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Subject camping questions

Jack,

I copied Chief Ranger Ed Clark's responses to your questions below. If you still have questions concerning camping, please contact him directly at edward_clark@nps.gov or 239-695-1108.

As a point of clarification, the ORV Advisory Committee was established to advise the NPS on issues referred to them by the NPS concerning ORV management. Questions on NPS regulations and policy should be addressed to BICY staff, not to the committee. If you have comments for the committee or suggestions for agenda items, please use the links provided on the BICY website at <http://www.nps.gov/bicy/parkmgmt/orv-advisory-committee.htm>. This will ensure that your comments will get to all the members.

Thanks,
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Sent: 09/29/2011 11:21 PM AST

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Subject: ORV trail - camping questions

Damon I have been told if you do not receive these questions/concerns that the ORV committee will not address them. Please see that the following items are properly processed so that the committee will address them and respond to my questions.

Thanks

Jack Moller

From: LJMoller@aol.com

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2011 7:08 PM

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Subject: More camping questions

Sept 29, 2011

Dear BICY ORV committee and BICY staff:

I have some more questions about the new 25 foot rule from the ORV trail: [There is no 25' rule for the ORV trail system.](#)

1) If I go in the back country via and ORV can I then walk off from my buggy and camp in my tent as far as I want to. with so many miles between ORV trails some will have to back pack camp away from their buggy. When we were younger we used to do this but not often as we could get closer to where we hunting. [Absolutely, with the following existing restrictions:](#)

(a)(4) Backcountry camping in the Bear Island Unit is permitted only at designated campsites (The Gator Pit, 9 sites and The Pink Jeep Trail, 9 sites).

(a)(5) In Zone 4: airboat users must camp in designated campsites only (1-17); backcountry camping is allowed in other areas of Zone 4 (except the seaside sparrow closure area) when access is gained by foot or non-motorized vessel, and the campsite is located at least 1/2 mile from the Loop road and 1/4 mile from any designated campsite or airboat trail; no personal property can be left in the backcountry (tents, grills, cookware, tables, bedding, etc.) anywhere in Zone 4 when the user is not actively camping and staying overnight at the campsite.

(a)(6) Tent camping is permitted in established campgrounds and in non-developed areas throughout the preserve, except as restricted in the Bear Island Unit and Zone 4. However, in non-developed areas such backcountry camping is prohibited within 1/2 mile of any developed area or established county or state roads.

(a)(9) No person shall be permitted to camp in the Preserve backcountry for more than 30 days total, per year.

2) If I need to use a CPAP machine to sleep with can I get my buggy close enough to my tent to connect a wire to the battery to run my CPAP machine? I had to do this during my last few years of hunting/camping in the BICY. Would this action require a special use permit? [The buggy would have to be parked off trail and an extension run to the nearby campsite. FYI ADA rules do not trump environmental concerns, therefore accommodation is not mandated if the reason for a restriction is to protect the environment.](#)

3. Does this mean we cannot beyond 25 feet or must be at least 25 feet from the ORV trail? [There is no 25' rule with respect to the ORV trail system.](#)

4. If it is 25 feet from the ORV trail how is this distance measured? Is it measured to the far side, away from the trail, near side, or center of the camping place? Is it measured from the center of the trail? How is the edge/center of the trail determined? [There is no 25' rule with respect to the ORV trail system.](#)

5. If the purpose of the new 25 foot rule is insure people do not camp in the ORV trail, as I have seen done before, then the rule can state no camping in/on the established designated ORV trail. [There is no 25' rule with respect to the ORV trail system.](#)

6. If the purpose is to stop folks from driving a 1/2 mile or 1/4 mile from the trail and camping then the rule needs some more work so it is clear and defensible. [There is no 25' rule with respect to the ORV trail system.](#)

My attorney had a many more technical questions but I am sure yours can see the same issues as he had with the wording that is on the web page.

Please provide written a response to my questions.

Sincerely

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