

Camp Dearborn Seasonal Campground Rules, Regulations and Policies

Seasonal campers are still subject to the same rules that apply to the Temporary Camp Area and the general public. Please see the 'Rules, Regulations and Policies For All Guests & Campers' for more information.

ADMISSION STICKERS & GUEST

Every Seasonal Site Reservation Agreement provides for two registered vehicles, each of which receives a sticker—good for admittance to Camp Dearborn and Seasonal Camping Area. Stickers are non-transferable. They are for registered vehicles only and must be affixed to the windshield. Moving a sticker voids the sticker.

Falsifying or having more than two passes for one site violates Camp policy, constitutes a form of retail fraud and may result in prosecution. If a stickered vehicle is sold, in repair, or stolen, contact the Camp Office.

All guests must purchase a day pass, park in the visitor's parking lot, and be picked up from there. No drop-offs or pick-ups for guests will be allowed at the site. The Camp Office parking lot is designated for free quick pick-ups and drop-offs, limited to 15 minutes. Vehicles must not be left unattended.

Anyone found in non-compliance or threatening Camp Staff over guest policy will be evicted from the park and denied reentrance. Vehicles with a handicap placard or plate are allowed to go to a Seasonal Camping Area site. Drivers must, however, purchase a day pass.

More information can be found in the Seasonal Site Reservation Agreement and Camp Dearborn's General Rules and Regulations for all Campers and Guests.

EMERGENCIES

In an emergency, call 911 first. To be put in contact with Michigan State police, ask the dispatcher to be put in contact with whoever is on patrol in Camp Dearborn.

For non-emergency issues, you may call or text 248.684.6000, and we will get back to you in a timely manner. Bear in mind that staff is limited at night time, and some issues may only be resolved the following morning.

CAMPSITES & CAMPING UNITS

Overnight sleeping is prohibited outside registered camping units. No pop-up camping units or tents are allowed in the Seasonal Camping Area.

All new camping units entering and reserving a seasonal site for the first time must have an R.V.I.A. seal. A current photo of the camping unit must be submitted to camp management for approval before securing a Campsite Reservation Agreement. Incoming camping units must be under 400 square feet and easily movable. Wheels and hitches must remain intact while on Camp Dearborn Property. Four feet of open space must be maintained around the camping unit. This includes sheds, awnings, slide-outs when fully extended and any other structures on the site.

Outside lighting on a camping unit is permitted if the lighting is placed on a timer to conserve energy. Air conditioning units must be turned off when a camping unit is unoccupied. Air conditioning units left on when the site is unoccupied will result in a daily monetary fine levied on the trailer owner. Tampering with any electrical utility panel is a felony and violators will be prosecuted. Campers are expected to maintain safe electrical conditions. Contact a certified electrician if you are unsure if your electrical system is safe.

Outside portable toilets are banned from all campsites except small medical units, which can be kept inside the camping unit and the contents appropriately disposed of. Disposal may be done at the dump station, located next to the Camp Office, at no charge. Disposal of waste, wastewater, sewage, gray water or blackwater on a site or at a comfort station is strictly prohibited. No direct draining of any liquid is allowed on a site. Rainwater collection systems and large water storage bins are not allowed. Small five-gallon storage bins can be used for outdoor hand washing.

Portable basketball nets are not allowed; permanent nets are available adjacent to the Canteen.

After Labor Day, campers are required to store rugs and temporary awnings when not occupying their site. .

All trash must be disposed of in dumpsters, conveniently located throughout the Seasonal Camping Area. Discarded items cannot be placed in the Camp Office area. Campers should not have large trash bins on their site, since they attract pests.

Campers are restricted to their own campsite. Encroaching onto another campsite, whether or not it is occupied, is prohibited. Recreational vehicles that are moveable may be required to relocate to another site within the Seasonal Camping Area. Camp staff will help facilitate the move.

Campers are responsible for maintaining their campsite and camping unit, which includes lawn mowing. Seasonal Camping Area sites are inspected every Thursday by Camp staff for overgrown grass. Campers in violation will receive an email, informing them that a fee has been added to their account and that they have until Sunday to resolve the

problem. Campers mowing the lawn within the time frame noted will have the fee removed from their account. Sites not in compliance on the following Monday will be mowed by Camp staff and a \$100 mowing fee, per cut, will be assessed.

Failure to properly care for and maintain a campsite will result in Camp Dearborn personnel intervening at the expense of the Site Reservation Agreement signatory. Campers can report any unkempt site at the office. Site Reservation Agreement signatories are required to address these problems promptly and lack of action may result in nonrenewal. Campsites are inspected seasonally to ensure compliance with all state and local regulations.

Campers needing clarification concerning compliance can email campdearborn@dearborn.gov with any questions, and a supervisor will respond.

FEE AND DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS

New Seasonal Camping Area patrons must pay a \$1000 deposit and the seasonal fee before bringing their trailer into the park. The deposit is forfeited if a Seasonal Site Reservation Agreement is canceled within the first year. Any deposit left unclaimed for over one year will also be forfeited.

Deposits are refunded if a camping unit is sold or removed from a site after the first year, providing the account is paid in full and the site is left clean and undamaged. The deposit will be forfeited if a site requires clean-up or has an outstanding balance on the account.

