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SUBCHAPTER a: LANDS

PART 130  
CAMPING ON DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PROPERTIES

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28 Act [20 ILCS 835], and by Sections 805-305 and 805-515 of the Civil Administrative Code of  
29 Illinois. (Department of Natural Resources (Conservation) Law) [20 ILCS 805].

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51 amended at 43 Ill. Reg. 4826, effective April 11, 2019; amended at 45 Ill. Reg. 922, effective  
52 December 30, 2020; amended at 45 Ill. Reg. 11067, effective August 27, 2021; amended at 50  
53 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_.

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55 **Section 130.5 Definitions**

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57 "Authorized user" means an individual who pays a fee for the temporary use of  
58 Department-owned amenities but is not a permittee approved to camp at a  
59 Department campground.

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61 "Barracks" means a temporary housing structure characterized by its plainness  
62 and minimal amenities offered.

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64 "Camp", "camper", or "camping" means a single family or group occupying one  
65 campsite within a Department-managed property, established and maintained for  
66 the sole purpose of staying overnight by using tents, trailers or any other type of  
67 camping device.

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69 "Camp abandonment" means that a permittee or authorized user has failed to  
70 remove any vehicles, trailers, tents, or other personal effects by the designed  
71 check out time and date listed on the permit or posted at the campgrounds.

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73 "Camp shelter" means the portable equipment used by the single family or group  
74 for bedding and housing. A group of no more than 4 occupants may occupy up to  
75 two 2-person tents or four 1-person tents on a single campsite. (Exceptions:  
76 Minor children (under 18) sleeping in sleeping bags or in a tent outside the family  
77 shelter are considered occupants sharing the same shelter.)

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79 "Campgrounds" means a grouping of campsites within Department-owned, -  
80 managed or -leased lands, as set forth in the State Parks Act [20 ILCS 840], for  
81 the purposes of temporarily renting out space to single families, single groups, or  
82 organizational groups, for primarily recreational or leisure purposes.

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84 "Camping attendant" means an individual responsible for managing the  
85 campsites, issuing permits, checking permittees in and out of campgrounds,  
86 allocating campsites, and other duties assigned by the Department. Camping

87 attendants may include camp hosts, site superintendents, or other Department  
88 personnel.

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90 "Campsite" means a space within Department areas that is temporarily assigned to  
91 a single family or single group that tows, constructs, or assembles camp shelters  
92 to be used for recreational and leisure activities. Campsites are not permanent  
93 sites that a camp family or camp group may list or use as an address for purposes  
94 including, but not limited to, operating a business, voter registration, or obtaining  
95 a State identification card.

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97 "Department" means the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

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99 "Emergency situation" means an event in which the permittee, or a member of the  
100 permittee's single family or single group, is unable to depart by the designated  
101 check out time and date. Emergency situations include, but are not limited to, a  
102 medical emergency of one of the members of the permittee's group, or a natural or  
103 manmade disaster such as a tornado, high winds, hurricane, flood, earthquake,  
104 mudslide, fire, snowstorm, or other event that poses a risk of death, serious  
105 illness, severe injury, or substantial property damage.

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107 "Long-term campsite" means a designated campsite that allows campers to  
108 register for up to 30 calendar days in a 45-calendar day period.

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110 "Overflow" means a campsite that is outside of the designated campground and  
111 subject to a fee commensurate with the facilities provided (see Section 130.70).

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113 "Permit" means an approval for a single family or single group to occupy a  
114 campsite for a designated period not to exceed 14 calendar days in a 30-day  
115 period, or to occupy a long-term campsite for no more than 30 calendar days in a  
116 45-day period.

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118 "Permittee" means an individual over the age of 18 that is legally liable for  
119 reserving and registering the single family or single group for a designated  
120 campsite or premium campsite. The permittee must provide current contact  
121 information to the camp attendant at the time of registration in case of  
122 emergencies, camp abandonment, or damages to the campsite or Department  
123 property.

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125 "Premium campground" means a designated camping facility that has a  
126 preponderant history of consistently operating at capacity or has unique amenities,  
127 such as automated trap and skeet ranges, that are not typically offered at other  
128 Department campgrounds. The following sites are designated as premium  
129 campgrounds:

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Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park

Chain O'Lakes State Park

Kankakee River State Park

Rock Cut State Park

Shabbona Lake Recreation Area

Starved Rock State Park

World Shooting and Recreational Complex (WSRC)

"Premium campsite" means a designated campsite, as designated within the reservation system, within a campground that has full hookup amenities such as water, sewer and electric service or has a premium location within the campground, as evidenced by a preponderant history of consistent occupancy.

"Rent-A-Camp" means a leased cabin, tent, yurt, or other similar camp shelter that is Department-owned, -leased or -managed on behalf of the Department by a concessioner, management company, or the Department itself.

"Single family" means either or both parents, or legal guardians, and unmarried children. Other family members will be considered part of the family as long as they occupy the same shelter, but not to exceed a total of four related adults (18 years of age or older).

"Single group" means unrelated adults (18 years of age or older) with or without children occupying the same shelter. This group shall not exceed four occupants (except for Rent-A-Camp sites with an extra-large tent, which shall not exceed eight total occupants and a campground cabin, which shall not exceed six total occupants). If Rent-A-Camp tent or cabin areas are operated by Department concessionaire, site occupancy restrictions shall be determined by lease agreement under 17 Ill. Adm. Code 150.

"Utility fee" means charges for water, electricity, or a sewage sanitation connection.

"Walk-in campsite" means a campsite that is not available for reservation prior to arrival. Registration is made at the campground via coordination with camping attendant or by on-site electronic registration.

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(Source: Added at 50 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 130.10 Location**

Camping will be permitted only in established campgrounds on designated Department-owned, -managed, or -leased properties~~areas~~. Camping is prohibited in any other area.

(Source: Amended at 50 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 130.20 Purpose of Campground**

- a) Campgrounds on lands managed by the Department of Natural Resources are established for the convenience and enjoyment of outdoor recreation by the visiting public. Illinois Department of Natural Resources' campgrounds are not places for permanent or semi-permanent residences, bases for operations or a business, or facilities for non-camper residences. ~~All campground amenities are for the sole purpose of registered camping parties (i.e., showers, dump stations, dumpsters, etc.).~~
- b) All campground amenities (i.e., showers, dump stations, dumpsters, charging stations) are for the sole purpose of permitted~~registered~~ camping parties (~~i.e., showers, dump stations, dumpsters, etc.~~), except that dump stations and charging stations may be used by authorized users~~non-campers for dumping of wastewater from recreational vehicles and camping trailers~~, provided the required dumping fee or EV charging fees listed in Section 130.70 are~~is~~ paid.

