

Gogebic County Park Rules

McDonald Lake

The following regulations have been adopted by the Gogebic County Forestry and Parks Commission as of February 8, 2001 to ensure that the Gogebic County Park facilities are as enjoyable as possible for all visitors.

1. Rustic camping will be permitted only in established campground sites or in areas designated by a park official.
2. Rustic camping permitted on a first come first serve basis and limited to 7 nights per month during park operating season as determined by the Commission.
3. No individual or family shall occupy more than one campsite.
4. **Quiet Hours** must be observed between 10:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. All users of park facilities shall conduct themselves in a manner that does not create excessive noise or disturb and annoy others.
5. **PET FRIENDLY RULES: Limit of 2 pets per camp site.** Pets (with the exception of service animals) must be under immediate control by the owner and on a leash at all times. Pet owners will be responsible for any damages or injuries caused by their pets. Pets should not be left in campers or tied up unattended to prevent barking from negatively affecting the camping experience of other visitors. No pet, except service animals, are allowed in the swimming area at any time. The owner of any pet must ensure that any droppings are cleaned up immediately and disposed of properly.
6. Campsites must be kept clean and waste deposited in garbage cans provided. Fish entrails must be put in plastic bags and disposed of properly.
7. No diapers, cans, or other trash shall be deposited in privies or holding tank.
8. Fires shall only be built in designated fire rings and extinguished upon leaving campsite.
9. Persons shall not destroy, damage, or remove County property, trees, shrubs, wildflowers, or other vegetation and may not cut trees in park boundaries for firewood.
10. Children must be kept under supervision by a parent or responsible adult.
11. You may swim at your own risk, as no lifeguard is on duty.
12. ORV'S as defined by the State of Michigan are permitted under the following conditions: they must be operated in a safe and prudent manner, they must be operated in compliance with all State of Michigan Laws, operation of the ORV does not exceed a speed of 5 mph. ORV use by registered campers is limited to entering or exiting the Park from their camping site, unless otherwise permitted by the Gogebic County Forestry and Parks Commission. ORV use by non-registered campers is limited to accessing the amenities of the park or to visit a specific camper's site.
13. Persons may not operate or park a motor vehicle anywhere except on designated roads or parking areas. The speed limit shall be obeyed as posted.
14. During the camping season, persons shall not discharge or operate firearms, air guns, slingshots, crossbows or bow and arrow, and there shall be no hunting, trapping, killing or intentionally disturbing wildlife within park boundaries.
15. No storing or leaving a watercraft, or fish shanty on County owned land for more than 24 hours. This subdivision does not apply to a lawfully occupied designated camping site.
16. Absolutely **NO** feeding of any wildlife in the park!

Park users agree to protect, indemnify, and save harmless the Forestry and Parks Commission and the County of Gogebic and their agents, servants, and employees from and against all causes of action, claims, demands, suits, liability, or expense by reason of loss or damage to any property or bodily injury to any person, including death, as a direct or indirect result of the identified use or uses of the park.