

Assateague Island National Seashore Campground Map and Regulations

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IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW AND FOLLOW ALL PARK REGULATIONS.

Please read the following **before** setting up on your campsite.

Thank you for your cooperation!

By following these regulations, you help ensure that all campers have an enjoyable stay at Assateague Island and help protect the natural features of the park for future generations.

If you have any questions, please stop by or call the Campground Office at 410-641-3030.

1. **CAMPSITE REGISTRATION:** One person in each camping party must be 18 years of age. Campers must register at the Ranger Station before setting up on campsite. Each vehicle, including a motorhome or trailer must be registered to the site, but number of parking permits issued is limited (see 6. and 7.). Excess vehicles must be parked by Ranger Station.
2. **CHECK-IN TIME** is 12:00 NOON. Sites may become available before that time, but early check-in is not guaranteed.
3. **LATE ARRIVALS:** After hours, check the bulletin board in front of the Ranger Station for a list of unreserved sites available for one night only. Campers without reservations must come in to register and pay for sites before 9:00 a.m. the next morning. **Camping/sleeping is prohibited in parking lots, on beach, or anywhere outside of a designated campsite.** Late arriving campers with reservations have until check-out time the following morning to register to avoid entire reservation being cancelled as a no-show.
4. **CHECKOUT TIME** is 11:00 AM. Please plan ahead and give yourself sufficient time to pack beforehand so that others may check-in promptly. Anything left on the site after 11:00 AM may be confiscated by a Park Ranger. To check out, please drop off your parking permit (hangtag) at the Ranger Station or into the Camper Checkout box located on the side of the Entrance Station, when exiting the park.
5. **STAY LIMITS:** Campers are limited to a total of 30 nights per year. Only 14 of these nights may be during the reservation season (April 15 – October 15).
6. **DRIVE-IN CAMPSITE LIMITS:** 6 persons or immediate family, 3 camping units (only 1 may be a trailer or motor home) and 2 vehicles total (a motor home is considered 1 vehicle).
7. **WALK-IN CAMPSITE LIMITS:** 6 persons or immediate family, 3 tents per site, and 1 vehicle. Extra vehicles must park in the Ranger Station parking lot. Immediate family is defined as one adult, his/her spouse, and their dependent children.
8. **GUESTS:** All guests of campers must register at Ranger Station, and overnight guests may not exceed campsite limits.
9. **GROUPS (parties of 13-25) ARE PROHIBITED IN INDIVIDUAL CAMPSITES.** All groups must camp in the Oceanside Group Campground. Tent and vehicle numbers are not limited in the Group Campground.
10. **ALL CAMPERS ARE REQUIRED TO POSSESS A VALID ENTRANCE PASS AND TO DISPLAY A CAMPGROUND PARKING PERMIT.** Entrance fees are separate from camping fees. A Campground Parking Permit is not valid as an Entrance Pass or vice versa.
11. **GENERATORS** are prohibited during **QUIET HOURS** from **10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.** Please respect your neighbors and keep noise to a minimum. Generator use is **PROHIBITED IN LOOP B OF BAYSIDE DRIVE-IN, HORSE CAMP AND OCEANSIDE WALK-IN SITES.**
12. **WASTEWATER** (including gray water) may only be emptied at dump stations. Check map for locations.
13. **SITE SET UP:** Tent and other camping equipment must be placed within 30 feet of the grill in the designated campsite. Protect fragile vegetation by setting up tents only on sand or grass within campsite. All **WHEELS** of camping units and vehicles must remain on the pavement. **DO NOT HANG OR TIE ITEMS** on vegetation or fences. **PICNIC TABLES** must not be moved.
14. **FIRES** are prohibited except in the Oceanside pedestal grills, Bayside fire-rings, or on the ocean beach below the high tide line. **GROUND FIRES ARE NOT ALLOWED!** Only down and dead wood may be gathered for fires. We recommend bringing your own wood or charcoal. Do not move Bayside fire-rings.
15. **PETS** are **PROHIBITED:** at the State Park, north to the Ocean City Inlet, at the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge in VA, on the lifeguard protected beach (in season), in backcountry campsites, on nature trails and in all public buildings. **PETS** are **PERMITTED:** elsewhere in Maryland, including the National Seashore campgrounds, but must be kept on a leash that is no longer than 6 feet. Owners are responsible for pet behavior (including barking) and for cleaning up waste. Pets may not be left unattended in vehicles or at campsites.
16. All **FOOD** must be properly stored away from wildlife in hard-sided vehicles. Food items left out may be confiscated. Help us keep the “WILD” in wildlife. Shoo animals from site **BEFORE** they get too close. **IT IS ILLEGAL TO FEED, PET, OR APPROACH ANY WILDLIFE, INCLUDING HORSES.**
17. All **TRASH** (including bottle caps and cigarette butts) must be discarded or properly in the provided dumpsters. Please join Assateague in its effort to **RECYCLE.** Separate your recyclables at the dumpsters across from the Entrance Station.