(Source: Amended at 50 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 130.30 Classification of Camps by Equipment Used – Definitions**

- a) Tent Camp – any camp using a fabric-type shelter erected on the ground, and not a part of a trailer unit ~~as the basic unit that has been transported to the camp site by a motor vehicle.~~
- b) Trailer Camp – any camp which has a trailer, of not more than 40 feet in total overall length including any extensions forward or backward beyond the living quarters, as the basic shelter unit. This includes tent trailers, the standard travel trailer, or boats mounted on a trailer and used as the basic shelter unit.
- c) Vehicle Camp – any camp using a vehicle as the basic shelter unit. This includes converted buses, manufactured camper buses, and automobiles, of not more than

215 40 feet in total overall length, when used as the main sleeping and shelter unit of  
216 the camp.

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218 d) Primitive Camp – any camp using a shelter carried to a site via bicycle, canoe,  
219 horse or ~~carried in by a camper on the back of a camping member.~~

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221 e) Group Organization Camp – any camp using any one or combination of the  
222 various types of shelter when the camping group makeup qualifies as an  
223 organization camp, according to Sections 130.120 and 130.130.

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225 f) Boat Camp – any camp using a boat which is anchored off the area shore or tied  
226 on Department water frontage for shelter and sleeping. When the boat is placed on  
227 a camp site and used as a basic unit of the camp, it will then be classified as a  
228 trailer camp (subsection (b) above).

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230 g) Cabin Camp – any camp using a wooden-type shelter erected ~~on a concrete pad~~ as  
231 a permanent structure and within a campground.

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233 h) Campground layout

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235 1) Where campgrounds are laid out in defined sites, in no case will two or  
236 more tent trailers, travel trailers, self-propelled mobile campers, pick-up  
237 campers, or any combination thereof be considered a single campsite; or

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239 2) Where campgrounds are not laid out in designated campsites, the number  
240 of camps shall be determined by the capacity of the existing sanitary  
241 facilities, parking areas, soil and turf conditions, potential social conflicts  
242 between permittees due to crowding, and similar factors as determined by  
243 Department staff.

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245 (Source: Amended at 50 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

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247 **Section 130.40 Definitions (Repealed)**

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249 ~~"Barracks" means a temporary housing structure characterized by its plainness~~  
250 ~~and minimal amenities offered.~~

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252 ~~"Camp" means a single family or group occupying one site within a~~  
253 ~~Departmentally managed site, established and maintained for the sole purpose of~~  
254 ~~camping, including the use of tents, trailers or any other type of camping device.~~

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256 ~~Where campgrounds are laid out in defined sites, in no case will 2 or more~~  
257 ~~tent trailers, travel trailers, self-propelled mobile campers, pick-up~~

258 ~~campers, or any combination thereof be considered a single camp.~~

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260 ~~Where campgrounds are not laid out in sites, the number of camps will be~~  
261 ~~determined by the capacity of the existing sanitary facilities, parking areas,~~  
262 ~~soil and turf conditions, potential social conflicts between campers due to~~  
263 ~~crowding, and similar factors as determined by Department staff.~~

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265 ~~"Camp Shelter" means the portable equipment used by the single family or group~~  
266 ~~for bedding and housing. If more than one camp shelter is required for the single~~  
267 ~~family or group, they shall occupy separate campsites. (Exceptions: Minor~~  
268 ~~children (under 18) sleeping in sleeping bags or in a tent outside the family shelter~~  
269 ~~are considered occupants sharing the same shelter. A group of no more than 4~~  
270 ~~occupants may occupy up to 2 or 4 one man tents on a single campsite.)~~

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272 ~~"Department" means the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.~~

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274 ~~"Premium Campground" means a designated camping facility that has a~~  
275 ~~preponderant history of consistently operating at capacity or has unique amenities,~~  
276 ~~such as automated trap and skeet ranges, that are not typically offered at other~~  
277 ~~State camping facilities. The following sites are designated as Premium~~  
278 ~~Campgrounds: Chain O'Lakes State Park, Illinois Beach State Park, Kankakee~~  
279 ~~River State Park, the World Shooting and Recreational Complex (WSRC), Rock~~  
280 ~~Cut State Park, Shabbona Lake State Recreation Area and Starved Rock State~~  
281 ~~Park.~~

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283 ~~"Single Family" means either or both parents and unmarried children. Other~~  
284 ~~family members will be considered part of the family as long as they occupy the~~  
285 ~~same shelter, but not to exceed a total of 4 adults (18 years of age or older).~~

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287 ~~"Single Group" means unrelated adults (18 years of age or older) with or without~~  
288 ~~children occupying the same shelter. This group shall not exceed 4 occupants~~  
289 ~~(except for Rent A Camp sites with an extra large tent, which shall not exceed 8~~  
290 ~~occupants and a campground cabin, which shall not exceed 6 occupants).~~

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292 (Source: Repealed at 50 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

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294 **Section 130.50 Registrations**

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296 a) A permit ~~shall~~will be issued and fees collected at the time the ~~campsite~~camp is  
297 reserved, or at the time of arrival if selecting a walk-in campsite~~established with~~  
298 ~~the camp shelter in place or as soon as possible thereafter (see Sections 130.70~~  
299 ~~and 130.80). A responsible adult (18 years of age or older) from the camping~~  
300 ~~party, acting as the permittee, must register for the single family or single~~

301 group party and thereby acknowledge compliance with the rules and regulations of  
302 the park for the single family or single group party. The permittee shall be liable  
303 for damages, unattended animals, or abandoned property left at the campsite  
304 beyond the permit's approved time frame.

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306 b) The Department or camping attendant has the authority to assign sites, verify  
307 identification to ensure the permittee and the reservation details are in compliance  
308 with this Part, and coordinate any authorized users' activities based upon  
309 campground availability.

