



**This Policy shall supersede any and or all previous Camping Policies in existence and renders them null and void.**

## **Camping Policy of the Mad River Club Inc.**

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## **ARTICLE I - CHAIRMAN**

**Camping Chairman, and Assistant Camping Chairman:** Shall be assigned according to the MRC By-Laws (“**F**”-Committees #1. General) Designated by the President with the consent of the Board, shall serve from such consent until the next Annual Membership Meeting at the pleasure of the Board, as needed.

## **ARTICLE II - DOCUMENT TERMS GLOSSARY**

**Temporary Hard Sided Camp Structures** – Hard side (shed type) camps existing on lease lands and MRC 50-acre lot Little John property. May be on premises year-round.

**Temporary Shelters Type Camps** – Tents, tow campers, canvas covers. Must be removed 7 days after end of December big game hunting season.

## **ARTICLE III – GENERAL**

- (1) All campsites will be routinely inspected by the Camping Chairmen and **ALL** provisions of this policy will be strictly enforced.
- (2) **ALL** refuse must be bagged and removed by the camper. No burning of refuse is permitted. (Human waste is excluded). Human waste including toilet paper must be buried, no leaving on top of ground, no exceptions.
- (3) **NO** standing trees are to be cut.
- (4) All camps, camp sites and grounds shall be kept clean and maintained. Grass shall be mowed regularly; tents, trailers or hard structures must be structurally sound and well maintained.

### **A. Latrines and Or Out-Houses**

1. Must be constructed of pressure treated wood or steel and must be constructed to withstand “Tug Hill” snow loads.
2. Pit Depth 4'-0" minimum below grade.
3. Minimum size is 4ft x 4ft x 6ft high
4. Must be constructed to be removed by mechanical equipment or panelized for removal within 14 calendar days.
5. Latrines shall not be constructed of poly tarps or covered with poly tarps.

6. Latrines must be kept clean and free of rodents. Pit treatment with lime or other approved chemicals are to be used throughout the season.

7. There are not any dump station facilities. Sewage waste from trailers/structures or if a camper uses a portable sanitary container, all waste must be disposed of properly.

8. Any camper found to be disposing of sewage waste by spreading it on the ground will lose their camping privileges and surrender their site.

9. Throughout the year the owner will be selecting areas for harvesting timber. It may be required that the latrine must be moved during this operation. The camp site permit holder shall remove the latrine at their expense.

#### **B. Outdoor Fire Pits**

1. Constructed to prevent and contain spread of fire within the pit.

2. All combustible materials must be cleared from the perimeter.

3. Fire shall not be left unattended, extinguish or douse fire prior to leaving.

4. Adhere to all state and federal laws determining burnable materials and burning bans.

### **ARTICLE IV – PERMITS AND REVOCATION**

(1) ALL campers who receive camping permits will be required to sign for a copy of the camping policy. The signature will certify that the camper has read and understands the contents and provisions contained in the policy and that they are willing to abide by the rules and stipulations set forth within this policy and any other rules and stipulations deemed reasonable and necessary by the Board of Directors. Failure to comply will result in revocation of camping privileges and all fees paid forfeited.

(2) The size of all vehicles, campers, trailers, etc., is to be decided upon by the Board of Directors.

(3) Permits must be displayed on the outside of the camp in a manner that they are visible to all members who pass.

(4) It is at the discretion of the camping committee, owner's representative, and the Board of Directors to determine if the site is in-compliance and if attention from the site permit holder is required. Notices of non-compliance will be sent to the campsite permit holders and the alternates assigned to the camp site. It shall list the items of non-compliance and will give a ten-day notice to correct the issues noted. Should the campsite permit holders and alternates not make the corrections the site will be forfeited to the camping committee for use by others on the camping list.

(5) Camping permits may be revoked by the Board of Directors for improper use of club land, including but not limited to: littering, improper waste disposal, improper removal of firewood, cutting of trees, unsportsmanlike conduct, neglect, lack of maintenance, lack of use during camping season and/or adding structures without proper procedure and consent.

(6) Camp sites are a premium and shall be used throughout the season. The season is May 1st to one week after December big game hunting season each calendar year. **Non-use** of a site for one camping season (special circumstances require Board approval) will lead to revocation of the site by the site holder and the site shall be determined to be abandoned. The site shall be offered to the next member on the waiting list. Use of the site is determined by camping on site and regular maintenance by the permit holder and any alternates signed on the permit. Day parking does not constitute use as described above. The Camping Chairmen will check all sites for activity during the camping season.

(7) A member can only be listed on 1 permit for a camp site Temporary Shelter type, Temporary Hard Side type, or Club Camp type in a given camping season.

(8) A members' waiting list for an available camp shall be kept current by the Camping Chairman. He shall contact the members on the list as sites become open or available. There is no fee to be entered on the waiting list.

