

PARK SPECIFIC STIPULATIONS GUIDED OVERNIGHT CAMPING - BACKCOUNTRY

1. Guided Overnight Camping - Backcountry is authorized in the 1980 park additions and preserve.
2. Guided Overnight Camping - Backcountry includes guided backpacking and basecamping.
 - Guided backpacking is defined as hiking and camping in a different location each night.
 - Basecamping is defined as setting up a camp in one location, day hiking from the location, and returning to the camp for overnight stay(s).
 - In the Visitor Use Reporting system (VURn), enter “backcountry camping” to report basecamping.
3. For 2024, Backside Lake Basecamping will be restricted to the following days:
 - June 24th – June 30th
 - July 8th – July 14th
 - July 22nd – July 28th
 - August 5th – August 11th
 - August 19th – August 25th
 - September 2nd – September 8th
4. An electric bear fence in proper working order must be placed around a basecamp. The fence must be tested twice daily.
5. All tents, tarps, and campsites in the Backside Lake area must be located at least 100 yards from and out of sight from the lake.
6. Participants are required to use Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee approved Bear Resistant Food Containers (BRFC).
7. Tents must be removed from the backcountry when not in use overnight. Tents must not be left unattended between trips.
8. Leave No Trace:
 - Hiking activity near Backside Lake (in the recent moraine areas with gravely soil and pioneer vegetation) shall take place on routes designated with existing unobtrusive small rock cairns. These routes must be minimized and not expanded.
 - Hiking activity away from Backside Lake (the older alpine meadow vegetation) shall be dispersed to the greatest degree possible to prevent the formation of newly created social trails and minimize resource damage at camping areas.
 - If the NPS detects visitor-created social trails or resource damage at camping areas away from the lake, the NPS will seek to apply measures to limit the impacts to the area.
 - Camping and hiking must be done on durable surfaces whenever possible.
 - If a non-durable surface is used for camping it must not be used more than twice per season.
9. Wilderness Safety:

- At least one guide on each trip must have a current Wilderness First Aid or Wilderness First Responder certification. The CUA holder must provide a list of guides with certification. Certificate copies are required upon NPS request.