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## Campground Regulations

It is your responsibility to know and follow all park regulations. If you have any questions, ask a park ranger. By following the regulations, you help protect the natural features of the park for future generations to enjoy and to ensure that all campers have an enjoyable stay at Assateague Island. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

1. **Campsite Registration** – All campers must register at the ranger station before setting up on site. There must be one person 18 years or older to obtain a camping permit. If the ranger station is closed, check the bulletin board in front of the building. Campers without reservations should check the board for any unreserved sites available (these sites are for one night only; site may not be available for a second evening). Camping/sleeping is not allowed outside of the designated campsites (including parking lots and beach). All campers arriving after hours must register the next morning by 9:00 a.m.
2. **Check-in time is 12:00 noon.** Sites may become available before that time, but early check-in is not guaranteed.
3. **Check-out time is 11:00 a.m.** Please plan ahead and give yourself sufficient time to pack so that others may check-in on time. Anything left on the site after 11:00 a.m. may be removed by a park ranger. At check-out please drop off your parking permit at the ranger station or in the camper check-out box, located on the left by the entrance station when exiting the park.
4. Campers are limited to a total of 30 nights per year. Only 14 of these nights may be during the reservation season (April 15-October 15).
5. **Drive-in campsites** are limited to six persons or immediate family, three tents, and 2 motorized vehicles. **Walk-in campsites** are limited to six persons or immediate family, three tents per site, and one vehicle. Extra vehicles must park in front of the ranger station. All guests must obey these limits and overnight guests must register at ranger station.
6. Thirteen or more people is considered a group and must camp in the **Oceanside Group Sites**. Groups are prohibited from staying in any other bayside or oceanside campground. **Oceanside Group Sites** accommodate a minimum of 13 and a maximum of 25 people. There are no limits on number of tents or vehicles allowed for group campers.
7. **All Campers are required to possess a valid entrance pass and display a campground parking permit.** Entrance fees are not included in the camping fee and the parking permit is not a substitute for an entrance pass.
8. **Quiet hours** are from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Please respect your neighbors and keep noise to a minimum. All generators must be off during this time. **Generator use is prohibited** in Loop B of Bayside Drive-in.
9. **Wastewater** (including graywater) may only be emptied at dump stations. Check map for locations.
10. **All wheels** of camping units and vehicles must remain on the pavement.
11. Tents and other camping equipment must be placed within **30 Feet** of the grill in the designated campsite. Protect fragile vegetation by setting up tents only on sand or grass within campsite.
12. **Please do not hang or tie items** on the vegetation or fences.
13. Fires are allowed only in the grills or fire-rings at the campsites. Do not move Bayside fire-rings. **Ground fires are not allowed!** Only dead and down wood may be gathered for fires. We recommend bringing your own wood or charcoal.
14. **Pets are prohibited** on the lifeguard protected beach (in season), on nature trails, in the backcountry, at the State Park and north to the Ocean City Inlet, and at the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. **Pets are permitted** elsewhere in Maryland, including the National Seashore campgrounds, and must be kept on a leash that is no longer than 6 feet. Owners are responsible for pet behavior including barking and cleaning up waste. Pets may not be left unattended.
15. Help us keep the wild in wildlife. All food must be properly stored away from wildlife in vehicles, RV's, or in hard-sided latchable coolers. A park ranger may remove any food items left out. It is illegal to feed, pet, or approach any wildlife, including horses. Do not prepare food if any wildlife is in or near your site.
16. Picnic tables must not be moved.
17. All trash (including bottle caps and cigarette butts) must be discarded properly in the dumpsters provided.
18. Please join Assateague in its effort to recycle. Separate your recyclables at the dumpsters across from the entrance station.

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