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311 c) Quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. each day, however, curfew~~Curfew:~~  
312 ~~the provisions under of~~ Section 12C-601 of the Criminal Code of 2012 [720 ILCS  
313 5/12C-60]~~Child Curfew Act [720 ILCS 555/1]~~ with reference to curfew for  
314 persons under the age of 17 years are in effect on Department~~Department of~~  
315 Natural Resources' properties. Quiet hours may include limited activities in and  
316 around the campsites to ensure other campers' use of the campgrounds is not  
317 disturbed.

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319 d) No camping shelter or personal effects~~equipment~~ shall be placed on any  
320 campsite~~campground-site~~ while that campsite~~site~~ is occupied by another single  
321 family or single group~~camping party~~. A person acquiring a permit must have  
322 camp shelter at the time of registration and must occupy the campsite within the  
323 designated dates and times listed on the permit~~site at that time~~.

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325 e) In "emergency situations" ~~or in an overflow situation~~, the Department~~camping~~  
326 attendant may designate a campsite~~an area~~ and charge a fee commensurate with  
327 facilities provided (see Section 130.70).

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329 f) Reservations shall~~will~~ be accepted at campgrounds that offer~~selected sites~~  
330 offering reservation service. A camping reservation processing fee is \$10 per  
331 reservation and is~~\$5 non-refundable fee must be submitted for each site reserved~~.  
332 The full amount of the camping fee and utility fee (if applicable), in addition to  
333 camping reservation processing fees~~the \$5 per campsite non-refundable~~  
334 reservation fee, is required at the time reservation is made. The camping  
335 reservation processing fee applies to reservations for group campsites as well as  
336 individual site reservations and individual Rent-A-Camp reservations. The  
337 Department may set, by public announcement, minimum stay requirements and  
338 reservation cut-off dates. Cancellations made after the reservation cut-off dates  
339 will be subject to loss of one night's camping, the camping reservation fee and  
340 utility fee (if applicable).

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342 (Source: Amended at 50 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)  
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Section 130.60 Permits, Extensions and Time Limits

- a) A camp permit may be issued for a period not to exceed 14 consecutive nights ~~unless the campsite is designated as a long-term campsite between the dates of May 1 through September 30. Campers~~ Persons are eligible to camp at a specific ~~Department campground~~ Department of Natural Resources' facility for a maximum of 14 nights in a ~~30-calendar day~~ 30-day period; ~~however, campgrounds between the dates of May 1 through September 30. During this period, sites~~ with designated ~~long-term~~ long-term campsites ~~shall~~ allow campers to register for up to 30 calendar days in a 45 calendar day period. The ~~30-day~~ 30 and ~~45-day~~ 45-day periods ~~start~~ 45-day period starts from the first day the ~~permittee~~ person actually obtains a bona fide camping permit and arrives at the campground or delivers their camping equipment to the campground ~~the camping equipment involved is subject to these limitations also. Any member of a single family or single group may not exceed the 14 consecutive night or 30 consecutive night reservation at one Department-owned, -managed, or -leased site within a 30-day or 45-day period, respectively, at the same Department site. From October 1 through April 30, a camping permit may be issued for an unlimited number of nights during this time period.~~
- b) No single family or single group shall occupy a campsite or long-term campsite without an authorized permit from the Department. A permit shall be issued on site by the camp attendant or made by online reservation. The online reservation confirmation shall be considered a permit. Camp attendants may verify the permit is valid, has not been cancelled, verify the details of the reservation, and if the permittee holder has chosen a discounted rate as set forth in Section 130.70, the corresponding documentation to verify the discounted rate [20 ILCS 805/805-305(b)].
- c) At the expiration date of the camping permit, the permittee shall remove all vehicles, camping gear, and personal effects by the check-out time. If the items have not been removed by the check-out time as required in Section 130.100, then the Department shall consider the items abandoned.
- d) Exceptions to the above time limit may be made in the following instance: ~~in a~~ bona fide emergency ~~situation~~ eases involving serious illness or accident which makes compliance with the rules impossible and only for the duration of the emergency. The Department has sole discretion to determine if there is a bona fide emergency and to extend a person or groups campsite stay pursuant to a bona fide emergency ~~—the burden of proof is on the permittee and the Site Superintendent should be satisfied by investigation or inquiry that facts in the case warrant consideration before granting an extension.~~

387 ee) During periods when a vacancy occurs in the reservation schedule at the Pere  
388 Marquette group camps, day use shall be allowed during a twelve-hour period  
389 beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 9:00 p.m. Reservations will be made by  
390 application to the camping attendant~~site superintendent~~. (Application  
391 requirements: name of organization, address, number of campers, person in  
392 charge, phone number, and age of campers.) Day use at group camps may be  
393 allowed at the camp attendant's discretion.

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395 (Source: Amended at 50 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)  
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397 **Section 130.70 Fees and Charges**  
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399 a) The full amount of the camping fees~~fee and, if applicable, the utility fee~~ shall be  
400 collected at the time the permit is issued. ~~If checks are taken, they shall be made~~  
401 ~~payable to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the site identified.~~  
402 Camping fees vary according to the type of campground and are as follows:  
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404 1) Premium campground and premium campsites shall be \$21 per night per  
405 site, with a \$14 utility fee. The following sites are designated as premium  
406 campgrounds:~~Spring-Summer Camping (rates apply May 1 through~~  
407 ~~September 30, except at the WSRC during sanctioned shooting events~~  
408 ~~when camping is reserved for event participants via a licensing agreement~~  
409 ~~between the event sponsor and the Department)~~  
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411 A) Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park;

