

GrandView Camp Resort & Cottages

Moodus, Connecticut



<http://www.grandviewcampingresort.com>



89 North Moodus Road Moodus, CT 06469



phone # 860-873-3332 They have online reservations at:

<https://app.fireflyreservations.com/reserve/property/GrandViewCampingResort>



We paid \$ 74 per night



Discounts/Clubs/Hosts: none



Facilities: It all began in 1946 as a vision for a vacation place that people from the city could come to and get away from their everyday life and relax in the country. For the next 30 years city folks traveled to the Moodus countryside to vacation, just like in the movie Dirty Dancing. In 1975 the resort became a thing of the past when RV camping became more affordable than resorts, and the resort closed. It became a basketball camp, then eventually abandoned. Vandals stole and destroyed the property and buildings. In 2014 the old hotel was taken down, restoring what was possible, and developing the current campground and cottages. Currently there are 19 full hookup sites. Cottages, halls & a pavilion are available to rent. There is a trash dumpsters & recycling bins available, books & games for use in loft above campground office, and a camp store is available. Shower house & bathrooms are clean and modern. I did not see a laundry room.



Amenities: Swimming pool, campfire wood- \$7.00 bundle / 3 bundles \$20.00 (included wood, kindling, & fire starter), Ice \$3.00 / 5lb bag, Large Grill - \$50.00/Four hours, Vacuum Honey Wagon - \$15, emergency pump out \$25. Recycling & garbage. Horseshoe pits, basketball, & pickleball courts (I did not see any nets) are also onsite. There is not a playground or arcade even though the map

link on accommodations & facilities shows them. They very rarely have any scheduled activities.



Pets & Trails: pets are allowed but must be always leashed. No trails but outside our site was a large grassy hill with trees and space for our dogs to run. On top of the hill was more grass area and a field of longer grasses. Our dogs loved it. Technically they should still be leashed in this area.



Sites & Types: 20, 30, 50 AMP, 19 full hook-ups with sewer, water, & electric, tent sites, cottages; all have a fire ring & picnic table. Also, several buddy sites available. Most sites are pull-through.



Check in time is 2-6pm/Check out time is noon.



Our Site # W4 easy access back in site. Our spot was beautiful & felt more private as it was at the end of the campground & overlooked a grassy hill with trees. At the top there was a nice grassy area & field for the dogs to run in. (On leash of course.) Most other sites were nice, long, but felt closer to your neighbor. There was a very large, covered storage facility (that maybe was what was left of the frame of the old hotel), that is now used for storage and was an unfortunate eye sore to the rest of our view.

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Our Stay: 9/16 – 9/23, 2024



Cell/Internet/WiFi/Starlink/etc: The campground had good WiFi. We did set up & use Starlink.



Would we revisit? Yes, but only if in the same spot. Staff were very friendly, the campground was well kept, bath houses were very clean, it was quiet, sites were nice & well maintained. Just be sure to follow the directions the campground provides you vs your personal GPS system. If you don't come in from the direction they tell you, you may wind up coming from the opposite way & you will not make the turn into the campground from that direction if you're

towing an RV. The countryside in this part of Connecticut was nice & the East Haddam, CT visitor's guide was great for finding nearby attractions.

✱ Area Attractions we did:

- Devil's Hopyard State Park
- Drove across the Swing Bridge & past the Goodspeed Opera House (lol twice) There was construction & nowhere to park a big, long bed truck.
- Two Wrasslin' Cats Coffee <https://www.twowrasslincats.com>
- Venture Smith Grave
- Gillette Castle State Park
- Saint Stephen's Bell
- East Haddam Free Public Library in Moodus