

COMPLETE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Old Orchard Park Campground



Camping should be an enjoyable experience for all. The following rules & regulations were adopted to aid the staff, campers, and visitors in obtaining maximum enjoyment of the grounds and facilities within Old Orchard Park while at the same time considering the health, safety, and welfare of the general public.

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You can now make reservations online!

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This public recreation facility is a part of Consumer's Energy Hydroelectric Dam Project, licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. It is open to all members of the public without regard to race, color, or national origin.

Please familiarize yourself with these rules and regulations. They are used as a guideline and you are expected to comply with them during your stay or visit at Old Orchard Park.

1. Register at the office, and pay for your site before going to set up. You must be at least 18 years of age to register as a camper; campers under 18 shall be accompanied by an adult.

Check-In: 3:00 PM.

Check-out 12:00 PM. Obtaining a lot with no camping unit on it constitutes falsification, and forfeiture of said lot. Non-payment of camping sites will result in removal of unit at owners expense and refund will not be given.

2. Number of people per site permitted = four (4) adults

Number of Camping units per site = 1 tent + 1 wheeled camping unit or 2 tents except pull through sites 40-49, where no tents are allowed.

Number of vehicles = no more than two (2) vehicles may be parked at a site. Additional vehicles will be required to park in a designated parking overflow area. Extra (open-sided) screen tents (12x12 max) = \$5.00 per night (per site). Pavilion tent (max size limit) family reunions = \$25.00 for 3 days (1-3 day limit). Tent-rain cover (over tent only, otherwise \$5.00 per night)

3. Visitors: Immediately upon entering the park, all visitors are required to register and pay the visitor's fee (\$2.00 per person). Visitors will not be admitted after 9:00pm. Day visitors will be required to leave the park by 11:00 pm.

4. Quiet Time: In keeping with the family environment of the park, quiet time is from 11:00 pm until 8:00 am, during which time only passive and quiet activities are permitted in the park and there shall be no noise which may be heard outside the campsite. Minors under eighteen (18) must be remain at their campsite during those hours unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

5. Loudness/Bad Behavior: All registered campers are responsible for the actions and behavior of all other persons at their campsite. Loudness, or bad behavior, by any person at the campsite, including visitors, guests, and other campers (known or unknown), also constitutes a violation for that campsite. No person, while on the park premises, shall create a disturbance, nuisance, annoyance, or engage in an act, activity, or conduct disruptive to the park's family environment, or your site may be evicted. Contact security at front gate for 24 hour assistance, (989) 739-7814, ext. 2 or after hours ext. 5.

6. Courtesy: As a matter of courtesy, refrain from walking through another camper's site. Easement walkways to the water's edge are provided for use by all campers. Please advise your children and guests and request their cooperation.

7. Alcoholic Beverages: Alcoholic Beverages are to be consumed only at campsites, and only to the extent and in a manner permitted by law. Consumption of alcoholic beverages anywhere else in the park is prohibited. Under no circumstances are minors, as determined by state or local law, to be served or allowed to consume alcoholic beverages on park property. Alcohol is not permitted on a non-alcoholic designated site.

8. Trash: All campsites must be kept in a clean and orderly condition. All garbage bags must be placed by the site number post for pick-up. Trash must be in bags.

9. Pets: Pets must be kept on a leash no longer than eight (8) feet in length, and must be under supervision and control at all times and are not allowed on the beach. For the protection of, and in the consideration of other campers, noisy, vicious, unruly, or uncontrollable pets will not be allowed

to remain in the park, and at the request of a staff member, shall be removed from the park premises not brought back. Pets are not allowed to be left alone for extended periods of time. Owners must clean up after their pets.

10. Fireworks: Fireworks are strictly prohibited in the park.

11. Generators: Generators may only be run between the hours of 9:00 am and 11:00 am and between 5:00 pm and 11:00 pm. Any medical exceptions are required to submit request to the office. Realizing that all situations with regard to placement of equipment is unique; please be considerate to your neighbor.

12. Picnic Tables: No more than one (1) park owned picnic table shall be located within each campsite at any time. Moving or relocating picnic tables from one site to another is prohibited. Permanently attaching oilcloth or plastic to, dismantling or writing on, carving, or otherwise defacing or damaging park-owned picnic tables is prohibited.

13. Campfires: Campfires are permitted only in designated fire pits. Campfires are not to be left unattended and must be "dead out" when not attended. The park reserves the right to prohibit or restrict campfires at any time. Burning, or dumping of leaves, trash, or wood (other than natural wood products) is prohibited at any time.

14. Firewood Collection: Cutting of any natural vegetation or otherwise destroying the natural environment of the park in any way is strictly forbidden. Fallen deadwood may be collected from the ground, within the campground proper. The operation of chainsaws by non-park personnel in the park is not permitted at any time.

No outside firewood allowed to be brought into the campground.

