

# Delta County Parks

## CAMPGROUND POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

It is the mission of the Delta County Parks/Delta Conservation District to provide pleasant, limit-term, camping opportunity for tourists and vacationers at a reasonable rate. Camping is permitted only in established campgrounds and on designated sites.

Campgrounds are not maintained as places for permanent residence, or as bases for the operation of business.

### DEFINITIONS:

- A. Administration: The Delta Conservation District.
- B. Employee: A Delta Conservation District employee performing his/her duties under the direction and authority of the Delta Conservation District to administer the parks as owned by the County of Delta, Delta County, Michigan.
- C. Camper: is a person who has registered and paid a fee to temporarily stay for recreation purposes, with or without shelter, within a designated campsite at a Delta County Park.
  - a. Seasonal Site Lease Camper: is a person staying four (4) or five (5) consecutive months at a Delta County Park.
  - b. Extended Stay Camper: is a person staying 30 days or more, but less than four (4) months at a Delta County Park.
  - c. Temporary Camper: is a person staying less than one (1) month at a Delta County Park.
- D. Tent: is a freestanding, fabric shelter supported by poles and erected on the ground, that is used for shelter and sleeping.
- E. Camping Trailer: is pulled behind a motorized vehicle, that is used for shelter and sleeping; this includes a tent trailer and/or standard travel trailer.
- F. Vehicle Camper: is a motorhome, converted bus, camper bus, and/or pickup camper that is used for shelter and sleeping.
- G. Hiker/Biker Camping: is using a shelter and/or place for sleeping, including back-pack tent, hammock, tarp or bivouac, that is carried to the site by backpack or bicycle with no motor vehicle involved.
- H. Vehicle: is a motorized conveyance in or by which people or objects are transported.
- I. Utility Trailer: is pulled by a motor vehicle and is used to carry property or special equipment and is 16 feet or less in length.
- J. Single Family: consists of the camper and spouse, and his/her father, mother, children or dependents. Maximum number of immediate family members on a site is eight (8).
- K. Couple: consists of two (2) unrelated individuals.

### CAMP STRUCTURE:

- A. Vehicle Camper or Camping Trailer: Maximum of one (1) vehicle camper or camping trailer, one (1) tent, two (2) vehicles, and a single family or couple per site.
- B. Tent Only: Maximum of two (2) tents, two (2) vehicles and a single family or couple per site. Camp set-up must be within the physical limits of site size as determined by Administration.
- C. Hiker/Biker Camping: Maximum of two (2) tents and a single family or couple per site.

## RESERVATIONS:

- A. Seasonal Camping requires an executed Seasonal Ground Lease Agreement with the Delta Conservation District office with one-half (1/2) of the balance due at the signing of the lease; the remainder is due on the “due-date” as established in the lease agreement.
- A. Temporary and Extended Stay camping is paid in full at the time of reservation.
- B. The person making the reservation is the responsible party.
- C. For emergency purposes, the person making the reservation must provide the name of the individuals staying at each site.
- D. All advanced reservations incur a \$4.00/site, non-refundable fee.

## FORM OF PAYMENT:

- A. The following forms of payment are accepted by the Delta Conservation District/Delta County Parks for payment of fee: cash, personal check, cashier’s check, money order or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express).
- B. Reservations paid by credit card incur a non-refundable, credit card processing fee. The fee is 3% of the total dollar amount plus 50 cents.

## CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT

- A. Check-in time is 1:00PM (EST).
- B. A temporary and/or seasonal camper of Delta County Parks must check in with the office (or camp-host, should office be closed) before proceeding to their site. This is to insure payments are in order; and that the camper receives a current copy of park regulations.
- C. Check-out time is 12:00PM(EST), *unless other arrangements have been made with the office.*

## CANCELLATIONS OR TERMINATION:

- A. There is a \$10.00 cancellation charge (*per site*). In addition, if cancellation occurs less than five (5) days prior to the stay, the total amount paid is forfeited (otherwise, non-refundable).
- B. Reservation fee is non-refundable.
- C. Credit card processing fee is non-refundable.
- D. If a camper decides to leave early for any reason during his/her camping stay or if Administration terminates the camping stay for any reason, there is no refund.

