

READING AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BERRY LAKE CAMPGROUND

CAMPGROUND RULES AND REGULATIONS

These Rules and Regulations are established by the Reading Area Chamber of Commerce to promote a safe, clean, and enjoyable camping experience for all guests. By entering or occupying Berry Lake Campground, all campers and guests agree to comply with these rules. Failure to comply may result in removal from the campground without refund, termination of a seasonal agreement, or denial of future reservations.

1. Registration and Occupancy

A. Registration

1. All campers must register with campground management before occupying a campsite.
2. Payment is due according to the terms of your reservation or seasonal agreement.
3. All campers must provide a valid government-issued photo ID at registration.
4. Campsites are assigned by campground management and may not be transferred without approval.

B. Occupancy

1. Maximum occupancy is **five (5) persons per campsite**, unless otherwise approved by management.
2. Only one camping unit (travel trailer, fifth wheel, motorhome, or camper) is permitted per campsite.
3. One additional tent, not exceeding **7 feet by 7 feet**, may be used for children under 13 years of age for no more than three consecutive nights.
4. Seasonal campsites are assigned only to the individual(s) listed on the Seasonal Site Agreement and may not be transferred, assigned, or subleased.

C. Background Checks

To promote a safe environment for all campers:

1. **All occupants age 18 or older staying longer than fourteen (14) consecutive days, including monthly and seasonal campers, are required to successfully complete a criminal background check before occupancy.**
2. The Reading Area Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to deny or terminate occupancy based on the results of a background check when deemed necessary to protect the safety, security, or welfare of campground guests.
3. Refusal to authorize or complete the required background check shall result in cancellation or denial of the reservation or seasonal site agreement.

D. Visitors

1. Registered campers are responsible for the conduct of all guests.
2. Overnight guests must be registered with campground management.
3. Additional guest fees may apply.
4. Visitors must leave the campground by posted quiet hours unless registered as overnight guests.

2. Code of Conduct

Campers and guests shall obey all federal, state, and local laws.

The following conduct is prohibited:

- Public intoxication or irresponsible alcohol consumption.
- Possession, use, or distribution of illegal drugs.
- Fighting, threats, harassment, or disorderly conduct.
- Profane, abusive, or indecent language or behavior directed toward others.
- Public urination or defecation.
- Sexual conduct in public areas or campground facilities.
- Theft, vandalism, or destruction of property.
- Entering maintenance or restricted areas.
- Failure to follow instructions from campground staff, security personnel, or law enforcement.

- Any activity creating an unsafe environment for others.
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3. Campsites

Campers are responsible for maintaining a neat, safe, and sanitary campsite.

Campsites shall:

- Remain clean and free of trash.
- Utilize designated dumpsters for refuse.
- Not contain hazardous materials or excessive clutter.
- Be maintained in a manner that does not create health or safety hazards.

Campground management may require corrective action within a specified time.

4. Camping Units

All camping units must:

- Be licensed and roadworthy.
- Remain capable of being legally towed or driven.
- Be maintained in safe operating condition.
- Be free from major exterior damage.
- Not exceed **400 square feet** of living area.

Park models and permanently modified camping units are prohibited.

5. Utilities

All electrical, water, and sewer connections must comply with applicable laws and campground requirements.

The following are prohibited:

- Buried electrical cords.
- Damaged extension cords.

- Improper electrical connections.
- Tampering with campground utilities.

Campers are responsible for all utility equipment beyond the campground service pedestal.

6. Seasonal Site Improvements

The following apply **only to seasonal campsites**.

Decks

- Require prior written approval.
- Maximum size: **400 square feet**.
- Must remain 4–12 inches above grade.
- Posts may not be embedded into the ground.
- Must be maintained in safe condition.

Awnings

- Permanent awnings require prior approval.
- Screen rooms are prohibited.

Sheds

- Storage sheds are prohibited unless specifically authorized by campground management in writing.
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7. Site Maintenance

The Reading Area Chamber of Commerce maintains common areas.

Campers are responsible for:

- Keeping their campsite clean.
- Maintaining approved improvements.
- Promptly correcting any violations issued by campground staff or governmental agencies.

