

# Assateague Island National Seashore Campground Map and Regulations



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

**CHECK-IN TIME: 12:00 NOON.** All campers must register at the Ranger Station before setting up on a campsite. Each vehicle, including motorhomes and trailers, must be registered to the site, the number of parking permits issued may be limited. Overflow parking is available at the North Beach parking lot. Commercial use and/or resale of a campsite is prohibited. One person in each camping party must be 18 years of age.

**LATE ARRIVALS:** Campers with reservations arriving after business hours must register the next morning by 11:00 AM (check-out time). Reservations may be cancelled without refund, if campsite is not occupied by 11:00 AM the day after your scheduled arrival. Campers without a reservation should check the bulletin board at the Ranger Station to see if there are any unreserved sites available for one (1) night only. If so, campers must register and pay fees, before 9:00 AM the next morning. Camping and/or sleeping is prohibited in parking lots, pull outs, on the beach, and anywhere outside of a designated campsite.

**CHECKOUT TIME: 11:00 AM SHARP.** Please plan ahead and give yourself sufficient time to pack and load your belongings before 11:00 AM so that others may check-in promptly. Failure to vacate on time may result in a citation and anything left on the site after 11:00 AM may be disposed of as abandoned property. To check out, please drop your Campground Parking Permit (hangtag) at the Ranger Station or into the Camper Checkout box located at the Entrance Station as you exit the park.

**STAY LIMITS:** Length of stay is limited to 14 consecutive days and a total of 28 cumulative days Memorial Day thru Labor Day, the rest of the year there are no cumulative limits. From April 15 through October 15 reservations can be made by calling 1-877-444-6777, online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov), or in person at the Ranger Station.

**DRIVE-IN SITE LIMITS:** 6 persons or immediate family. All guests of campers must register at the Ranger Station; overnight guests may not exceed site limits of 6 persons. No more than two motor vehicles or one vehicle with trailer are allowed per campsite. Please keep wheels, including trailer wheels and guest cars, on the pavement, not on vegetation.

**WALK-IN SITE LIMITS:** 6 persons or immediate family, 3 tents, and 1 vehicle. All guests of campers must register at the Ranger Station, overnight guests may not exceed site limits of 6 persons.

**GROUP SITE LIMITS:** Groups of 7 to 25 people may make reservations year round, up to six months in advance of arrival date. Registered group campers may only camp within the group sites; tent and vehicle numbers are not limited.

**ENTRANCE PASSES AND CAMPGROUND PARKING PERMITS:** All campers are required to possess a valid entrance pass and display a campground parking permit (hangtag). Entrance fees are separate from camping fees. A Campground Parking Permit is not valid as an Entrance Pass or vice versa.

**HORSES:** Visitors must be at least 10 feet from horses and may be cited and/or fined if they are not.

***IT IS DANGEROUS AND ILLEGAL TO FEED, PET, OR APPROACH ANY WILDLIFE, INCLUDING HORSES!***

**FOOD/DRINKS:** Must be properly stored away from wildlife in hard-sided storage (i.e. vehicles, locked coolers, other latched storage) or provided NPS food storage lockers. Food items and unlocked coolers left out and unattended may be confiscated. Leaving food unattended in screened shelters is also prohibited. **Help us keep the "WILD" in wildlife.** Animals that feed on human food can become reliant on it and be less adapted to the natural conditions of the island. Frequently fed animals can become a nuisance and cause litter to be strewn about campsites and picnic areas.

**QUIET HOURS:** Quiet hours are from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM. Outside of quiet hours continue to be considerate of the island environment and the campers who are seeking a peaceful outdoor experience.

**GENERATORS:** Generators are prohibited during quiet hours. Generator use is always prohibited in Loop B of Bayside drive-in, Oceanside walk-in and group sites. Generators must conform to National Park Service regulations pertaining to audio disturbances, which states that "motorized equipment or machinery cannot exceed a noise level of 60 decibels measured on the A-weighted scale at 50 feet" (36 CFR 2.12). Generator use and battery charging by engine idling is prohibited in generator free areas.

**CAMPFIRES:** Fires in campgrounds are prohibited except in the provided fire-rings or your own self-contained grill. Do not move fire-rings. Only down and dead wood may be gathered for fires, and is not readily available. Campers may not bring firewood from out of state. Firewood must be purchased locally. Fires are permitted on the ocean beach below the high tide line (excluding lifeguard beach area). All fires must be fully and completely extinguished with water, do not bury beach fires with sand. (People walking on the beach have been injured and burned from stepping unknowingly on the smoldering remains of buried campfires). All fire debris must be removed and disposed of properly and the beach restored to its natural condition at the conclusion of the night.

**PETS:** Pets must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet and physically restrained *at all times*. Owners are responsible for pet behavior (including barking) and for cleaning up waste. Pets may not be left unattended in vehicles, at campsites, or elsewhere in the Park. Pets are prohibited at most of the campsites in the State Park; on the beach north of the State Park to the Ocean City Inlet; on the lifeguard protected beach (in season); in backcountry campsites; on nature trails; and the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge in VA.

**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. Do not hang or tie items on vegetation or fences. Picnic tables and fire rings must not be moved from campsite.

**WASTEWATER:** Gray and black water may only be emptied at designated dump stations (see map).

**TRASH:** All trash must be properly discarded in the dumpsters provided. Please join Assateague in its effort to recycle. Separate your recyclables into the bins in the campgrounds and parking lots.

**RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT:** Bicycle riders must comply with all traffic regulations and are restricted to public roads, parking areas, and designated routes. Bicycles are not allowed on boardwalks. Inline skates, skateboards or non-motorized scooters may only be used on the bike path.