## SUPERVISION OF PARKS:

- A. All county-owned parks located in Delta County, are operated and maintained under the direction of the Delta Conservation District.
- B. The Administration, as well as law enforcement agencies operating within Delta County (Delta County Sheriff’s Department and Michigan State Police Department), shall enforce the rules.

## SITE MAINTENANCE:

- A. The Camper agrees to maintain campsite in a clean and neat appearance. All other maintenance of the site will be done by the Administration. If the campsite is not maintained in a clean and neat appearance, a warning will be issued and if the Camper does not comply in a timely manner, then Camper may be asked to vacate the premises without refund.

## **GREY/BLACK WATER AND DUMP STATION:**

- A. The camper must use dump station or a tote. There is ABSOLUTELY NO DUMPING OF GREY/BLACK WATER FROM THE CAMPER'S CAMPING UNIT ON SITE OR SURROUNDING AREA. PENALTY WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE EVICTION FROM CAMPGROUND WITH NO REFUND.
- B. Use of the dump station is free for registered campers. Non-registered campers may utilize the dump station for a \$10.00 fee (pay at office).

## **GARBAGE:**

- A. The Camper is responsible for disposing of any litter and his/her garbage, properly enclosed in garbage bags, in the dumpsters provided by the park (and never in fire-pits). The only dumping allowed is of ordinary household waste generated on site. The dumping of household waste generated or collected elsewhere, and large, bulky items, including but not limited to mattresses and furniture, into the campground dumpsters, is prohibited.

## **GENERATORS:**

- B. No generators are allowed in the park.

## **EQUIPMENT/APPLIANCES:**

- A. Only manufactured equipment and/or appliances that were part of the original camping unit when purchased are allowed. Any deviations must be cleared by the Administration. Excessive electrical use caused by original appliances and/or permitted ancillary equipment will result in a daily surcharge.

## **FIRE PITS:**

- A. Fires are only permitted in the designated fire rings provided by the park. Upon leaving, the camper must extinguish all fires.
- B. Cans, glass and other non-flammable debris are not permitted in fire pit.

## **FIREWOOD:**

- A. All firewood brought into any Delta County Park must have a mandatory firewood inspection (office or camp-host). Owner may choose to remove the firewood from the park immediately or it will be confiscated and disposed of. Illegal firewood shall be removed to prevent the spread of devastating disease and insect infestations. The individual or site specific responsible party will, at that point, be considered "warned"; a second offense will result in Administration terminating the camping stay and the camping party will be asked to vacate the premises without refund.
  - a. Oak, ash and beech are hereby prohibited at Pioneer Trail Park. There will be no ash firewood at Fuller Campground. The restricted wood species list may be amended depending on the progression/advancement of certain conditions.
  - b. The quantity of firewood stacked at any given time is restricted. Contact office for individual specific regulation.

## **PERSONAL SAFETY:**

- A. No person shall endanger the safety of any other person by any conduct or permit any assault, battery or fighting within any of the Delta County Parks.
- B. During all times, fireworks are strictly prohibited (this includes the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend).
- C. Anyone wishing to use inflatable toys, swimming pools/water slides, trampolines, etc., must submit a letter of request to the office for approval: If permitted, camper must provide proof of liability insurance listing the Delta Conservation District/Delta County as additionally insured on the policy.

- D. Children, under the age of 16, must be supervised by an adult guardian while playing on playgrounds and/or swimming within waterbody or waterway accessible by or within any Delta County Park.
- E. The feeding of wildlife is prohibited.

### **DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY:**

- A. Criminal charges shall be sought against any person who willfully and maliciously, wantonly and without cause, destroys, injures or steals property owned by the Delta Conservation District and/or County of Delta, including but not limited to: buildings, structures, equipment and supplies; a person found guilty of such crimes will be banned from all Delta County Parks for life.