412 B) Chain O'Lakes State Park;

413 C) Kankakee River State Park;

414 D) Rock Cut State Park;

415 E) Shabbona Lake Recreation Area;

416 F) Starved Rock State Park; and

417 G) World Shooting and Recreational Complex (WSRC).  
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419 2) Electric non-premium sites shall be \$14 per night per site, with a \$14  
420 utility fee.  
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422 3) Non-Electric non-premium sites shall be \$11 per night per site.  
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- 430 4) A holiday rate camping surcharge of an additional \$10 per night will apply  
431 to premium and electric sites on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of Memorial  
432 Day and Labor Day holiday weekends and on Friday, Saturday and  
433 Sunday nights of Independence Day weekend, if July 4 falls on a Friday,  
434 Saturday, Sunday or Monday.  
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436 A) ~~Class AA Sites: Camping fee of \$15 per night per site, \$10 utility~~  
437 ~~fee. Sites having availability to showers, electricity, water~~  
438 ~~hookups, sewer hookups, and vehicular access. The camping fee~~  
439 ~~shall be \$25 per night on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the~~  
440 ~~Memorial Day and Labor Day holiday weekends and on Friday,~~  
441 ~~Saturday and Sunday nights of the Independence Day weekend if~~  
442 ~~July 4 falls on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday.~~  
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444 B) ~~Class A Sites: Camping fee of \$10 per night per site, \$10 utility~~  
445 ~~fee. Sites having availability to showers, electricity and vehicular~~  
446 ~~access. The camping fee shall be \$20 per night on Friday,~~  
447 ~~Saturday and Sunday of the Memorial Day and Labor Day holiday~~  
448 ~~weekends and on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights of the~~  
449 ~~Independence Day weekend if July 4 falls on a Friday, Saturday,~~  
450 ~~Sunday or Monday.~~  
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452 C) ~~Class A Premium Sites: Camping fee of \$15 per night per site, \$10~~  
453 ~~utility fee. Sites having availability to showers, electricity and~~  
454 ~~vehicular access. The camping fee shall be \$25 per night on~~  
455 ~~Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the Memorial Day and Labor Day~~  
456 ~~holiday weekends and on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights of~~  
457 ~~the Independence Day weekend if July 4 falls on a Friday,~~  
458 ~~Saturday, Sunday or Monday.~~  
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460 D) ~~Class B-E Sites: Camping fee of \$8 per night per site, \$10 utility~~  
461 ~~fee. Sites having availability to electricity and vehicular access.~~  
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463 E) ~~Class B-E Premium Sites: Camping fee of \$10 per night per site,~~  
464 ~~\$10 utility fee. Sites having availability to electricity and vehicular~~  
465 ~~access.~~  
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467 F) ~~Class B-S Sites: Camping fee of \$10 per night per site. Sites~~  
468 ~~having availability to showers and vehicular access.~~  
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470 G) ~~Class B-S Premium Sites: Camping fee of \$12 per night per site.~~  
471 ~~Sites having availability to showers and vehicular access.~~  
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- 473 H) ~~Class C Sites: Camping fee of \$8 per night per site. Sites having~~  
474 ~~vehicular access or tent camp/primitive sites (walk in or backpack)~~  
475 ~~having availability to showers.~~
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- 477 I) ~~Class D Sites: Camping fee of \$6 per night per site. Tent camping~~  
478 ~~or primitive sites with no vehicular access.~~
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- 480 5J) Youth Group Camping: \$2 per person, minimum daily camping fee of  
481 \$20.
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- 483 6K) Adult Group Camping: \$54 per person, minimum daily camping fee of  
484 \$5040.
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- 486 7L) Each member of an organized group utilizing facilities furnished at Dixon  
487 Springs State Park, ~~Horseshoe Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area~~  
488 ~~(Alexander County)~~ and Pere Marquette State Park shall pay a fee of \$54  
489 per night. At Dixon Springs ~~and Horseshoe Lake State Fish and Wildlife~~  
490 ~~Area (Alexander County)~~, a deposit of \$5040 will be required before  
491 confirmation of a reservation. The deposits will be credited to the total  
492 camping fee. At Pere Marquette, a deposit of \$100 will be required before  
493 confirmation of a reservation. The deposits will be credited to the total  
494 camping fee. At Pere Marquette and Dixon Springs, deposit balances will  
495 not be refunded until inspection is made of the facilities after the group  
496 departs. If damages warrant, Pere Marquette and Dixon Springs will have  
497 authority to retain this deposit. Fees for day use of the group camps at  
498 Dixon Springs, ~~Horseshoe Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (Alexander~~  
499 ~~County)~~ and Pere Marquette shall be \$75 per day.
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- 501 8M) ~~Rent A Camp Tents at Primitive Sites~~ If resources and funding allow, the  
502 Department, or the Department's concessionaire (persee 17 Ill. Adm. Code  
503 150), may will make available Rent-A-Camp tentsTents for use at  
504 ~~primitive sites at~~ designated State parks and recreational areas throughout  
505 the Department's statewide system. A Rent-A-Camp tentTent will provide,  
506 at a minimum: an already erected tent on a platform, one sleeping  
507 mattress, one charcoal grill, one picnic table, and one trash barrel. A  
508 Rent-A-Camp tent shall be charged a reservation fee corresponding to the  
509 amenities provided at the campsite. ~~The overnight fee for a Rent A Camp~~  
510 ~~Tent will be based on the basic fee of \$6 per night for a primitive (Class~~  
511 ~~D) camping site (see subsection (a)(1)(I) and the per night fee charged by~~  
512 ~~the Rent A Camp Tent concessionaire for access to the camping amenities~~  
513 ~~listed in this subsection (a)(1)(M) and set up costs.~~ Depending on  
514 availability, and at the Department's or concessionaire's discretion, a  
515 camper may obtain additional amenities, including additional sleeping

516 mattresses, from the Department or concessionaire for an additional fee  
517 for each amenity.

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519 9N) Rent-A-Camp ~~cabin~~Cabin areas. If resources and funding allow, the  
520 Department, or the Department's concessionaire (per 17 Ill. Adm. Code  
521 150), may make available Rent-A-Camp cabins for use at designated State  
522 parks and recreational areas throughout the Department's statewide  
523 system. A Rent-A-Camp cabin will provide at a minimum:, ~~at a basic~~  
524 ~~cabin rental fee of \$25 per night,~~ one 2-bedroom cabin with 2 bunk beds,  
525 one full-sized bed, ceiling fans, electric heaters, table with chairs, one  
526 charcoal grill, one picnic table, and one trash barrel. The total overnight  
527 fee for a Department operated Rent-A-Camp ~~cabin~~Cabin will be based on  
528 the basic fee plus Class specific utility and camping fees, as follows:

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530 Ai) Rent-A-Camp ~~cabins~~Cabins at premium campgrounds and  
531 premium campsites~~Class A Sites~~:  
532 ~~\$4525~~ cabin rental plus ~~\$1410~~ utility fee per night and ~~\$2110~~  
533 camping fee per night, per site ~~at all sites having availability to~~  
534 ~~showers and vehicular access.~~

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536 Bii) Rent-A-Camp ~~cabins~~Cabins at electric~~Class A Premium~~ Sites:  
537 ~~\$3225~~ cabin rental plus ~~\$1410~~ utility fee and ~~\$1415~~ camping fee  
538 per night, per site ~~at all sites having availability to showers and~~  
539 ~~vehicular access.~~

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541 Ciii) Individual Rent-A-Camp ~~cabins~~Cabins at Dixon Springs State  
542 Park:  
543 rented individually – not by organized groups pursuant to  
544 subsection ~~(7a)(1)(L)~~; ~~\$8060~~ cabin rental, ~~\$6045~~ barrack fee per  
545 unit.

