Bear Creek Campground

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Big South Fork NRRA
Oneida, Tennessee

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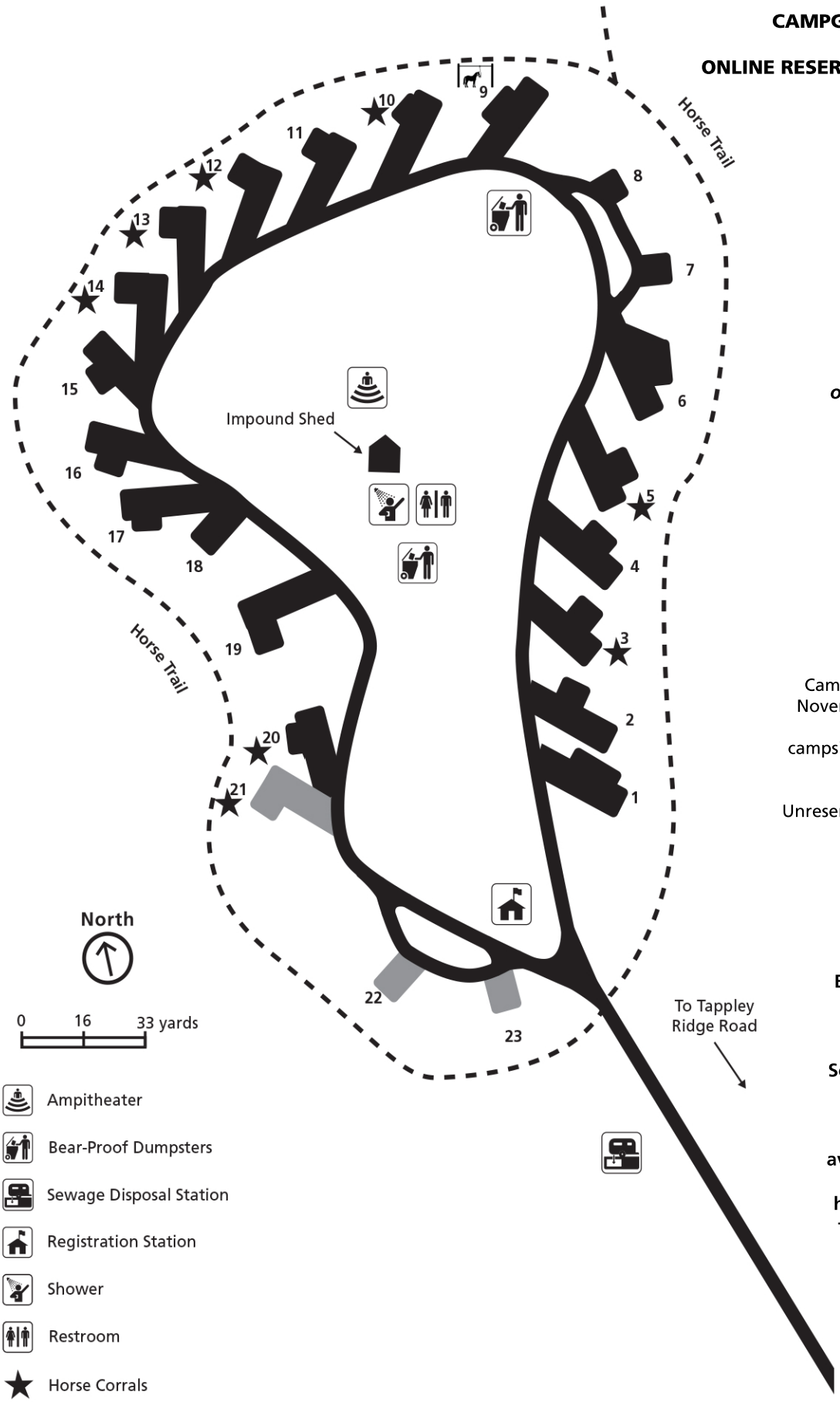

RATES PER NIGHT

With 30 amp hook-ups —$30*

With 50 amp hook-ups (gray sites)—$35*

50% off rate for holders of Interagency Access/Senior Passes

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Campground is open from April 1 through November 30 annually. Reservations can be made up to 6 months in advance for campsites. This campground does not accept cash/check payments.

Unreserved sites are available on a first-come first-serve basis.

Bear Creek welcomes campers with and without horses. All campsites provide horse accommodations, although the type varies by site. Some sites feature new corral-panel stalls, while site 9 provides a high line. If you are camping without horses, please consider another available site that meets your needs so visitors traveling with horses have more opportunities to reserve the new corrals. This is a voluntary courtesy request, and all sites remain available to all campers.

