Public Policies and Procedures for Campground Operations

- Properties shall rent to first-come, first-serve campers (also known as walk-up or local sale rentals, hereafter, referred to as local sales) if sites are available, on the day of arrival only.
- Each group shall register at the control station, property office, with a department representative, or through self-registration (where provided) for each night's camping. The nightly camping fee, to be paid in advance, shall entitle the group to occupy one campsite or cabin for one overnight period for each night they have paid the fee.
- An individual may register as many campsites or cabins as desired but must be present. At registration, the names and addresses of individuals who will occupy each site also must be provided. Renting only one night will not guarantee availability beyond the first night due to other reservations being made via the Central Reservation System. Internet reservations may be made up to 30 days in advance. Campsite arrivals may be no earlier than 2 p.m. and may be directed to a temporary parking area. Those entering hours and prior to 7 a.m. will be charged the normal camping fee for that purpose. If refuse is left at campsite, the occupant may be billed for cleaning and disposal fees. Pet waste is considered refuse.
- Any firearm, BB gun, air gun, CO2 gun, bow and arrow or paint gun must be unloaded on un-nocked and stored in a case or locked within a vehicle except in accordance with the terms of a one-day hunting permit and record card obtained from a hunter sign-in station and possessed by the person in the field for a specified date.
- In controlled campgrounds, only one mode of motorized transportation shall be allowed per campsite. No more than two large motorcycles are allowed per campsite, except that, in addition, one per person of the following may be kept on the site: licensed mini bike, moped or other small licensed motorcycle under 100cc. Golf-cart type vehicles are not permitted unless in compliance with 312 IAC 8-2-8 (c).
- On some DNR properties, two modes of transportation shall be allowed per campsite due to campground design or other factors.
- Property roads on DNR properties are considered state roads and all state motor vehicles laws are applicable. There are restrictions on the use of vehicles and motorized carts. See property manager.
- Check-in and checkout for camping is 2 p.m. local time, Monday through Saturday; 5 p.m. local time on Sunday and holidays. Checkout times will be strictly enforced.
- Check-in time for cabins is 4 p.m., and checkout time is 11 a.m. local time, seven days a week, including holidays. Checkout times will be strictly enforced.
- It shall be unlawful to build a fire except in designated public-use areas, provided by the Department of Natural Resources for that purpose. Fires shall be entirely extinguished immediately after use. Lighted matches, cigarettes, cigars, or other articles afore must be thoroughly extinguished before being discarded. DNR or its authorized representative may prohibit all fires in any area when deemed necessary for property protection.
- All cabins and other indoor reservable facilities are non-smoking.
- The camping hangtag or campground receipt must be retained by the camper for use as a pass through the main gate and campground gate. Only vehicles with valid receipts are permitted to enter the campground. All visitors to a campsite must park in a designated area outside the campground; however, a 20-minute entrance pass may be issued to permit loading and unloading.
- Valid campground hangtag or campground receipt will be honored at all DNR properties for waiver of entrance fees, only for the dates listed on the receipt or hangtag.
- Properties shall issue additional entrance passes for extra vehicles belonging to registered campers. This additional entrance pass will permit entrance into the property without additional charges for the duration of the visit. An additional entrance pass may be issued for a vehicle only after an entrance fee has been collected on that vehicle.
- Property managers will use proper discretion in allowing mobility-impaired people to drive into the campground in accordance with the American Disabilities Act. Managers will also use discretion to allow park visitors to have controlled access to the campground during slow periods for the purpose of marketing the campsites for future rental.
- The collection of firewood is prohibited on state park and reservoir properties.
- It shall be unlawful to injure, cut, destroy, remove, mutilate, or deface any building structure, sign, rock, tree, shrub, vine or property whatsoever, or pick any flower or take or rifle the nest of any bird or den, nest or abode of any wildlife animal or to climb or rappel on land subject to the regulations in 312-IAC 8-2-10.

This is not a complete list of DNR rules and regulations. For a complete list, inquire at property office.