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 24 hours/7 days a week. Campsites may be reserved six months in advance until the night before arrival. Cabins may be reserved one year in advance until two nights before arrival.

- Campers registering by local sales may request a specific site if that site is available.

- One camping group shall be permitted to occupy one campsite in a campground. A camping group consists of as many as six persons, not necessarily related. One main camping unit per campsite with one additional tent and one dining fly are permitted per site and subject to the property manager’s discretion. Equestrian campgrounds permit additional trailers for horse transport, and some of those units provide family living space. In this situation, the horse trailer may serve as either the main or the secondary camping unit.

- Campsites reservations are available at camp.IN.gov or by calling 1-866-622-6746. Local sales may be processed in person at the property; however, reservations may only be made online or through the call center at the Internet address and/or telephone number listed above.

- An individual 18 years or older is required to register personally for the group or family for the campsite. The responsible party registering or reserving a campsite shall remain with the group on the site.

- An individual 21 years or older is required to register personally for the group or family with the department’s representative for a cabin. The responsible party registering or reserving a cabin shall remain with the group in the cabin during the stay.

- It is unlawful to locate any camp, tent, trailer, or vehicle at any place, except as especially provided, designated or assigned. It is also unlawful to sleep in or occupy between the hours of 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., any camper, tent trailer, or vehicle except where designated by the department or as authorized by a written permit.

- Individuals permitted to enter a property to camp after designated quiet hours and prior to 7 a.m. will be charged the normal camping fee for that night and may be directed to a temporary parking area. Those entering the property after 7 a.m. will be charged the normal camping fee for that vehicle. See property manager.

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- 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.