### **DESTRUCTION OF LANDSCAPE:**

- B. Criminal charges shall be sought against any person who willfully and maliciously, wantonly and without cause, cuts down, destroys, or injures any tree, shrub, grass, turf, plants, or soil of the Delta Conservation District and/or County of Delta, that is standing, growing, or located in any Delta County Park; a person found guilty of such crimes will be banned from all Delta County Parks for one (1) year.
- C. It is unlawful for any person, individual, organization or corporate group to do any trenching or digging on County property.

### **SOUND SYSTEMS/NOISE DISTURBANCES:**

- A. Quiet hours are from 11:00PM (EST) to 7:00AM (EST).
- B. No person shall use a sound amplification device or any other device that creates noise exceeding the sound level at which sound disturbs or annoys any person. Violators will receive, by Administration, one (1) verbal warning. If warning is ignored, the camping stay and/or recreational activity will be terminated and the individuals will be asked to vacate the premises without refund.
- C. During quiet hours, all sound systems must be turned off. Registered campers are permitted to keep noise to a minimal at their campsite during quiet hours.

### **SWIMMING:**

- A. The Delta Conservation District Board, employees, volunteers and representatives are not certified as lifeguards.
- B. Lifeguards are not on duty at any time in any of the Delta County Parks.
- C. Swimming is to be performed at swimmer's own risk.
- D. Children, under the age of 16, must be supervised by an adult guardian while playing on playgrounds and/or swimming within waterbody or waterway accessible by or within any Delta County Park.

### **ANIMALS (PETS):**

- A. Pets are permitted in the Delta County parks. Pets must be kept on a leash no longer than six (6) feet in length.
- B. Pets are not permitted in restrooms, shower buildings, laundry rooms, sand beach or playground areas.
- C. Pets are not to be left unattended at any time.
- D. All Delta County Park visitors with pets are subject to the Delta County Animal Control Ordinances. See website ([www.deltacountyparks.com](http://www.deltacountyparks.com)) for complete *Delta County Animal Control Ordinances*.
  - a. Delta County Animal Control Ordinances, Section 107 NUISANCE: An animal shall be considered a nuisance if it: damages, soils, defiles or defecates on private property, other than the owners, or on public property, unless such waste is immediately removed and properly disposed of by the owner; cause unsanitary, dangerous, or offensive conditions; chases vehicles; or molests, attacks, or interferes with person(s) or other animals on public property. Any nuisance caused by excessive barking, howling,

yelping or other noise making may be considered as disturbing the peace and shall be investigated by an animal control officer or any law enforcement agency. The disposition of complaints will be at the discretion of the county and subject to penalty, per ordinance.

- b. Delta County Animal Control Ordinances, Article VI, Section 601: It shall be unlawful for any person to own, possess, shelter, keep, or harbor more than four (4) dogs or four (4) cats over four (4) months of age at any one time, at any one residence or address.

### **OFF ROAD VEHICLES:**

- A. Delta County Park campers are subject to the State of Michigan, County of Delta ORV Ordinance. See website ([www.deltacountyparks.com](http://www.deltacountyparks.com)) for complete *State of Michigan, County of Delta, ORV Ordinance*.
- B. It shall be unlawful to operate an unlicensed/unregistered off-the-road motor driven vehicle such as a mini bike, motorcycle, ATV or any motorized device. Driver must have a valid driver's license to operate any of the above mentioned along with golf carts. There will be no standing on or horseplay when operating on roads within the park.
- C. The use of a registered motor vehicle in any Delta County Park shall be restricted to developed and maintained roads; no vehicle shall be used on any other surface.
- D. Use of a ORV is strictly prohibited, unless by a registered camper.

### **MOTOR VEHICLES:**

- A. All roads located within all Delta County Parks are integrated into the Delta County Road System; any individual operating a motor vehicle within any Delta County Park is subject to Michigan Law.

