for the season will have first option at the same slip for the following season, provided that full payment is received at park or marina office by noon on the Monday before the seasonal camping First Lottery.
- No modifications shall be made to MWCD docks.

SHORELINE PRIVATE DOCKS

In those parks that offer our guests the opportunity to install a dock on the shoreline, certain restrictions may apply. The following is a summary of the shoreline docking provisions.

- Location of dock must be approved by Park Manager or Assistant Park Manager.
- Docks must be used seasonally in order to remain. Individual usage constitutes the holding of one or more valid docking decals. In the event that minimum usage is not met, all portions of the docking facility shall be removed, and the dock site will be made available to others.
- All docks must be installed by May 15, unless water conditions prohibit installation, or an extension is granted by the Park Manager or Assistant Park Manager. This will allow the Park Manager or Assistant Park Manager to verify that the shoreline is being used in a manner that maximizes available shoreline space.
- All docks, hoists and racks must be removed upon the expiration of the camping permit or October 31st. See Campground Rule C.25.
- Dock location assignments are handled in the order that they are received. Due to overcrowding and lack of dock spaces at some lakes, the Park Manager or Assistant Park Manager will maintain a waiting list for available dock sites. These lists are available to review by asking the Park Manager or Assistant Park Manager. Those individuals willing to share the vacant side of a dock with another camper are placed on a priority list over the individuals with only one watercraft and unwilling to share a dock.
- All private shoreline docks must display campsite numbers on each end of the dock so that they are readable from shore as well as from the lake.

G. WINTER SEASON

G.1 OCCUPANCY OF CAMPING UNIT

Trailers and other Camping Units must not be left unattended in MWCD camp areas during the winter season unless the unit has a valid winter storage or camping permit.

G.2 SEASONAL STORAGE PERMIT

Seasonal Campers who have occupied a campsite that lies above spillway elevation or in an approved area may be permitted to store their Camping Unit on the campsite during the off-season. A storage permit must be acquired on or before the expiration date of the Seasonal Camping Permit.

Seasonal Campers who occupy a campsite that lies below spillway elevation or in an unapproved area are not permitted to store their Camping Unit on their campsite. Off-Lot Storage Permits are available in designated areas that lie above spillway elevation. Personal property subject to an Off-Lot Storage Permit may be moved back to the assigned seasonal campsite any time after March 15th, provided that the lake is not rising and has not risen due to flooding. Personal property subject to an Off-Lot Storage Permit must be moved back to the assigned seasonal campsite prior to April 1.

Personal property left in a designated storage area after April 1st will be impounded, and handled in accordance with Campground Rule C.22, Campground Rule C.23, and Rule 1.12 of the MWCD Rules and Regulations.

Storage Permits allow the holder to also store the following items: one (1) porch deck, one (1) boat dock, one (1) shoreline step set, the first set of dock poles (installed in their assigned location within the lake bed) two (2) storage boxes (maximum 32 square feet), one (1) swing frame on deck or near camper and/or a maximum of five (5) cubic foot of firewood. No other camping gear or other personal property should remain unless it is stored inside the camping unit. Storage Permits do not include any right to electric use during the term of the permit.

A camping unit may be visited during the storage period at no charge, provided that no electrical hook-up is made onto the park electrical system or no overnight use of the camping unit takes place. Use of the electricity or camping in the park requires a camping permit. Park reserves the right to move any personal property for operational needs. MWCD is not responsible for any damage or loss to personal property stored pursuant to a storage permit.

G.3 TRAILER RELOCATION

A trailer relocation service is available through the park for those individuals requiring assistance in the transfer of their camping unit to another location within the park. This service may be limited due to the availability of personnel or equipment at each park location. A fee will be assessed for this service. Arrangements should be made with park staff at least 24 hours

prior to the relocation date in order to schedule the transfer. Additional fees may apply if additional work is needed to be done in order to relocate the Camping Unit.

MWCD Reserves the right to refuse to move any camper due to safety concerns or potential damage, such as slide-outs or hard awnings.

We Value Your Feedback

Your thoughts matter to us! Whether you have a suggestion, a compliment, or a concern, we welcome your input and appreciate the opportunity to enhance your experience.

Complaints

We strive to provide the best possible service to all our camping guests, but we understand that there is always room for improvement.

If you encounter a minor issue that can be quickly addressed, please don't hesitate to reach out to any staff member who may be able to assist you. For concerns that require further attention, you are welcome to speak with a department supervisor, Park Manager, or Assistant Park Manager.

If you prefer not to voice your complaint directly to park staff, you are always welcome to contact our Chief of Recreation, Pete Novotny at 330-566-4832 or pnovotny@mwcd.org. However, we kindly ask that you first attempt to resolve the issue at the closest level to the source, as this often leads to the most efficient and effective resolution.