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547 Div) Individual Rent-A-Cabin (boathouse) at Siloam Springs State Park:  
548 ~~\$11080.00~~ cabin rental. A \$50 deposit shall be required and  
549 released after checkout inspection has been completed.

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551 10Θ) The camping reservation processing fee is \$10 per reservation and is non-  
552 refundable. The full amount of the camping fee, utility fee (if applicable),  
553 and camping reservation fees must be paid at the time reservation is made.  
554 The camping reservation processing~~A \$5 per campsite non-refundable~~  
555 ~~reservation fee must be remitted at those facilities offering reservation~~  
556 ~~services. This~~ fee applies to reservations for group campsites as well as  
557 individual site reservations and individual Rent-A-Camp ~~cabin~~Cabin and  
558 individual Rent-A-Camp ~~tent~~Tent reservations. The Department may set,

559 by public announcement, minimum stay requirements and reservation cut-  
560 off dates. Cancellations made after the reservation cut-off dates will be  
561 subject to loss of one night's camping fee, the camping reservation  
562 processing fee, and the utility fee (if applicable).~~In addition to the \$5 non-~~  
563 ~~refundable fee, the full amount of the camping and utility fee (if~~  
564 ~~applicable) is required at the time reservations are made.~~

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566 11P) Dumping of wastewater from recreational vehicles and camping trailers by  
567 persons who are not registered campers will cost \$105 per vehicle.

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569 12) Electric Vehicle Charging – If EV charging stations are insufficient or  
570 unavailable at a site, the Department may allow access to a 30 or 50 amp  
571 campground service at the established campsite fee. The user must  
572 register for the campsite and pay the regular campsite fee. The  
573 Department will provide access to the outlets only, and the user must  
574 provide the cords and plugs.

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576 13) Fall-Winter Camping (~~rates apply October 1 through April 30, except at~~  
577 ~~the WSRC during sanctioned shooting events when camping is reserved~~  
578 ~~for event participants via a licensing agreement between the event sponsor~~  
579 ~~and the Department)~~

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581 A) As long as buildings, water and electrical service are available,  
582 regardless of the date, the regular camping fee will apply.

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584 B) When cold weather requires ~~winterizing~~~~closing down~~ buildings  
585 and shutting off water in any ~~Class A or B~~ campgrounds, the fee  
586 shall be reduced commensurate with the services and facilities  
587 available for use.

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589 C) ~~The fee for primitive campsites shall be \$6 per site.~~—When a  
590 change in facilities is made and a campsite is reclassified, the fee  
591 for a site will change automatically.

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593 b) Exceptions to fee payment: Employees, Concessionaires, and Special Legislation

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595 1) Persons who qualify and are placed in the campground host program at  
596 approved camping sites will not be required to pay the established  
597 camping fee.

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599 2) The concessionaire, manager, or a responsible employee designated by the  
600 concessionaire will not be charged the regular camping fee. Rent will be  
601 paid at the rate established by the Department or pursuant to the

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- 3) An Illinois resident age 62 or older, or a person who has a Class 2 disability as defined in Section 4A of the Illinois Identification Card Act [15 ILCS 335] or a disabled veteran, or a former prisoner of war as defined in Section 5 of the Department of Veterans Affairs Act [20 ILCS 2805], is entitled to the following camping fee provisions, upon qualifying, which will allow the spouse or minor (under 18) children, or minor grandchildren to be included in the camping party. All other members must be registered and pay the regular camping fee for the facilities provided.
  - A) Illinois residents age 62 or older ~~shall~~**will** be charged one-half the established camping fee on any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, at ~~premium campsites Class AA, A Premium, A, B-E Premium, B-E, B-S Premium, and B-S sites~~ but must pay the entire established camping fee on all sites on any Friday, Saturday or Sunday, and, if at a site with utilities, must pay the entire utility fee for each day of camping. For campsites without access to showers or electricity, individuals 62 years of age or older, shall have these camping fees waived on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. Verification of age may be made by any document required by law to establish proof of age and date of birth and issued by a federal or state governmental agency, such as a state issued driver's license or identification card or a federal issued "Golden Age Passport". ~~No fee on Class C and D sites Monday through Thursday.~~
  - B) Illinois residents who have a Class 2 disability and present a current Illinois Disabled Person Identification Card issued by the Secretary of State ~~shall~~**will** be charged one-half the established camping fee for ~~premium and non-premium electric campsite Class AA, A Premium, A, B-E Premium, B-E, B-S Premium and B-S sites~~ on any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday; but must pay the entire established camping fee for any Friday, Saturday or Sunday, and, if at a site with utilities, must pay the entire utility fee for each day of camping. There is no~~No~~ fee on non-electric sites for those with a Class 2 disability with a valid Illinois Disabled Person Identification card~~Class C and D sites~~. Parents or legal guardians, aged 18 or over, of minors who have a current Class 2 Illinois Disabled Person Identification Card may register the campsite at the reduced rate specified in this subsection (b)(3)(B) for disabled persons, provided the disabled minor is present and

645 camping at the same site as the parent or legal guardian.

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C) An Illinois resident who is a disabled veteran or former prisoner of war may camp without being charged a camping fee, ~~but~~~~but if at a site with utilities,~~ must pay the entire utility fee for each day of camping at a site with utilities. An individual wishing to qualify for free camping under the provisions stated above must ~~be able to~~ submit the appropriate document issued by the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs, which may include an award letter or other identifying disability document, or in cases of former prisoners of war, an identification from the Veteran's Administration or other governmental agency that indicates an individual's former prisoner of war status (see 20 ILCS 2805/5).