### **HUNTING AND FIREARMS:**

- A. Hunting and/or trapping (any kind) is not permitted on any Delta County Park property without permission (except for the Cornell Land Acquisition; see separate policies and regulations).
- B. Target practicing is not permitted on Delta County Park property.
- C. Delta County Park campers are subject to all local and state regulations for firearms.
- D. The feeding of wildlife is prohibited.

### **DISC GOLF:**

- A. Disc-golfers using the course must register at the park. Course fee: \$3.00 per day or a seasonal pass \$55.00. Campers must get a day pass, but course fee is included in their campsite registration. Children under the age of 15 and accompanied by a parent, may play for free, but must register at the office.
- B. The disc-golf course is open from 9:00AM until dark. (No night play unless authorized by the CEO.)
- C. League play is not permitted.
- D. Maximum group size is 12. Groups exceeding 12 individuals must schedule ahead of time and be authorized by CEO.
- E. All tournaments must be authorized by CEO. The park office will process the player registration, collection of fees, distribution of printed procedures, etc.
- F. No course work (trees, soil, trails, etc. – Michigan Penal Code 750.382)
- G. No littering (NRE Protection Act 324.8905a)
- H. Alcohol is prohibited on the disc-golf course.
- I. Any items put on the disc-golf course (seats, benches, buckets, etc.) must first be donated to Delta County Parks. These items become the property of Delta County Parks.

### **KAYAK RENTAL: Update pending.**

### **PAVILION RENTAL/SPECIAL EVENTS:**

- A. Pioneer Trail Park offers two (2) pavilions to rent for private functions. The seasonal/temporary camper is to be aware of the potential for increased traffic, noise and activity and is to respect the privacy of the pavilion renter and his/her guests and vice-versa.
- B. Pavilion renters are subject to the terms and conditions as defined in a Pavilion Lease Agreement, as well as the *Delta County Parks Policies and Regulations*.
- C. Pioneer Trail Park hosts two events each year for registered campers: Family Fun Day and Halloween Spooktacular. The activities provided are intended for the camper and his/her immediate family. (See "Definition, H. Single Family" above.) Additional registration for individuals within the camper's party may be required to regulate attendance and participation.
- D. The ABATE Group hosts its annual motorcycle rally the last weekend in June (6/23/17 and 6/24/17). This event is an ADULT ONLY weekend. Any one registered at camping sites under the age of 21 must remain within their designated site boundary or the shower building.
- E. Smoking is prohibited within 50 feet of all play areas and buildings, including the pavilions, bathrooms, shower house, office and shop.

### **PLAYGROUND/BEACH AREA:**

- A. Children, under the age of 16, must be supervised by an adult guardian while playing on playgrounds and/or swimming within waterbody or waterway accessible by or within any Delta County Park.
- B. Glass containers are not permitted in the playground or beach area.
- C. Pets are not permitted on beach areas.
- D. Smoking is prohibited within 50 feet of all play areas and buildings, including the pavilions, bathrooms, shower house, office and shop.

### **SIGNS:**

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to paste, glue, tack, or otherwise post or permanently affix any sign, advertisement, banner or inscription anywhere on county property. For temporary event signs, permission must be attained from the Administration office and must be picked-up and removed when event ends.

### **SOLICITING:**

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person/persons to vend, sell, peddle or offer for sale any commodity article within the park, unless such sale is pre-authorized by the Delta Conservation District Administration.

### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

- A. No member of the Delta Conservation District Board or staff; nor volunteers; nor representatives working in any manner on behalf of the Delta Conservation District/Delta County Parks shall move, relocate, or handle personal property of campers. Seasonal campers will receive advanced notice of mowing to insure personal possessions are repositioned away from cutting zone.
- B. Patio and bug lights shall be turned off when camping unit is not occupied and when camper retires for the evening.
- C. Air conditioners must be turned off when camping unit is unoccupied.
- D. Smoking is prohibited within 50 feet of all play areas and buildings, including the pavilions, bathrooms, shower house, office and shop.

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CHECK-IN TIME IS: 1:00PM

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