Thank you for helping us improve and for being a valued part of our park community!

Revised March 10, 2025

New and Renovated Campground Areas Completed:

Atwood Lake Park: Areas A, B, C, G and H

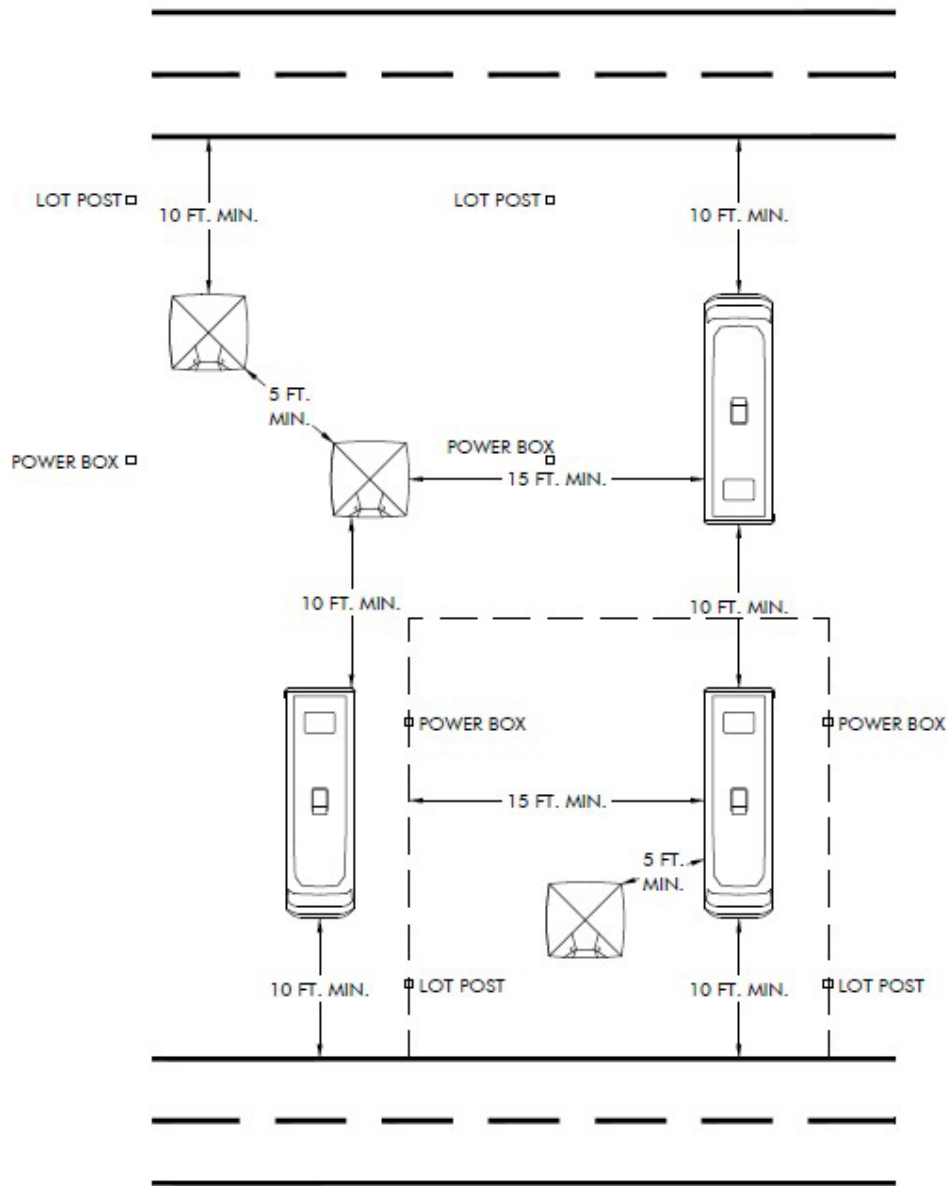
Charles Mill Lake Park: Maincamp

Pleasant Hill Lake Park: Areas A, B, C, F, and G

Piedmont Campground: All campsites

Seneca Lake Park: Parkside Central, Parkside Woodlands, Marina Point

Tappan Lake Park: Areas 1, 2, and 5



LOT LINES RUN FROM LOT POST THROUGH POWER BOX.
 NOT ALL LOTS ARE UNIFORM IN SIZE AND SHAPE.
 DIAGRAM IS NOT TO SCALE AND IS FOR REFERENCE ONLY.



TENT



RV OR CAMPER

SAMPLE RV/TENT SETUP DIAGRAM

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