(9) The Mad River Club Board of Directors reserves the right to revoke any permits and add fines to a permit holder(s) due to violations of this Camping policy, Rules and Regs, or By-Laws policies by the permit holders and/or their guests. Permit holders may be summoned to a board meeting to explain their violation to the board of directors.

Non-attendance could subject the member(s) to other penalties as the Board of Directors assess the violations. All expenses (postage, attorneys, etc.) the club accrues during this process will be billed directly to the permit holder(s).

## **ARTICLE V – GRANDFATHER CLAUSE**

For all camps existing prior to May 1, 1991, with the following stipulations:

- (1) Existing camps may not be changed in size, shape, or form for any reason.
- (2) Necessary repairs for upkeep are allowed with approval from the Board of Directors.
- (3) Following the May 1, 1991, renewal period additional members can NOT be added to existing permits and only those members appearing on the permit will be allowed to apply for future renewals. **Camp #40 Yerdon**
- (4) Members not wishing to renew their permits will be required to remove their personal items from the camp site and no further camping will be allowed at the site.
- (5) Members who fail to renew their permits by the May 1st deadline will forfeit all rights of renewal under this clause.
- (6) The following campsites numbers are the only sites that are grandfathered by Article V of this camping policy **#20 Abare, #40 Yerdon**

## **ARTICLE VI – MRC LANDMARKS**

- (1) Known as the Abare Camp off Camp II Road and the Keach Camp on Little John Drive, are to be open to all members in good standing to submit a bid on a yearly basis for seasonal use. All bids must be submitted to MRC board by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The minimum bid will cover the cost of a hard sided camp fee and future upkeep. Bids will be opened and awarded to the highest bidder at the April Board of Directors meeting. Special Bid Note: The Board of Directors and Parks and Rec committee chairmen are allowed to reject any or all bids for special reason.
- (2) Recipient of the winning bid will have use of the camp starting on **May 15<sup>th</sup>**. It will be the responsibility of the recipient to keep the campsite clean and to leave it in the same condition as it was when they were awarded the bid. The member who is awarded the bid will be required to follow all By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and to this MRC Camping Policy.
- (3) The camping season for these 2 sites begins on the fifteenth day of May upon full payment of the amount due from the awarded bid amount and ends on the last day of April. Vehicle access to the camps in the off season is limited to the **land owners lease terms, access on the roads** and the members with the Abare Camp must plan on the limited access to remove

personal items prior to last day of April. **If not able to remove prior to April 30th, you must contact Parks and Rec to discuss an alternative plan.**

(4) Members are to respect the camps. These 2 sites are MRC landmarks and are to be respected as such. All members signing the camping policy understand they are not permitted to make modifications to the camp buildings and surroundings. All camp maintenance and repairs are to be brought to the Parks and Rec committee chairmen for due process of the repairs. The Parks and Rec committee may access the camps to do such repairs with a minimum of 7 days' notice to the camp member. All repairs not in the fiscal budget must be brought to the board of directors prior to any action other than sealing the structure from further damage.

(5) Inspections of the camps will be periodic throughout the camping season by the Parks and Rec committee chairmen and a final inspection when land owner allows access, around May 1st.

## **ARTICLE VII – TEMPORARY HARD SIDED CAMP STRUCTURES**

(1) Temporary Hard Side camp structures are (shed type) restricted to 400 square feet, (NO larger than 20×20 ft) measured from the exterior of the structure. Note that only 1 hard side structure is allowed on a camp site.

(2) Sandy Creek Shed type and Stick/Site constructed and other hard sided camps must have the construction plans submitted to the Board of Directors for review and acceptance. Along with a nonrefundable application fee.

(3) Temporary hard side camp structures shall be constructed to carry a 90lb per square foot roof snow load, if stick built. Placing a pre-constructed” Sandy Creek Shed” will not require proof of snow load prior to issuing a permit for the hard-sided camp.

(4) These hard sided camps can be left on your camp site year around.

(5) There shall be no pole barns or camps with a foundation. Camps must be set level on a minimum of 6” of crushed stone 5/8”- to allow for drainage under the structure.

(6) Any hard-sided structure shall be capable of disassembly or removed whole upon 30-day notice by the land owner and or Mad River Club.

(7) Once a temporary hard-sided camp is placed or constructed it shall not be altered or added on too without prior approval from MRC board and or the land owner. Typical upkeep

and maintenance to keep the structure sound is permitted. It can NOT be made larger or taller.

(8) Throughout the year the land owner will be selecting areas for harvesting timber. It may be required that the hard sided camp must be moved during this operation. The permit holder will remove the hard sided structure at their expense. The land owner or MRC will not be responsible for any costs or reimbursement.

