

State Parks, Forests and Preserves

CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

CABIN/YURT GENERAL RULES

This document contains the general rules which apply to all cabins and yurts and those rules which are specific to individual parks.

Rules for All Cabins/Yurts

1. Regular occupancy is the number of people that can be accommodated for the beds/futons available in the cabin/yurt. Maximum occupancy is the absolute number of people allowed to stay in a cabin/yurt. If the number of occupants is greater than the regular occupancy, the renter is responsible for providing sleeping accommodations for the additional occupants.
2. Renters must provide their own bedding, pillows, towels, toiletry items, dishes and some cleaning items such as paper towels, dish soap, etc.
3. Check-in time is 4:00 pm. Check-out time is 11:00 am.
4. Smoking is not allowed in the cabin/yurts.
5. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is not responsible for personal items that are lost, stolen, or become damaged.
6. Do not burn trash in fireplaces or fire rings.
7. All interior cabin/yurt furniture must remain inside the cabin or yurt. Use hot pads under dishes on all counters and tables.
8. General quiet hours are from 10:30 pm to 6 am but creating or sustaining any unreasonable noise in any portion of the cabin/yurt area or campground is prohibited at all times
9. Do not decorate or attach items in a way that causes damage (tape, glue, tacks, nails, etc.) Free standing decorations are allowed.
10. Remove all personal items and food from the cabin/yurt at the end of your stay. Please do not leave items for the next renter to use.
11. Some cabins have been designated as pet-free and no pets are allowed in those cabins. Only dogs or assistive animals are allowed in pet-friendly cabins. No more than 2 dogs are allowed at each cabin.
12. Renters are responsible for cleaning up pet hair and damage done by pets. Please bring a fitted sheet to place over futons to help control the pet hair on the futon. Pet owners are expected to pick up after their pets in the park. Pets are not allowed to run at large and should be kept on a leash or confined when outside the cabin/yurt. Please do not leave pets unattended in the cabin/yurt. If you must leave, pets must be in a crate or kennel inside the cabin/yurt.

Park-Specific Rules

Black Hawk

- Pets are to be kept only in the kennel provided in the backyard.
- Cleaning of fish or game is strictly prohibited inside the cabin or on the picnic table outside.

Dolliver

- No tents or campers are allowed on the cabin site.
- Sleeping in vehicles is not allowed. Parking is available for 2 vehicles only unless prior arrangements have been made with park staff.

Green Valley

- Renters may use the access road to load and unload personal items into the cabin, but must park the vehicle in the parking lot.

McIntosh Woods

- Please use care when moving furniture and leave chairs off of tables.
- To prevent scorching, please do not place hot items directly on the picnic table, floor or deck.
- Please do not use outdoor cooking equipment such as portable grills, fryers, smokers, etc. to cook inside the yurt.
- No tents or campers are allowed at the yurt location.

Palisades-Kepler

- Parking space near the cabin will only accommodate one vehicle per cabin. Any other vehicles will need to park at the campground visitor parking lot.
- No tents allowed in the cabin area.

Pine Lake

- Please park in the parking lot. Do not attempt to drive over the bridge or on the trail to the park by the cabin. Wagons are provided to haul items from the parking lot to the cabin.
 - Park staff will accommodate renters who are unable to access the cabins from the parking lot. Please contact the park office prior to arrival to arrange special accommodations.
- Do not attempt to use the fireplace during the summer months (June-August). Hot weather prevents the chimney from drafting properly and will fill the cabin with smoke.
- Dumpster is located in the parking lot.

Pleasant Creek

- Please do not drive motorized vehicles to the cabins from the parking lot or road.

Prairie Rose

- To prevent being locked out of the cabin, return the key to the lockbox after unlocking the door.

Springbrook

- Parking is allowed only in the designated parking lot behind the cabin.
- The floors in the cabin are easily scratched. Please do not rearrange furniture.
- Fruit trees are located on the property. If you take fruit, please take only fruit that will be consumed during your stay.

Stone

- Parking near the cabin will only accommodate one vehicle per cabin. Any other vehicles will need to park outside the gated access road to the cabins.
- Use of outdoor cooking equipment is not allowed inside the cabin.

Union Grove

- No tents or campers are allowed on the cabin site.
- Sleeping in vehicles is not allowed.
- Parking is available for 2 vehicles only unless prior arrangements have been made with park staff.

Waubonsie

- Fireplace
 - Plan ahead to allow the fire to burn down before going to bed or leaving the cabin.
 - Do not burn construction materials in the fireplace.
 - Do not extinguish the fireplace with water or the fire extinguisher.
 - Fireplace screens must remain in place on the concrete hearth in front of the fireplace at all times. Only exception for when cleaning out or adding wood to the fireplace.
 - Do not attempt to use the fireplace during warm weather 50+ degrees. This will cause smoke to enter the cabin.