



# BARRON COUNTY

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The Barron County Forestry, Parks, and Recreation Department welcomes you to enjoy our parks facilities. Our goal is to make your stay here pleasant and memorable. To this end, county ordinances and park rules/policies have been established to promote health, safety, and the general welfare of the visitor and to protect and safeguard county recreation facilities and resources.

## Barron County Park Policies and Rules

**CAMPSITE REGISTRATION POLICIES:** All camping parties must obtain a camping permit and pay the established fee **before** setting up the camping unit.

- 1) A camping party is any family, individual group, or organized juvenile group occupying a campsite.
  - Family — means a parent or parents with their unmarried dependent children.
  - Individual Group — means a camping party of not more than four persons occupying not more than one camping unit.
  - Organized Juvenile Group — means a group made up of juvenile members of an established organization and under the leadership of at least one competent, mature adult for each ten juveniles in the group
- 2) The camping leader who reserves a campsite must be at least 18 years of age.
- 3) Unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, all juvenile persons occupying a campsite shall have in their possession a statement of consent signed by a parent or legal guardian.
- 4) Only one camping unit (tent, trailer, etc.) shall occupy a single campsite unless approved by the park attendant.
- 5) Each camping unit must pay the established site fee, whether or not multiple units occupy the same campsite.

- 6) Exceptions to 4 & 5 above may be approved by the park attendant for those camping parties that meet the definition of "Family" or "Organized Juvenile Group".
- 7) Maximum length of stay on any one campsite is fourteen (14) nights in succession, after which the camping unit *and* camping party must either move to a different campsite or vacate the park. Monthly sites don't apply. If a monthly site is not reserved it is treated as a regular site and the rule of 14 days applies. The camping party must pay the daily site fee for a monthly site that is reserved for less than 30 days. The exception to this: 1E through 7E at Southworth Memorial are restricted to 30 day reservations.
- 8) Campsite check-in time is 3:00 pm and check-out time is 1:00 p.m.
- 9) Camping permits expire at 1:00 p.m. on the last day of the permit period (check out time).
- 10) Camping permit extensions must be obtained prior to 11:00 a.m. on the expiration date of the permit. Extensions are not guaranteed since the campsite may have been reserved by a second camping party.

### **ONLINE RESERVATIONS:**

- 1) Online Processing is available at [parks.co.barron.wi.us](http://parks.co.barron.wi.us). Online reservations require the use of a credit card. The cardholder name and address must match the name and address used when setting up your reservation account. Both the camping fees and reservation fees are charged to the credit card immediately upon making a reservation. Walk in reservations may also be processed at the campgrounds office from May 1 to September 30th.
- 2) Advance Booking may be made up to 12 months in advance. No reservation is confirmed until full payment for reservation fees and site fees have been made.
- 3) Reservation Fee is \$5.00 per reservation/per site and is not refundable. Again, both the camping fees and reservation fees are charged to the credit card immediately upon making a reservation.
- 4) Sites Available for Reservation: at Waldo Carlson Park, campsites #1 through #38 shall be available for reservations. Sites #31, 34, 35 are available for monthly reservations at this time. All sites at Veterans Memorial Park are available for reservation, with sites 10 thru 14 and sites 21 thru 27 available for monthly reservations. At Southworth Memorial Park, all sites can be reserved

with sites 1 through 7 restricted to 30 day reservations and sites 8 through 14 available for monthly reservations. Primitive sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis only.

- 5) Reservation Limitations: No limit on the number of reservations to be made by any one individual, except that the maximum length of stay on one site must be observed and that any one individual shall be limited to reserving a maximum of 2 campsites during the same time period. A separate reservation and associated reservation fee must be submitted for each campsite desired. The name listed on the camping receipt must be a member of the camping party that will occupy the site.
- 6) Cancellation/Changes Policy: Reservations can be cancelled through the Treasurer's Office. Reservations cancelled 30 days prior to the planned occupancy date are eligible for a refund. Reservation fees and electronic payment fees are non-refundable.

