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Au Sable River Camping Cooke Pond Primitive Camping

NOTICE: We will be renumbering all of the Au Sable River Primitive Camping Sites for the 2009 camping season. This will eliminate duplicate numbers. This map shows the new numbers to use when making reservations for the 2009 camping season on Cooke Pond.

Reservations and camping permits are required from May 15 - September 30, prior to occupying a campsite. Camping is allowed outside of the established permit season but only designated campsites may be used.

Reservations for permits can be made 6 months in advance of the first day of your stay by using the

National Recreation Reservation Service Call Center:

**1-877-444-6777
1-877-833-6777 TDD**

**or 24 hours a day on the web at:
www.Recreation.gov**

The National Recreation Reservation Service Call Center Hours of Operation

March 1 – October 31, 10:00 am – 1:00 am EST

November 1 – February 28, 10:00 am – 10:00 pm EST

Payment methods accepted are Major Credit Cards only.

Fees:

Camping – \$10.00 per night, up to 14 continuous nights at same site.

Reservation Fee - \$9.00 per reservation.

To protect the natural environment please follow these general camping rules.

1. Campsites must be set up within 25 feet of the numbered campsite marker.
2. **Pack It In – Pack It Out.** Leave a clean camp. Pack out all materials, including burnables. Do not bury trash. Your garbage must go home with you.
3. Be careful with fire. Leave your campfire “dead out”.
4. Use and possession of fireworks is not allowed.
5. Dead and downed wood may be used for firewood. Do not cut, chop, debark or place nails in live trees.
6. When toilets are not available, dispose of human waste by soil incorporation. Dig a shallow trench or hole, 6 to 12 inches deep and cover immediately after use.
7. Observe the rules of occupancy on the attached tables. Most sites allow no more than 10 people, two self contained camping units or three tents. No more than two vehicles allowed at each site.

COOKE POND CAMPSITES – SOUTH SHORE

GRAVEL POINT (Walk – In or Boat Access Only)

Site #	Person Capacity	# of Tents	Remarks
58	10	3	Parking is available for walk-in sites. Sites are 200' – 600' from parking. Carry-down boat launch adjacent to parking. Sites are 4' above pond level. Easy walk-down water access at all sites. Nicely shaded by hardwoods.
59	10	3	
60	10	3	
61	10	3	

GRAVEL POINT EAST NEAR COOKE DAM (Walk – In or Boat Access Only)

Site #	Person Capacity	# of Tents	Remarks
62	10	3	Nicely wooded, good walk-down water access. Very limited parking for walk-in users. Campsites are 200' – 600' from parking. Sites are about 12' above pond level, gravel shoreline.
63	10	3	
64	10	3	

COOKE POND CAMPSITES – NORTH SHORE

WILDCAT GULLY (Vehicle Access, recommend high clearance or 4 - wheel drive vehicle)

Site #	Person Capacity	# of Camper Units	# of Tents	Remarks
65	10	Walk-in	3	Large site on tip of peninsula. Boat-in site or walk-in from end of road. Approximately ¼ mile walk from barricade. Only 2-car parking is available.
66	10	1	3	Small site on west cove. 5' above pond level, tents recommended
67	10	1	3	Small, wooded site on west cove, good water access.
68	10	2	3	Small nicely wooded site on east edge of Wildcat Gully peninsula. Unimproved boat launch directly north of site with good water access. Site is 4' above water level.
69	10	Walk-in	3	Small heavily wooded site next to mouth of sheltered creek. Good boat mooring area with easy water access. Vehicle parking is 100 feet away from camping area. Some day use occurs in this area..

HIGHBANKS (Vehicle Access, recommend high clearance or 4 - wheel drive vehicle)

Site #	Person Capacity	# of Camper Units	# of Tents	Remarks
70	10	2 or	3	Single access road off Bissonette Road. RVs are not recommended due to limited turning. Very steep and long slope to Cooke Pond. Please do not use these sites to access Cooke Pond. These sites are secluded and shady.
71	10	2 or	3	
72	10	2 or	3	
73	10	2 or	3	

COOKE POND SEMI-PRIMITIVE NON-MOTORIZED AREA / NORTH SHORE

(Walk – In or Boat Access Only)

Site #	Person Capacity	# of Tents	Remarks
32	10	3	Large grassy site 10' above pond level. Good boat access on sloping shoreline
33	10	3	Located on large point of main peninsula, several boat access sites available, site is 4' above pond level.
34	10	3	Triangular shaped site, 10' above pond level, fairly open, good boat access directly west of site.
35	10	3	Large open area 4' above pond level. Located in small cove on east side of peninsula. Difficult landing.
36	10	3	Large site on east edge of large point. Excellent boat access. Site is 4' above pond level.
38	10	3	Small private site 20' above pond level. Boat access 100' from camping area.
39	10	3	Good boat access, large pine, good shade, 15' above pond level.
40	10	3	Good boat access in small cove area. Site is 40' above pond level.

ISLANDS (Boat – In Access Only)

Site #	Person Capacity	# of Tents	Remarks
37	10	3	Nicely wooded site 10 feet above pond level. Good boat landing. Only campsite on island.
41	10	3	Shaded site 5' above pond level. Good boat landing. Only campsite on the island.

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Campsites with gravel road access = 42-57(Sawmill Pt.)
 Campsites with poor road access = 66-69, 70-73,
 Campsites with boat or foot access = 32-40, 58-65, 69
 C = Canoe Access, W = Walk in, D = Drive in

- Primitive Camping Area Boundary
- Gravel Access Road
- Sand Access Road (2-track)
- Non-Motorized Trail
- National Forest
- Private Land
- Boat Ramp
- Parking
- Scenic Overlook



