

Camping During COVID-19

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife provides camping facilities for public recreation. Campers must make reservations online and obtain camping permits before their trip. To address health and safety issues related to COVID-19, new conditions for camping permits have been developed. They are as follows:

- Be advised that campgrounds may be closed without much advanced notice due to the shifting nature of COVID-19. It is recommended that you check the camping website just prior to your camping trip for the latest updates.
- Campsites are not an allowable travel quarantine facility.
- If you, or a person with whom you have had close contact with, are showing COVID-19 symptoms or have tested positive for COVID-19, stay home and monitor your health.
- Group sizes not to exceed 10 people (5 on O'ahu).
- All guests must be household members sharing the same address.
- Guests must wear a cloth face covering when going to and from campsite and bathrooms. Practice safe social distancing rules and guidelines from other visitors in the area.
- Campers are to clean and disinfect all picnic tables, benches, etc. upon arrival and before checking out.
- Guests must provide their own liquid hand soap and hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer should be at least 60% alcohol-based.
- Be advised that campground facilities are not cleaned and disinfected regularly.
- Be advised that not all campsites have available water and campers must be prepared to bring their own.
- To minimize the overlap of camping reservations, groups may occupy the campsite from 3:00PM on the first day of their reservation and must leave by 1200PM on their departure date.
- In the interests of keeping all guests safe, DLNR reserves the right to evict guests who do not abide by COVID rules as set by Emergency Order and cancel their remaining nights without refund.

RULES AND PERMIT CONDITIONS

Forest Reserve rules are designed to help you and others have an enjoyable visit while protecting Hawaii's cultural and natural resources. Always observe and adhere to posted signs in the forest reserves. In addition you can help us by observing the following rules.

FOREST RESERVE RULES:

- **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** The use or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- **FIREWORKS:** Use or possession of fireworks, firecrackers, and explosives is prohibited.
- **FIREARMS:** Firearms including air or gas operated, bow and arrow and other weapons are prohibited except as permitted by department hunting rules.
- **FIRES:** Fires are allowed only in designated fireplaces and grills, where available. Portable stoves or other self-contained units may be used unless otherwise prohibited. Do not dump live coals – attend until until they are no longer too hot to touch.
- **PETS:** Dogs, cats, and other animals must be crated, caged, or on a leash at all times except for hunting dogs when permitted by Chapters 122 and 123, Administrative rules. Pets are not allowed inside cabins.
- **VEHICLES:** Drive and park motor vehicles only on designated roads and parking areas provided or posted for such usage.
- **WASTE DISPOSAL:** Pack out all trash unless otherwise specified.
- **NOISE:** Do not operate or use any noise-producing device (e.g. radios, musical instruments, generators, motors) in such a manner and at such times so as to create excessive noise or nuisance.
- **WILDLIFE:** Leave the wildlife and their habitat undisturbed except where hunting and fishing is permitted subject to all applicable laws and regulations.
- **PLANTS:** Leave all plant life undisturbed. Do not cut trees for firewood. Where permitted, reasonable quantities of fruits and seeds may be gathered for personal use.
- **NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES:** Leave all geological, historical, and archaeological features undisturbed.

PLEASE BE AWARE:

- Streams in Hawaii are subject to flash flooding. Swimming, wading and other water activities shall be at your own risk.
- Do not leave valuables unattended. Lock your car. Do not leave valuables even in locked cars.
- Persons should use good judgment while camping and hiking. Natural hazards exist and security service is not provided.
- The brochure, [Hiking Safely in Hawaii](http://hawaii.gov/dlnr/docare/brochures/HikingSafety.pdf/view), is available at <http://hawaii.gov/dlnr/docare/brochures/HikingSafety.pdf/view>

PERMIT CONDITIONS:

- Names of all persons 3 years & older must be listed on camping & lodging (cabin) permits. Permit shall be shown to any authorized personnel upon request at the park. All persons over 18 listed on the permit shall show valid identification to authorized personnel upon request.
- Permits may not be transferred.
- Permits shall be revoked for violation of park rules, permit conditions, or any applicable law.
- Permittee shall be responsible for clean-up of the area used.
- Permittee shall be liable for repair, replacement or payment for any damages.
- Campers or lodgers named on this permit may not use camping or lodging facilities at the same park within 30 days of the check-out date on this permit.
- The permittee waives any and all claims he may have against the State of Hawaii and its respective officers, agents and employees, and agrees to defend, hold harmless and indemnify the State of Hawaii and its respective officers, agents and employees, from any suits, actions and claims arising out of or in any way connected with the activities permitted under the permit.
- Permittee shall comply with other conditions that may be imposed by the Department.
- Where these provisions conflict with the Special Conditions of the permit, the Special Conditions shall prevail. See box on front of permit for special conditions.
- **SUSPECTED VIOLATIONS:** Report suspected law and park rule violations to enforcement officers. On all islands, call 643-DLNR (643-3567), no area code required.
- **For emergencies, dial 911.**

REFUND POLICY:

Permit fees, less cancellation charges and processing fee, will be refunded or credited only if request is conducted on-line, in person at one of the District offices, or received by mail at permit issuing office. In all cases, requests must be received at least 15 days before the check-in date shown on permit.

There is a cancellation charge of \$5 per permit, regardless of length of stay.