Tree planting, removal, or trimming requires prior approval.

8. Vehicles and Parking

- Maximum speed limit: **10 MPH**.
 - Park only at your assigned campsite or designated parking areas.
 - Overflow parking is available in designated locations.
 - Driving through vacant campsites is prohibited.
 - ATVs, UTVs, dirt bikes, golf carts, and similar vehicles must comply with campground policies and applicable Michigan law.
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9. Fires

- Fires are permitted only in designated fire rings.
 - Fires may never be left unattended.
 - Burn only clean, untreated firewood.
 - Firewood subject to state transport restrictions may not be brought into the campground.
 - Fires must be completely extinguished before leaving the campsite.
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10. Quiet Hours

Quiet Hours are:

11:00 PM – 8:00 AM

During Quiet Hours:

- Music, televisions, radios, and conversations shall not disturb neighboring campsites.
 - Generators may be operated only with management approval.
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11. Docks and Watercraft

Dock Requirements (Seasonal Campers Only)

1. All docks require approval from campground management.
2. Docks remain the responsibility of the owner and must be maintained in safe condition.
3. Docks must be covered under the owner's liability insurance.
4. Purchasing an existing dock does not guarantee continued use of its location.
5. Dock placement shall be coordinated with neighboring campers. If agreement cannot be reached, campground management shall determine placement.

Dock Specifications

- Maximum width: **3 feet**
- Standard spacing: **21 feet edge-to-edge**
- Channel docks: Maximum length of **18 feet**
- Docks must extend perpendicular from the shoreline unless otherwise approved.

Approved Dock Materials

Docks shall be constructed using durable materials intended for marine environments, including:

- Pressure-treated lumber approved for freshwater use.
- Marine-grade aluminum framing.
- Composite decking designed for dock applications.
- Vinyl decking or vinyl-coated components.
- Galvanized or stainless-steel hardware and fasteners.
- Encapsulated flotation manufactured for dock use.

The following are prohibited:

- Railroad ties.
- Telephone poles.
- Tires or tire flotation.
- Plastic barrels or drums used as flotation.

- Household lumber not rated for exterior marine use.
- Rusted or structurally compromised materials.
- Materials that may contaminate the lake.

Management may require repair or removal of any dock determined to be unsafe.

Boats

- One watercraft may be moored per campsite unless approved otherwise.
 - All boats must comply with Michigan law.
 - Boat trailers shall be stored only in designated areas.
 - Boat trailers must display the owner's name and campsite number.
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12. Pets

Pets are welcome provided they:

- Remain under control at all times.
- Are on a leash no longer than six (6) feet unless confined.
- Are not left unattended outside.
- Are current on vaccinations.
- Do not create excessive noise or nuisance.

Pets are prohibited:

- On the swimming beach.
- In campground buildings unless designated otherwise.

Owners must immediately clean up after their pets and are fully responsible for any injuries or property damage caused by them.

13. Insurance

Seasonal Campers

Seasonal campers must maintain a minimum of **\$300,000** in liability coverage on their trailer, dock, boat, golf cart, and other applicable property located within the campground.

Proof of insurance shall be provided annually and upon request.

Daily, Weekly, and Monthly Campers

The Reading Area Chamber of Commerce strongly recommends campers maintain adequate personal liability and property insurance.

14. Campground Authority

The Reading Area Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to:

- Refuse service.
- Deny admission.
- Reassign campsites.
- Require removal of unsafe equipment.
- Remove any camper or guest violating these rules.
- Terminate seasonal agreements for repeated or serious violations.

No refunds shall be issued for removal resulting from rule violations.

15. Emergencies

In the event of an emergency:

- Dial **911** immediately.
 - Notify campground management as soon as possible.
 - Follow all directions provided by emergency responders and campground staff.
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16. Acknowledgment

By registering for a campsite or entering Berry Lake Campground, all campers and guests acknowledge they have read, understand, and agree to comply with these Rules and Regulations.

Failure to comply may result in immediate removal from the campground, termination of a seasonal agreement, forfeiture of fees, and/or denial of future camping privileges.