D) An Illinois resident who has returned from service abroad or mobilization by the President of the United States as an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces, the Illinois National Guard, or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces may camp without being charged a camping fee for the amount of time that the active duty member spent in service abroad or was mobilized, but if camping at a site with utilities, must pay the entire utility fee for each day of camping. An individual wishing to qualify for free camping under this subsection (b)(3)(D) must apply for a pass from the Department within two years after returning and provide acceptable verification of service or mobilization to the Department. Acceptable verification includes:

- i) A DD-214;
- ii) a letter from the Illinois Department of Military Affairs for members of the Illinois National Guard;
- iii) a letter from the Regional Reserve Command for members of the Armed Forces Reserve;
- iv) a letter from the Major Command covering Illinois active duty members; or
- v) personnel records for mobilized State employees. [20 ILCS 805-305(b)]

4) Prepaid coupons and gift certificates may be accepted if purchased at the campground or through the approved camping reservation vendor.

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- 5) Subject to approval of the Department's Director, camping fees may be temporarily waived for Department-supported special events or promotions.
- 6) All non-Illinois residents shall pay standard camping fees.

c) World Shooting and Recreational Complex (WSRC)  
The Department may establish the fees for use of all or parts of the campground at the WSRC through the negotiation of contracts for events to be held at the WSRC. The Department shall consider the numbers of camping spaces reserved and the services provided at each campsite when establishing fees by contract. All other fees set forth in this Section shall apply to public camping at the WSRC.

(Source: Amended at 50 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 130.80 Refunds**

- a) A refund of camping and utility fees for unused time shall be made, within 7 days after check out time~~departure~~, upon the request of the registered permittee~~camper~~. No personal check refunds, whether for unused portions of a reservation or in advance of a reservation, shall be made sooner than 10 days after the check has been deposited to insure clearance. Refunds may~~will~~ be made in the field out of current cash receipts for reservations paid in cash only. Reservations may also be cancelled online via the reservation system, prior to the cut-off date. ~~Refunds for Camper's Permit will be prepared and appropriate copies submitted to accounting.~~ Full refunds of camping ~~and utility~~ fees ~~(if applicable)~~ for reserved camp sites shall be made, less the non-refundable reservation fee, provided the camper cancels the reservation before the reservation cut-off date set by the Department. Cancellations made after the reservation cut-off date will be subject to loss of one night's camping ~~and utility~~ fee ~~(if applicable)~~. No refunds shall~~will~~ be made for no-shows unless the reservation has been cancelled.
- b) Refund forms must be completed whenever a permittee~~camper~~ requests a refund for the unused portion of this camping permit.
- c) The person requesting the refund in person at a campsite must show identification at the time of the refund but only the permittee may request a refund.
- d) The permittee's~~camper's~~ copy of the permit must be surrendered at the time of the refund.
- e) Rent-A-Camp reservation fees shall~~will~~ not be refunded by the Department.

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 732 f) No refunds ~~shall~~will be made for camping reservation processing fees unless the  
 733 campground is closed by the Department. In cases where the Department closes  
 734 the campground, the Department shall refund the unused portion of the  
 735 reservation, ~~except for the reservation fees minus the fee paid the reservation host~~  
 736 ~~affiliate.~~ In cases where~~If the entire reservation is to be refunded due to~~ the  
 737 Department ~~closes~~closing the campground for the full duration of the reservation,  
 738 the entire reservation ~~fee~~ shall be refunded minus the reservation fees~~fee paid to~~  
 739 ~~the reservation host affiliate.~~

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 741 g) The deposit required for organized group camps at Pere Marquette ~~and~~; Dixon  
 742 Springs ~~shall and Horseshoe Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (Alexander~~  
 743 ~~County)~~ will be non-refundable unless notice of cancellation is received at least  
 744 30 calendar days prior to reservation date.

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 746 (Source: Amended at 50 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)  
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748 **Section 130.90 Check-in and Check-out Times**

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 750 a) Check-in times are normally from 3:00 p.m.~~7:00 a.m.~~ until 10:00 p.m. Late check-  
 751 in will be allowed provided camping space is available ~~and~~; when a camping  
 752 attendant~~site staff~~ is available or to help avert emergencies. Early arrivals may  
 753 check in prior to 3:00 p.m. if the site is available and approval provided by the  
 754 camping attendant.~~Rent-A-Camp Cabins and Tents may not be available for~~  
 755 ~~occupancy until 3:00 p.m. due to additional time needed to clean units.~~

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 757 b) Check-out time is 1:00~~3:00~~ p.m., ~~with the exception of Rent-A-Camp Cabins and~~  
 758 ~~Tents which is 1:00 p.m.~~

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 760 1) A permittee~~camper~~ who has checked out and desires to remain in the area  
 761 for other purposes after the check-out time must break camp and move  
 762 from the campsite~~campground~~.

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 764 2) The permittee~~camper~~ shall remove all personally owned camping  
 765 equipment from the campsite by the time of checkout~~campground at the~~  
 766 ~~time the camper leaves.~~

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 768 3) If the permittee fails~~Failure~~ to remove camping equipment by 1:00~~3:00~~  
 769 ~~p.m. (or by 1:00 p.m. for Rent-A-Camp Cabins and Tents)~~ without  
 770 specific authorization by Department ~~of Natural Resources~~ staff, then the  
 771 staff shall consider the camping equipment abandoned as set forth in  
 772 Section 130.100~~obligate the camper to pay an additional night's fees.~~ A  
 773 permittee may pay for one~~The camper may elect to stay the~~ additional

night if such use does not violate time limits and if space is available.  
Only Department staff can authorize up to one additional night stay unless the permittee qualifies under an emergency situation.

(Source: Amended at 50 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 130.100 Unoccupied or Abandoned Camps**

a) A ~~permittee~~~~camper~~ may leave ~~a~~~~his~~ camp unoccupied at ~~the permittee's~~~~his~~ own risk by paying the camping fee and, if at a site with utilities, the utility fee for the entire period covered by the permit, within the limits set by Section 130.60, when notification has been given to the site superintendent.

b) A camp is deemed to have been abandoned if a camper does not appear to remove~~his~~ camping equipment within ~~two~~~~24~~ hours ~~after~~~~of~~ the expiration of ~~the~~~~his~~ camping permit. When a camp is abandoned, staff will attempt to call the ~~permittee~~~~owner~~ at the phone number associated with the ~~permit or reservation~~~~license plate number of the camping vehicle~~. Following this effort, the camp equipment will be inventoried by park staff, or by one of the Department's Conservation Officers or local law enforcement, ~~with an authorized peace officer~~ and it will be removed to a place for safeguarding in the maintenance area for storage. If a vehicle or trailer needs to be towed, then the owner of the vehicle shall be responsible for the towing fees. If the ~~permittee~~~~owner~~ cannot be located within 30 days, ~~any camp equipment~~~~it~~ will be sent to the Law Enforcement Division of the Department for disposal under the rules of abandoned property. Law Enforcement Disposition of Property Act [625 ILCS 1030] and the Illinois Vehicle Title and Registration Law [625 ILCS 5/Ch. 4, Art. II].