RESERVATION AGREEMENT

Signatories of a Seasonal Site Reservation Agreement agree to abide by all state and local ordinances, as well as all the rules, regulations and policies of Camp Dearborn. These are all readily available on our website.. Failure to comply with the aforementioned may result in eviction, the removal of the unit at the owner's expense, and the forfeiture of all fees and deposits paid.

Only adults, aged 21 years and older, listed on the Title of the recreational unit are eligible to sign a Seasonal Site Reservation Agreement. The adult with whom the agreement is made is responsible for the financial obligations of the reservation, as well as the conduct and behavior of all people occupying—at any time—the campsite.

Seasonal Site Reservation Agreements for 2024 are effective from May 15th, 2024, to May 14th, 2025. Dates are subject to change. Renewal of a Site Reservation Agreement is at the discretion of Camp Dearborn Management. Renewal dates and reservation dates are different; a camper wishing to renew must do so during the winter months and prepay before the upcoming season begins. Seasonal Site Reservation Agreements are not valid for year-round occupancy. **Camp Dearborn will be closed from December 16th, 2024, through April 14th, 2025.**

Failure to pay fees will prevent the renewal of any Seasonal Site Reservation Agreement, and entrance to Camp Dearborn and access to the campsite/camping unit may be denied until such fees are paid up to date. Fees include the reservation rate, late fees, grass cutting fees, etc. Seasonal Site Reservation Agreements will be terminated when fees are 30 to 60 days in arrears. Camping units will be removed from the campsite at the owner's expense, and any additional debt will be forwarded to the City of Dearborn's Legal Department for collection.

Seasonal Site Reservations are not transferable. A new Seasonal Site Reservation Agreement must be signed, but any outstanding balance on the previous account must first be settled..

Seasonal Site Reservation Agreements are automatically terminated with the sale or permanent removal of any camping unit. Management reserves the right to deny a Seasonal Site Reservation Agreement to anyone purchasing an existing camping unit within the Seasonal Camping Area. .

MODIFYING A CAMPING UNIT

Any alteration to the exterior of a camping unit, construction of a patio deck, installation of steps, excavation of a fire pit, or erection of a storage shed must first receive approval in writing from Camp Dearborn Management. A diagram with the proposed modifications must be submitted to the Camp Office with dimensions, materials, site number, and the name of the contractor. Work may only commence after Camp Management approves the work in writing.

Any modifications must keep a required four-foot spacing around the trailer from the adjacent camping units. Improvements are limited to non-permanent steps, patio decks, and storage sheds. Structures may not be anchored into the ground in any way and are limited to 200 square feet in size. Decks may not be enclosed or permanently covered.

PURCHASING & SELLING A CAMPING UNIT

Individuals purchasing a camping unit and intending to keep it on its present site must first seek the written approval of Camp Management to ensure the unit is in a suitable condition to enable it to stay on site.

Once a camping unit has been purchased, the buyer is required to provide the following:

- Proof of purchase: Application of Title obtained from The Secretary of State. If the Title is unavailable, a notarized sales receipt will suffice until the Title is obtained.
- A \$1000 deposit and remittance of all fees.
- A signed Seasonal Site Reservation Agreement.

Buyers seeking to keep their camping unit on a campsite must conform to all existing rules, regulations and specifications. All repairs and improvements cited by Camp Management must be completed within 30 days of notification of sale. Permanent seasonal camping stickers are issued to new owners only after repairs/improvements have been completed and approved by Camp Management.

Sales of any camping units must be completed in full within 60 days of notification of purchase. A transfer of ownership that grants some or all ownership to another person not originally on the Title when the current Seasonal Site Reservation Agreement was initiated will result in a nonrenewal/termination of the agreement, and the unit will be required to be removed from the park.

Information about selling a camping unit is in the Seasonal Site Reservation Agreement. Campers can inquire if their unit is eligible for sale by emailing campdearborn@dearborn.gov.

STORAGE

Storage at a campsite is permitted in season (Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend through Saturday following Labor Day).

Storage is limited to patio furniture, portable grills, bicycles, and neatly stacked firewood. Items not labeled for outdoor use (indoor couches or furniture, etc.) may only be kept inside the camping unit or shed at any time. Off-season storage is not permitted on the exterior. Items stored during the off-season must be placed inside the camping unit or shed. Rugs and awnings must be taken down or picked up and stored away.

One storage shed is allowed per campsite and is to be maintained in good condition. Sheds, limited to 8-feet by 10-feet, must be made of plastic or aluminum materials and positioned to maintain a 4-foot clearance from any camping unit or structure. Seasonal campsites may not be used to store boats, cars, or anything except the camping unit itself.

Propane tanks must be safely secured to the camping unit. Lawnmowers may NOT be stored under a camping unit at any time. All items except lawn furniture, bikes, kayaks, canoes and paddle boards must be appropriately stored inside a shed or camping unit.

DECORUM

Physical or verbal harassment/assault against any staff member, camper, or guest is not tolerated. Such actions will result in eviction from the park and possible arrest. Campers, guests and staff members are expected to interact with the proper levels of courtesy and respect. Any inappropriate or disrespectful use of our new texting program could result in an eviction from the park, termination of the Seasonal Site Reservation Agreement or possible arrest.