(9) All Temporary Hard Side camp structures are to have an alternate MRC member listed on the camping permit prior to camp being on the site. This alternate member must have the authority to act on measures of this policy if the permit holder is not available or not responding to notifications. The alternate can be a permit holders' spouse, Gold level member, Half dues member or Full paying dues member.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - TEMPORARY SHELTER CAMPS**

(1) All Temporary Shelter camps and accessories must be portable and be able to be dismantled and moved by its members off the site within **ONE** day.

(2) All Temporary Shelter camps with permits must be removed from the property no later than **7** days following the close of December big game hunting season.

#### **ARTICLE IX – OVERNIGHT CAMPING**

(1) Camping for a period of one week (7 days) or less will **not** require approval by the Board of Directors but it should be noted in the clubhouse log. This entry should include the member(s) name(s), location of campsite and the dates in which you are camping. All permit campsites must be on the roads set forth in this camping policy and all camps must meet the provisions as set forth in this policy.

(2) All overnight camping in truck campers, pull behind campers, fifth wheel campers, gooseneck campers, motorized campers, etc. during the big game hunting season is restricted to the following locations: Little John Road, Salmon River Road, Camp I Road, Camp II Road, Komrowski Trail, MRC 50-acre lot and all camps must meet the provisions set forth in this policy.

## **ARTICLE X – PROPERTIES**

### **(1) Total Campsites**

Little John – 40

MRC 50-acre - 6

Williamstown – 5

Worth - 5

Farm East – (Cincinnatus) – 3

### **(2) Worth Property**

Five camp sites are on the Worth Property as selected by property owners' group. Only Temporary Shelter camps are to be on this lease land. No shed type camps.

### **(3) Farm East LLC. Taylor Property**

Temporary camping is permitted up to the utility pole. Only 3 designated Temporary Shelter camps are to be on this lease land. No shed type camps.

### **(4) Cotton Hanlon-Marathon, Little Buck Club**

There is to be no permit camp sites of any type on the Cotton Hanlon-Marathon, and Little Buck Club per landowners of these properties.

## **ARTICLE XI – FEES**

**(1) Seasonal Permits** - Once the permit fee is received and the Board of Directors approval has been granted the Camping Committee Chairman will issue the permit. All camping permits require an annual fee.

<b>A.</b> Grandfather	\$ 200/year
<b>B.</b> MRC Landmark	\$ 500 Minimum Bid
<b>C.</b> Temporary Hard Sided Camp Structures	\$ 200/year
<b>D.</b> Temporary Shelter Camps	\$ 100/year
<b>E.</b> Overnight Camping	no fee

### **(2) Application Fees**

<b>A.</b> Temporary Hard Side and Shelter Camps	\$ 50
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**(3)** Members who have camping permits from the previous year will receive their invoice in April and are required to renew and submit camping fee annually by May 1<sup>st</sup>. All campsites not renewed become available to all members on the waiting list at a first come first serve basis.

**(4)** No fees are refundable.

**(5)** Any increase in lease fees or any fines assessed as a result of the negligence or willful misconduct of permit holders and /or their guests will be the responsibility of the permit holders and will be paid by the permit holders.

**(6)** All persons using Mad River Club property will be held responsible for any and all damage to club and personal property.

## Camp Permit Holder Agreement

Permit holder (print name and MRC badge no.) \_\_\_\_\_,  
hereby acknowledges the existence of the Mad River Club Inc. Camping Policy and that I have received a copy of said policy. By applying for a camping permit, I hereby agree to follow and abide by all of the provisions contained with-in the policy as a condition of being issued a camping permit. As an MRC member with camping privileges, I realize it is my responsibility to understand all of the information contained in the MRC Camping Policy and any other provisions as deemed reasonable by the Board of Directors of the Mad River Club Inc.

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Holder Signature

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Camping Committee Chairman Signature

Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# MRC Camp Site Application

Date \_\_\_\_\_

MRC Members Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

MRC Membership Number or Gold \_\_\_\_\_

## Camp Type, check below

- Temporary Hard side camp structures (note only allowed on the MRC 50 acre lot and Little John Camp 1 road, Also note that as of 2019 Land owner Woodwise has a stop on new camps on their lease lands) If this is a new hard side camp application, plans must be submitted, *please review the camping policy for information.*

List Alternate MRC Member \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate MRC Member Number or Gold \_\_\_\_\_

- Temporary Shelter type camp (includes tents, tow campers, canvas cover, at established sites *(no new sites are allowed)* on the Little John Lease, Worth, Williamstown, Farm-East (Cincinnati south property)
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**NOTE: No camp sites are available on Cotton Hanlon-Marathon and Barclay-Little Buck Club Properties.**

If known please indicate the existing campsite number. Or area it is in.

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All Camp Sites Initial Application Fee \$50.00 (non-refundable) Paid date \_\_\_\_\_

**Added yearly permit fees** due prior to receiving camp site permit:

Temporary Hard side structures = \$200.00 annually

Temporary shelter = \$100.00 annually

Overnight camping (up to 7 days) no fee

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