(Source: Amended at 50 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 130.110 Vehicles per Camp ~~(Refer to 17 Ill. Adm. Code 130.30)~~**

a) All vehicles, including tow vehicles used to tow other vehicles and trailers, must be registered by license number and site number (if available) with the camping attendant~~Site Superintendent~~.

b) A tent~~Tent~~ campsite may have:

1) No more than two standard cars/SUVs; ~~or~~

2) No more than two motorcycles; ~~or~~

- 816 3) No more than one ~~passenger standard~~ car/SUV, van or a truck weighing no  
817 more than 12,000 lbs. pick-up and two motorcycles.
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- 819 c) A trailer~~Trailer~~ campsite may have (in addition to a camp shelter):
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- 821 1) No more than two ~~passenger standard~~ vehicles such as cars, vans or trucks  
822 weighing no more than 12,000 lbs pick-ups, or
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- 824 2) No more than one ~~passenger standard~~ vehicle, such as car/SUV, van or  
825 trucks weighing no more than 12,000 lbs pick-up, and two motorcycles.
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- 827 d) A vehicle~~Vehicle~~ campsite may have (in addition to the vehicle camper) ~~no~~: ~~No~~  
828 more than one ~~passenger standard~~ vehicle, such as a car, van or a truck weighing  
829 no more than 12,000 lbs pick-up, and two motorcycles.
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- 831 e) Primitive camp – No vehicles except bicycles, canoes or snowmobiles.
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- 833 f) Youth group camp~~camping~~ – tents only. Leaders may use vehicles or trailer  
834 camper when camping with youths, but must park where directed by the camping  
835 attendant~~site superintendent~~ and may not power their camp shelters from  
836 electrical outlets provided in picnic shelters.
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- 838 g) Organization group camp – Not applicable.
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- 840 h) Boat camp – same as trailer (subsection (c)).
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- 842 i) Visitors shall not park a vehicle on any campsite when the maximum limits  
843 established in subsections (b) through (h) would be exceeded.
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- 845 j) Where camping pads are provided, all wheeled shelter vehicles must be parked  
846 with wheels completely on the surface provided.
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848 (Source: Amended at 50 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

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850 **Section 130.120 Youth Group (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Explorers, church groups, or**  
851 **others)**

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- 853 a) A youth group/organization camp is a group of five or more minors up to 18 years  
854 of age who are members of an organization camping with its responsible adult  
855 leaders.
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- 857 b) The regular camping fee will be charged ~~at on the basis of~~: \$2 per /person or a  
858 minimum of \$20 per a day.

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- c) These camps ~~may~~will be placed in an organization campground or special area set aside for such use, rather than in the regular campground, as determined by the Department.
- d) One responsible adult (18 years of age or older) must accompany each group of 15 or fewer campers under the age of 18.
- e) The responsible adult may use a camp trailer but cannot run electric cords to nearby outlets (if present).

(Source: Amended at 50 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 130.130 Organization Group Camps (charter organizations, ROTC, private clubs or others)**

- a) The organized group camping areas are available for camping without showers or electricity. ~~Other forms of camps will be placed in the appropriate sites on an individual and equal basis with other campers.~~ An organized group camp is a group of 10 or more adults (18 years of age or older) with or without children.
- b) The regular camping fee will be charged ~~at on the basis of:~~ \$5 per 4 person or a minimum of \$50 per 40 a day.
- c) If the organized group camping area is unavailable, the organization will be accommodated only as individual campers and will use the regular campgrounds on an equal basis with other campers. The camping fee and ~~any fees~~utility fee applicable to the campsite classification ~~shall~~will be charged for each campsite used by the group.

(Source: Amended at 50 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 130.135 Campground Host Program**

- a) Purpose of host – The host provides a service to Illinois State Park and Historic Site visitors, ~~and~~ encourages compliance with park rules and regulations, and may act as a camping attendant.
- b) Pertinent information and qualifications
  - 1) The Department ~~may~~will provide free camping privileges to campground hosts while they are performing duties in the campground, and ~~shall~~will compensate the host \$1 per day for the days the host works, unless the

- 902 host declines compensation in writing.  
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904 2) The host must provide their own camping equipment. Some campgrounds  
905 do not have full hook-ups, so self-contained equipment is advisable. The  
906 host's camping unit must be securable for Department documents,  
907 reservation information, or Department-owned electronic devices.~~CB~~  
908 ~~radio is optional.~~  
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910 3) A host shall have camping experience.  
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912 4) A host shall serve for a term of at least~~minimum of~~ 4 weeks; additional  
913 terms may be permitted at the Site Superintendents' discretion.  
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915 5) Illinois residents ~~shall~~will be given ~~first~~ priority for host positions;  
916 however, no camp host shall have a familial relationship with any  
917 Department employee present at the same campground.  
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919 6) A host shall have a valid driver's license.  
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921 7) A host shall be at least 21 years of age.  
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923 8) The Department ~~shall~~may conduct background security checks on  
924 campground hosts and host candidates.  
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926 9) A host shall be available in the park to assist visitors 30-35 hours per  
927 week, usually over a ~~five~~5 day period. Weekends and holidays are  
928 mandatory days for duty in the program.  
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930 10) A host shall be on duty and work during all kinds of weather.  
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932 11) Under no circumstances shall a campground or campsite be considered a  
933 host's residence for purposes of receiving U.S. mail, securing a state-  
934 issued driver's license or identification card, or for the purposes of voter  
935 registration.  
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937 12) A host shall abide by all Department personnel policies and shall be  
938 provided a copy of the personnel policies at the beginning of their hosting  
939 duties. A campground host is not an employee of the Department.  
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941 13) A camp host that violates any of these provisions shall be subject to  
942 immediate termination and shall be relieved of all camp host privileges  
943 and responsibilities. The camp host shall immediately leave the camp host  
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- c) Location of host campgrounds
  - 1) Designated host campground sites availability will vary. Some campgrounds may not have a host campground site, but will be represented throughout the statewide park and recreation system.
  - 2) A current listing of designated host campground sites will be provided with the application.
- d) Number of hosts per park