Reservation changes will only be allowed if the camping reservation in question is more than 14 days out. To request a change of date, site or campground call the Caretaker or the Treasurer's office. Reservations cancelled less than 14 days prior are not eligible for a refund or change. The camper will have to take it as is, cancel or make any changes as a drive-in when they arrive. If a campsite remains unoccupied by 3:00 pm on the following day it can be opened for drive-ins.

### **CAMPSITE USE POLICIES:**

- 1) No camping unit shall be set up beyond the limits of the campsite.
- 2) Limit of two motor vehicles per campsite; Vehicles shall not be parked beyond the limits of the campsite.
- 3) A camping party may not move from its assigned campsite to another campsite without prior approval by the park attendant.
- 4) No picnicking in areas designated as campgrounds.
- 5) All campers must set up a camping unit. Sleeping in cars or on the ground in the open is not permitted.

- 6) Firewood gathering is limited to dead and downed wood only. No limbs, branches, or bark may be taken from standing trees. Firewood originating more than 50 miles from the campground is not allowed. Firewood that is dried, debarked, smoothed, solid wood and processed lumber is exempt.
- 7) Fires must be in designated fire rings or grills. Campfires may not be left unattended.
- 8) Upon your departure, all litter must be removed and deposited in the appropriate receptacles. Garbage in fire rings is not acceptable.
- 9) Non-registered campers must leave the park by 10:00 p.m. Quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Generator use is not allowed during quiet hours.

#### **GENERAL PARK USE POLICIES:**

- 1) It is unlawful to discharge or keep an uncased or loaded firearm or weapon within park boundaries.
- 2) Fireworks of any kind are strictly prohibited.
- 3) At the three main parks, a sanitary dump station is provided at additional costs. A fee of \$8.00 per dump is charged for nonregistered campers and \$5.00 for registered.
- 4) At all parks, fish must be cleaned in the fish cleaning house, located behind the shower building. Fish remains only, no trash or garbage should be disposed of in the fish house.
- 5) The county is not responsible for swimming supervision; Swim at your own risk. The beach area closes at 10:00 p.m. No swimming or diving off or around docks and piers. Pets, glass containers, shampoo, and soap are prohibited in the beach area.
- 6) Pets must be on leash at all times. Pets are not allowed in the beach area, children's playground, bathrooms, and other public buildings. Pets must not be left unattended for lengthy periods of time. Pet feces must be picked up and disposed of properly.
- 7) At Waldo Carlson Park, Red Cedar Lake, and Veteran's Memorial Park, Prairie Lake, the boat launch fee is \$5.00 per launch or \$20.00 for an annual sticker. A lockbox and envelopes are provided at the boat ramp. Annual stickers can be purchased online or from the park attendant.
- 8) Vending/selling of any sort is not permitted unless authorized under permit by Barron County.

- 9) Lewd, vulgar, boisterous, unnecessarily loud behavior, disorderly conduct, littering, destructive acts, and tampering with park property are strictly prohibited.
- 10) Violation of any state law, county ordinance, or any rules or policies of the Barron County Forestry, Parks, and Recreation Committee by any park visitor or any member of a camping party is cause for revocation of the camping permit and/or ejection from the park.
- 11) ATV/UTV Permitted:
  - a) ATV/UTV may only operate on designated travel ways, roads, or parking areas (limited only to where licensed highway vehicles can legally operate.)
  - b) ATV/UTV must abide by all posted speed limit signs (10 mph in the parks).
  - c) Operation of an ATV/UTV is not permitted on any pedestrian walking path/trail.
  - d) Operation of an ATV/UTV is not allowed during campground quiet hours (10:00 p.m.-8:00 a.m.)
  - e) Operators must follow all state and local laws pertaining to ATV/UTV operation.
  - f) ATV/UTV must be registered by the State of Wisconsin.
  - g) Operation of all other motor vehicles and other power driven vehicles that cannot be officially licensed or registered by the State of Wisconsin as a legal highway or recreational vehicle is prohibited.
  - h) No washing of ATV/UTVs in the park.

*As adopted by the Barron County Forestry, Parks, and Recreation Committee.*