

Mercer County Park Campground

East Picnic Area



Welcome to Mercer County Park Campground

Online reservations begin **February 17, 2026 at noon.**

Facilities will open on **April 1st, 2026.**

Facilities will close for the season on **October 31, 2026.**

The ten hike-in campsites at the East Picnic Area can accommodate both tent and lean-to campers with up to six people per site. All campsites must be reserved in advance through Community Pass. The campground has access to hiking and biking trails, Marina boat rentals, and festivities in Mercer County Park, and is designed with camping family in mind.

Reservations

Advance registration is required. All camping reservations must be made on Community Pass. When registering for a site, all nights must be pre-paid in full. Reservations may be secured by following this link: <https://register.communitypass.net/mercer>

When making reservations, the full name and address of each camper is required.

Camping Season

The campground is open from April 1st through Oct. 31st; the park itself is open year-round.

Campground amenities:

Ten wooded campsites; six sites include camping lean-tos, each with:

- Campfire ring
- Picnic table
- Charcoal grill
- Sufficient tent space
- Public Restroom at Picnic Area
- Playground
- Water service
- Dump station

Campground Registration Policies and Procedures

OCCUPANCY AND ARRIVAL

Each campsite is limited to a maximum of six persons. Each campsite must have a Primary Occupant.

The Primary Occupant is the individual that reserved the campsite (who must be over the age of 21). During the length of their stay, the Primary Occupant must be able to present a valid government issued photo identification and a printed copy of the campsite reservation.

During registration, the Primary Occupant must list first and last names, and street address for all the individuals in the camping party, as they are the only individuals allowed to occupy the campsite.



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The Primary Occupant is responsible for the compliance of the rules and regulations of the Mercer County Park Commission.

CHECK IN AND CHECK OUT

Effective April 1, 2026 - check in is between 1:00 p.m and 5:00 p.m. Check out is 10:00 a.m.

CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations will not be refunded.

EMERGENCY CLOSURE

In the event the Mercer County Park Commission must close a park or campground due to an emergency or hazard weather situation, the affected campers will be given a refund of the unused portion of their reservation. If the campground remains open and the camper(s) elect to leave, the action will be treated as an early departure and no refund will be given.

LEAN-TOS

Six campsites contain lean-tos at this campground. The lean-tos are three-sided with a roof and sit on an elevated platform. No furnishings within the lean-to are provided; a camping pad or air mattress is recommended. Lean-tos can accommodate up to four people in sleeping bags. One tent per lean-to site is allowed, however campsites are limited to a maximum number of 6 persons.

FEES

\$20 per night

MAXIMUM STAY POLICY

There is a maximum stay of seven consecutive days.

VEHICLES

All vehicles must park in the designated campground parking spots. Two vehicles per campsite are permitted. Vehicles must display a campground parking pass on their dashboard during the duration of the campers' stay.

Camping groups must walk in all of their camping equipment and supplies. No vehicles are allowed on the trail leading to campsites.

Rules & Regulations

All Park Commission Rules and Regulations must be abided by. For a full list of rules for using county parks and facilities, please visit <http://mercercountyparks.org/#/about/rules-regulations/>.

FOLLOW THE PATHS PROVIDED to not get lost and ensure safety



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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at the Mercer County Park Campground.

FIRES AND FIREWOOD

Fires are only allowed in designated areas of the campsite. No fires will be started or maintained unless under the direct and constant supervision of a person at least 21 years of age. All fires must be fully extinguished each night and prior to occupant departing from the campsite.

Campers must supply their own firewood. Collection of firewood from the park grounds is prohibited.

Burning of trash is prohibited.

NOT PERMITTED

- The possession or use of bow and arrow or firearms is prohibited
- The possession or use of all classes of fireworks is prohibited
- The use of generators in campsites is prohibited
- Loitering is prohibited in and around restrooms
- No public urination
- No Drones
- No Hunting
- No feeding the animals
- No visitors past 10 p.m.
- No clothes lines

PET POLICY

While we love our pets, they are not allowed to camp in the park. No pets are permitted at the campground.

QUIET HOURS

Quiet hours will be maintained in and around all areas used for camping between the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday and 11:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. Friday through Sunday. Campers are restricted to their campsites during quiet hours. Turn off lights, music and put out fires.

PROTECTION OF COUNTY PROPERTY

Campers will not deface, remove, destroy or injure any living tree, flower, shrub, fern or other plant, rock, fossil, or mineral found or growing on county lands. Wildlife and their nests will not be disturbed or fed.

Campers will not deface damage or destroy any structure or property of the campground including, but not limited to, picnic tables, grills, drinking fountain, fence, stone wall, monument or artifact. No nails or hooks may be driven into structures or trees.



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Campers and their guests will be held financially responsible for any damage to County property and may be subject to legal action.

SANITATION

Campsites and lean-tos must be kept in neat, clean and sanitary conditions. Campers are not permitted to wash dishes, clothes or their own person at the water fountains or in the East Picnic Area restroom. Campers must adhere to the specific Carry In/Carry Out policies and follow the campground's recycling procedures.

SMOKING POLICY

There is no smoking permitted at the campground.

VIOLATIONS

Campers that misrepresent names, address, number of occupants or any other information during the registration process will not be accommodated upon arrival at the campground.

Violation of any rule and/or regulation is grounds for revocation of the camping permit and eviction from the campground. If a permit is revoked, no refund will be issued. Any person(s) voided on a camping permit is not allowed to reenter any camping area for the duration of the camping season.