FOOD STORAGE

The entire Big South Fork NRRA is designated for food storage restrictions. **Violation of these restrictions are prohibited and could result in property being impounded.**

1. Food, garbage, and equipment used to cook or store food must be kept one or all the following:
   - sealed in a vehicle, or in a camping unit that is constructed of solid, non-pliable material; or
   - suspended at least 10 feet above the ground and 4 feet horizontally from a post, tree trunk, or other object; or
   - stored in a food storage locker.
2. Pick up all food scraps and wipe down tabletops.
3. Never pour grease and/or food waste into fire rings or into the nearby woods.

PARKING

1. Do not park on the grass or tent pad at any time. Parking is allowed on the gravel surface only.
2. Under no circumstances may a camper pull forward into a site, disconnect and drive over or around the curb stop.
3. Additional parking is available at the bathhouse.

PETS

1. Pets must be always restrained on a leash. This includes while hiking, biking, or horseback riding.
2. Restrained pets may not be allowed access to the road or nearby campsites nor should they be left unattended. All animals must have proof of current rabies vaccinations.
3. Be considerate of other campers, prevent excessive barking and clean up waste.

CAMPSITES

1. Quiet hours are from 10:00 pm (ET) to 6:00 am (ET). Check-in and check-out time is noon.
2. Only one camping unit is permitted to be connected to the power and water supplies at each campsite.
3. Tents must be set up on the gravel pad only.
4. Sites may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours.
5. Driving nails, spikes or screws into trees is prohibited.
6. Firewood, regardless of the species, may only be brought into the park if the tree from which it is derived originally stood in Scott County, Fentress County, Pickett County or Morgan County, Tennessee or in McCreary County, Kentucky. Do not cut any trees, shrubs or limbs around the site that are standing and/or alive. Dead wood on the ground may be collected anywhere in the park for use as fuel for campfires.
7. The use of chainsaws anywhere is the park is prohibited.
8. Build fires only in designated grates or fire rings. Only use wood that can fit in the fire ring, otherwise it creates a fire hazard. Do not dump ashes or charcoal in the woods and never leave the fire unattended.

HYDRANT USAGE/WATER DISPOSAL

1. There are instructions on the side of the hydrant for its use. During cold weather, do not leave the water hose always connected.
2. All gray water (dishes, shower, etc.) must be disposed of at the bathhouse or at the dump station. Never dump gray water on the ground.
3. Water cut-off valves with blue lids are located next to each hydrant. Do not remove the cap and dump anything into it. It is for emergency water repair only.

HORSE REGULATIONS

1. Tie horses only to hitching racks and stalls. Do not tie horses to trees.
2. Do not leave stock unattended.
3. Be considerate of others when using the corrals. Horses are not to be left in the corrals overnight.
4. Never leave feed where wildlife can get to it.
5. All equines brought to or kept at the horse camp or ridden on any park trail shall be accompanied by either the original or copy of an official negative Coggins test for equine infectious anemia.
6. Horse trailers must not be cleaned out at the campsite.
7. Drinking alcohol while on horseback is illegal.

HUNTING/ FISHING/ FIREARMS

Hunting is allowed in Big South Fork NRRA. All Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) and Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife (KDFW) seasons and regulations apply.

1. Possessing a loaded hunting rifle or shotgun or black powder rifle within any campsite is prohibited. Firearms are allowed only during hunting season and then must be, unloaded, cased, and possessed by someone with a valid hunting license. There are designated safety zones, check with the Visitor Center for locations.
2. Target practice of any kind and with any weapons is prohibited in the entire park. This includes BB guns, paintball guns, bows, etc.
3. Using/possessing fireworks/explosive devices in the park is illegal.
4. A valid fishing license is required to fish anywhere in the park.

BICYCLES/ MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ SKATEBOARDING

1. Bicycles may be ridden at night if they have a light in the front and a red reflective marker on the back.
2. Bicycles should follow all rules of the road i.e., follow traffic signs (one way etc.)
3. Skating, skateboards, rollerblades, and similar devices are not permitted.
4. Motorized vehicles not designated for highway use (i.e., ATV's, golf carts, etc) are prohibited on public roads including campground roads within the Big South Fork NRRA. This restriction does not apply to those vehicles designed for and used by persons with a disability.

UNMANNED AIRCRAFT (DRONES)

Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters within the boundaries of the Big South Fork NRRA is prohibited except as approved in writing by the Superintendent.

More information may be found online here: https://www.nps.gov/biso/learn/management/superintendents-compendium.htm