An individual or couple may act as hosts. The number of hosts may vary per park. Most parks have one campsite designated for hosts, and ~~a few~~ larger parks may have more than one campsite for hosts~~campsites.~~
- e) Duties and responsibilities of a host
  - 1) A host shall be a visible representative of the Department with knowledge of Department rules and regulations.
  - 2) A host shall be informed about the park setting and activities available in the area.
  - 3) A host shall greet visitors, help them get settled, answer questions, receive comments, pass out publications, and collect campground fees and may act as a camping attendant when on duty.
  - 4) A host shall be observant for activities within the campground that require immediate attention by the staff or law enforcement, and contact help when emergencies occur. (A host is not required to enforce rules or perform major maintenance repairs.)
  - 5) A host shall replenish restroom supplies when the park staff are not present.
  - 6) A host shall promote care of the park by keeping a clean campsite and performing minor maintenance tasks such as picking up litter, restocking supplies, etc.
- f) How to apply
  - 1) Interested persons may obtain a campground host application from a Department office, by email at [dnr.parksadmin@illinois.gov](mailto:dnr.parksadmin@illinois.gov) or by visiting

<https://dnr.illinois.gov/parks/camp/campgroundhost.html> ~~or write:~~

~~Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
Campground Host Coordinator  
One Natural Resources Way  
Springfield IL 62702-1271.~~

2) Interested persons may complete the application and return it to the [Department](#) ~~above address.~~

g) When to apply

1) Applications are accepted year round and filled as positions open. If a position is open, applicants ~~may~~ [will](#) be contacted for an interview.

2) ~~General recruitment~~ [Recruitment](#) for the summer season occurs from ~~January to March~~ [to June](#).

h) Hiring campground host and/or hostess

1) The Site Superintendent at the site designated for the host campground program shall review the host and/or hostess applications, interview ~~applicants~~ [each applicant](#), and hire the most suitable candidates for this position.

2) All persons considered must be 21 years of age or older, possess a valid driver's license, and have camping experience and knowledge. Other qualifications to be taken into consideration in the evaluation of applicants shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

A) Previous experience in handling financial transactions, including the making of change, the proper safekeeping of cash, and recording all such transactions.

B) Previous experience in maintenance and report work.

C) [Previous experience as a campground host with the Department.](#)

[D\)](#) The capability of positive communication with campers, and a willingness to deal with any problems which might arise among campers or between campers and site management.

[E](#)) Results of security background checks, ~~if performed~~.

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- 1032 F) Number of 4-week terms determined by season or site needs, at the
- 1033 discretion of the Site Superintendent.
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- 1035 G) Camp hosts must adhere to the same code of conduct as state
- 1036 employees and may be subject to discharge as necessary. If a
- 1037 camp host is discharged, they shall immediately depart the
- 1038 campground.
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- 1040 H) If multiple individuals qualify as camp hosts, then the Site
- 1041 Superintendents may elect to limit the number of 4-week terms to
- 1042 ensure multiple, qualified individuals have an opportunity to serve
- 1043 as a camp host.
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(Source: Amended at 50 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 130.140 Use of Campground**

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- 1049 a) Campsites shall not be used for large group gatherings, including, but not limited
- 1050 to, a gathering of three or more campsites groups or parties or gatherings that
- 1051 disturb other campers.
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- 1053 b) The use of a registered motor vehicle in a campground is only for the purpose of
- 1054 establishing a camp and for transportation in and out of the campground.
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- 1056 c) Quiet hours shall prevail in the campground between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- 1057 During this time no noise or light shall be emitted beyond the
- 1058 permittee's individual's immediate campsite that would be disturbing to others.
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- 1060 d) Fires are allowed in stoves or designated areas only. Large bonfires are not
- 1061 permitted without permission of the Site Superintendent.
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- 1063 e) Pets – The permittee camper is responsible for all dogs, cats or other small animals
- 1064 under their reservation or permit~~his ownership or care~~. No pets ~~shall~~will be
- 1065 allowed in the interior of Rent-A-Camp cabins~~Cabins~~. All animals must be on a
- 1066 leash not to exceed 10 feet. All leashed animals shall be at all times under the
- 1067 direct control of the owner or person designated by the owner. Animals are not to
- 1068 be left unattended. Owners are responsible to make sure that their animals do not
- 1069 cause a nuisance to other campers as determined by Department personnel. All
- 1070 owners shall comply with the provisions set forth in 17 Ill. Adm. Code 110.30.
- 1071 Excrement of these pets shall be removed from the campsite by the owner.
- 1072 Disposal shall be made directly into a Department garbage container with tight
- 1073 fitting lid, or excrement shall be placed in a water tight bag that has been closed

1074 or a water tight container with lid closed and placed in a ~~Department~~department  
1075 trash receptacle. If a Site Superintendent determines that a pet owner is not being  
1076 responsible for their pet or pets, then the permittee may be evicted, and any  
1077 camping fee shall be forfeited.

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1079 f) Smoking – Smoking and/or vaping are~~is~~ not allowed in cabins designated as no  
1080 smoking. [410 ILCS 82]

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1082 g) Campsites are primarily for recreational or leisure activities and should include  
1083 camping equipment as described in Section 130.30. Campsites are not to be used  
1084 by permittees for storage, business, or to engage in other activities that do not  
1085 align with the Department's mission of promoting outdoor education,  
1086 conservation, or engaging in recreational activities.

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1088 (Source: Amended at 50 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

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1090 **Section 130.150 Violation of Rule**

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1092 a) For violation of these rules and regulations, a ~~permittee~~camper is subject to  
1093 eviction and is not entitled to a refund of camping reservation or utility fees. The  
1094 permittee,~~camper~~ at the demand of the Department, shall remove all camping  
1095 equipment and personal property.

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1097 b) The Department may refuse to permit a person to re-enter the eviction site/park  
1098 pursuant to 17 Ill. Adm. Code 2530, Subpart H for a period of up to 365 days  
1099 from such eviction.

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1101 c) No refunds will be granted in such cases.

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1103 ~~d) Any person who violates any provision of this Part shall be guilty of a Class B~~  
1104 ~~Misdemeanor.~~

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1106 (Source: Amended at 50 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)