15. Building: Building or placing of any structure on embankments or erosion control areas is strictly prohibited and subject to fines and removal. All flags, poles, signs, ornaments, TV antennas, flower pots, etc., cannot be attached to trees, picnic tables, or other park property and is prohibited.

16. Water Spigots: Water spigots located throughout the park are to be used for campers and camping purposes only; lawn sprinklers and camper/car/boat washing are not permitted.

17. Wastewater: Wastewater requires special handling. Wastewater is generally defined in two broad categories~ greywater and blackwater. Generally, greywater is sink, shower, and laundry wastewater, and black water is toilet waste. All holding tanks and wastewater outlets are to be securely capped at all times, with the only exception arising during the course of proper disposal of the wastewater in accordance with the following methods: the only three acceptable methods of proper disposal of wastewater are (1) taking your recreational vehicle to the dump station to empty your holding tanks at the park dump station in the receptacle provided for such purpose; (2) emptying your holding tanks into an approved portable disposal tank (such tanks are available at the registration office) and then emptying the portable disposal tank by the park office or bathhouse #3 dump stations; and (3) having your holding tanks emptied by a septic hauler service expressly approved by the township at your own risk. All tanks, whether they are full or empty, must be fully secured on the camping unit at all times(hoses connected or capped) and shall not be stored on the campsite. All tanks must at all times, meet and comply with all applicable local, state, and federal safety guidelines and standards.

18. Decks, platforms, refrigerators, storage sheds: Decks, platforms, refrigerators, storage sheds are prohibited in the park. Operation of gas powered lawn maintenance equipment mowers, etc. by non-park personnel, without prior approval from the office, is prohibited in the park.

19. Propane tanks with a capacity in excess of 40 lbs. are prohibited within the park. All tanks must, at all times, meet and comply with all applicable local, state, and federal safety guidelines and standards. All tanks, whether they are full or empty, must be fully secured on the camping unit at all times, and shall not be stored on the campsite.

20. Motor Vehicles: Every motor vehicle in the park must have a valid vehicle pass assigned to such vehicle and displayed to the public in a conspicuous and visible location on the vehicle. Motor vehicles may be driven from a campsite to another specific campsite, bath house, a parking area, the store, or the registration office within the park. "Cruising" of the park is prohibited. All vehicles must obey all posted speed limits and directional signs in the park. Motor vehicles must, at all times, be operated in a cautious, safe, orderly, and non-disruptive manner. Passengers riding in or on the back of trucks, trailers, boats, etc., is strictly prohibited.

21. Motorcycles, Motorbikes, Motor-driven scooters, etc.:(street licensed), are allowed in park ONLY if they are the sole form of transportation for a registered camper. Such vehicles may only be driven by a licensed driver, and safety helmets must be worn at all times by drivers and passengers alike. While operating the above-noted vehicles within the park the muffler and exhaust system must not be loud. Registered, of age, licensed operators must, at all times, drive in a cautious, safe, orderly, and non-disruptive manner, on paved roads only. No cruising allowed. Golf carts (unless handicap approved by the office), motorized children's vehicles or any other vehicle propelled by other than muscular power, etc., is prohibited in the park.

22. Off Road Vehicles (ORV's): Two (2), three (3) and four (4) wheeled vehicles, are not allowed to be operated, repaired, undergo maintenance, or unloaded in the park. They must remain on the trailer, vehicle, or whatever transportation device they were brought into the park on.

23. Boats: When not in use, boats must be docked at a registered boat slip or loaded on a trailer and stored on your lot. On shore or private dockage is prohibited. Boats cannot be tied to the shoreline; offshore anchors or auger poles must be used.

24. Firearms and concealed weapons: For the safety and protection of all individuals enjoying the park, campers may not carry outside their vehicles or use any rifle, pistol, air gun, bow and arrow, slingshot, machete, or any other form of deadly weapon anywhere in the park. Knives and camp axes are to be used only in the operation of, and at, the campsite. Hunting or target practice, and trapping are not permitted activities in the park.

25. Vandalism: Any individual who willfully or otherwise defaces, injures, damages, or destroys park property or equipment of another individual within the park, shall be held liable and reimburse the park, or such other individual, for the full value or replacement cost thereof, whichever is greater.

26. The "Final Common Sense" Rule: Just because there is not a rule here for something, if we determine that someone is doing something that "isn't right," you will hear from us about it.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE Old Orchard Park's refund policy is listed on our website when you make a reservation at www.oscodatownshipmi.gov; any violation or failure to comply with one or more of the rules and regulations or any applicable ordinances or laws constitutes a basis for a park staff member to terminate your stay at and use of the park and you may be asked or ordered to leave the park. Additionally, a violation of these rules and regulations may constitute a criminal and/or a civil infraction violation of Township Ordinances for which you may be issued a citation and fined, and ordered not to return to the park in the future. Refusal to leave the park upon receiving a written or verbal demand to immediately leave may result in removal by local law enforcement officials. If you are ordered to leave the park for any reason, your fee is automatically forfeited and will not be refunded.

These rules may be amended, canceled or suspended at any time by park management.