

Campsites



Sites are currently available in four parks, each offering a variety of experiences.

Tent pads are designed for you to pitch your own tent on a comfortable, well-drained surface, and typically accommodate up to four people.

Lean-tos, each with a fireplace in the chimney, are provided at some sites. These accommodate up to five people.

One enclosed "tree house" contains a wooden bunk bed, overlooking a scenic ravine at Big Creek Park.

Group sites at Chickagami Park are specifically designed for large group camping, and are great for gatherings of family, friends and scout troops.



Conservation

Make preserving the beauty of your Geauga Park District parks a top priority during your stay.

Please respect all of the natural resources present on park property.

Please do not climb on or swing from any tree or vine. Also, please do not nail items into trees.

Collecting of plants or animals is prohibited.



Camping in Geauga Park District will afford you a personal connection to the beautiful natural resources and many special features in four different parks: Big Creek Park, Headwaters Park, Chickagami Park and The West Woods. Thanks in advance for following these regulations to ensure everyone finds an enjoyable camping experience in the parks.



Visit www.geaugaparkdistrict.org, Activities, then Camping, at least 7 days prior to your stay

Call 440-286-9516 during business hours before 4 PM the day of your stay

Reservations are also accepted during business hours at:

Big Creek Park's Meyer Center
9160 Robinson Road, Chardon

The West Woods Nature Center
9465 Kinsman Road (Rt. 87), Russell



Emergency phones, connecting directly to the Sheriff's Office, are located outside the entrance of Big Creek Park's Meyer Center and Headwaters Park's Boathouse.

Camping is available in 4 parks

All sites include a fire ring, grill, picnic tables and vehicle access except where noted below. Maximum capacities are approximate due to varying tent sizes/configurations.

Big Creek Park - 9160 Robinson Road, Chardon Twp.


Site	Lean-To	Tent Pads	Tree House	Capacity
A*	None	(2) 10'x14'		10
B*	None	(2) 10'x14'		10
C*	1	None		5
D*	1	None		5
E*	None	(1) 10'x10'	1	4

Note: "Tree house" is rustic and unheated

Chickagami Park - 17957 Tavern Road (Rt. 168), Parkman Twp.

Site	Lean-To	Tent Pads	Capacity
A, B	1	(2) 10'x10' & (3) 12'x12'	25
C	1	None	5
D, E, F, G, H, I	None	(1) 12'x12'	5
J	1	None	5
K*	None	(4) 12'x12'	20
L	None	None (open field)	25
M*	None	None (open space)	5

Headwaters Park - 13365 Old State Road (Rt. 608), Huntsburg Twp.

Site	Lean-To	Tent Pads	Capacity
A 	None	(1) 10'x10'	4
B, C, D, E	None	(1) 10'x10'	4
F, G, H	1	None	5
I, J, K, L, M	None	(1) 10'x10'	4

The West Woods - 9465 Kinsman Road (Rt. 87), Russell Twp.

Site	Lean-To	Tent Pads	Capacity
A**	None	(1) 10'x10'	4
B**	None	(1) 10'x10'	4

* No vehicle access at site * No picnic tables * Phone reservations only

Regulations

- Camping is available for a maximum of 5 nights at a time. Sites must be reserved online at least 7 days prior to your stay or by phone before 4 PM the day of your stay (exc. "tree house" reservations at least 1 day prior to your stay). No walk-in camping is permitted.

- Non-refundable fees apply to all reservations. A refundable security deposit is also required to check out the key to the "tree house."

- Camping is limited to designated camping areas. No campers, vans or similar house vehicles are permitted in the campgrounds or parking lot.

- For sites with access, we ask one vehicle park per site; additional vehicles can be parked in a lot nearby.

- Check-in time is no earlier than 2 PM. Check-out time is at 12 PM (noon).

- The individual whose name appears on the permit is responsible for all members of the group. Persons under 18 years of age will not be issued a permit.

- Permits are not transferable. Gauga Park District personnel have the right to terminate a camping permit at any time for just cause. Campers must produce a copy of their permit if requested.

- In the event that a permit will not be used, please notify the Park District as soon as possible.

- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.

- Quiet Hours: Your group must be quiet enough not to disturb your closest neighbor between 11 PM and 6 AM.

Sanitation

- It is highly recommended that campers bring their own water for drinking and sanitation. While a hand pump or water spigot may be present in Headwaters and Big Creek parks, the water source may contain minerals or rust and may not be located near your campsite. All available water sources are tested and pass Ohio EPA drinking water standards.

- Please dispose of all wastewater generated while camping in the gray water crocks located near each campsite. Gray water crocks are large pipes filled with gravel.

- Please do not use pump areas for bathing/ washing or washing clothes or dishes.

- Trash and camp waste should be taken home or deposited in provided trash centers. Please recycle aluminum, plastic and glass.

Campfires

Gathering around a blazing campfire is nice, but if proper precautions are not followed, it can become dangerous. Campfires can smolder for days before flaring up again. Completely extinguish fires, and never leave fires unattended.

- Campers are encouraged to bring firewood from local sources to reduce unintentional movement of unwanted pests. Do not bring firewood from outside of Ohio, and do not bring Eastern Hemlock firewood due to the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid.

- Campers are not permitted to cut standing wood, dead or alive. Gathering of firewood is prohibited.

- Campers must provide their own charcoal for grill cooking. No cooking in stone fireplace structures is permitted.

- All fires must be contained within provided fire rings or fireplaces.