

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Gateway National Recreation Area, Sandy Hook Unit

Youth Group Camping at Sandy Hook

General Information:

The campground is open for use from April 1 to October 30. The sites are reserved on a first-come/first-served basis. Reservations are taken by mail (see below). Campgrounds are offered for organized youth groups only, with no more than 40 total individuals per site. Due to the limited number of available parking spaces, no group will be issued more than 10 parking passes per site.

The campground is located across from Horseshoe Cove and is the only camping facility at Sandy Hook. Each site is equipped with a picnic shelter, picnic table, charcoal grill and campfire ring. The campground has a water supply and toilet facilities. No indoor or outdoor showers are available at the site. Camp facilities are considered primitive and are intended for tent camping only.

Certificate of Liability Insurance Requirements:

A certificate of liability insurance is required from your Council and must be submitted to the park prior to issuance of an authorized permit. We require general liability insurance against claims occasioned by the action or omissions of the permittee, its agents and employees in carrying out the activities and operations authorized by a special use camping permit (scroll down to page 3 to see requirements).

Instructions to Make a Campground Reservation:

1. A camping permit is required for youth camping within reserved sites. An application must be submitted by mail. You can find the application on our website:

<http://www.nps.gov/gate/planyourvisit/sandy-hook-unit-permits.htm>.

2. A non-refundable administrative processing fee of \$50.00 is required. Please make checks payable to the **National Park Service** and include your **social security** number on the face of the check.

3. Mail check and application to:

Sandy Hook Unit
Gateway National Recreation Area
58 Magruder Road
Fort Hancock, New Jersey 07732
Attn: Special Park Uses

Parking:

- Lot H is closest to campground and across from Horseshoe Cove.

- Lot L is south of Horseshoe Cove at intersection of Atlantic Drive and Hartshorne Drive.

Parking is first-come/first-served basis. You must park within marked spaces only. The campground gate will **not** be opened. If there are no available parking spaces close to campground, park your vehicle in parking area "L" - Horseshoe Cove parking lot. Do not park your vehicle on the roadside or block the gate.

Campfires are permitted in the designated fire rings, except in times of extreme fire danger. You are responsible to ensure fires are completely extinguished when unattended. A self provided shovel and supply of water must be nearby and available at all times. Please do not bring your own firewood; this action could transport invasive insects into the park that could harm the natural vegetation.

No standing trees or bushes, alive or dead, are to be cut or broken. Only driftwood collected from the beaches or what is placed in your woodpile may be used for fires.

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Poison Ivy is very abundant. Learn to identify this plant and avoid contact.

Ticks are also found on Sandy Hook. Stay on trails and check yourself for ticks often.

Trash is your responsibility to take home. There are no trash receptacles available for the public as Sandy Hook is a carry-in/carry-out park. Please leave your campsite clean.

Parking During the Fee Season (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend) - A daily beach parking fee is charged during the aforementioned season. Vehicles entering the park as members of camping groups will identify themselves to the fee collector and will be asked to present an authorized camping permit in order to gain entrance without paying the beach parking fee. [However, any guests planning to park at any beach center parking lot must obtain a beach parking pass from the Fee Plaza and pay the applicable fee.](#) Contact the Visitor Center during the Fee Season to get the latest information on current fees and hours of operation. Vehicles over 20 feet are charged an extra fee.

Mosquitoes in the Monmouth County Area have been found to carry the West Nile Virus, so be sure to bring repellent.

Military structures are extremely dangerous. It is unlawful to climb, walk on, or enter any bunkers, gun batteries or military structures unless it is designated as open to the public. For more information on the history of Sandy Hook and Fort Hancock, as well as park activities and programs check with the [Sandy Hook Visitor Center](#) at (732) 872-5970 or www.nps.gov/gate.

Quiet Hours are observed from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am.

Alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted in the group camping areas.

EMERGENCIES: 732-872-5900

Report all emergencies including fires and first aid problems to the Ranger Station
Rangers are on duty 24 hours a day

Calling 911 may delay help. CALL THE RANGER STATION IMMEDIATELY!

Cell phone service may be lacking in certain locations so make sure you have an adequate and available first aid kit

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- General Liability Insurance Requirements – Commercial General Liability through one or more primary and umbrella liability policies against claims for bodily injury and property damage occurring on the Premises, the improvements thereon, or the streets, curbs or sidewalks adjoining the Premises, with such limits as may be required by the NPS, but in any event not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per incident and **Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) in the aggregate** for the Premises.
- All insurance policies of the NPS shall name the United States of America as an additional insured. The National Park System is authorized to administer Gateway National Recreation Area of the on behalf of the U.S. Department of the Interior.
- All required insurance and any renewals shall be issued by one or more companies of recognized responsibility licensed to do business in the state in which the Park is located with a financial rating of at least a Class B+ (or equivalent) status, as rated in the most recent edition of Best's Insurance Reports (or equivalent) or as otherwise acceptable to the NPS.
- All insurance policies shall provide that such policies shall not be cancelled, terminated or altered without thirty (30) days prior written notice to the NPS. The Permittee must provide to the NPS a copy of each policy and a certificate of the policy executed by a properly qualified representative of the insurance company evidencing that the required insurance coverage is in full force and effect on or before the commencement date of this Permit and periodically thereafter. The Permittee shall maintain all policies provided throughout the permit term and the Permittee shall renew such policies before the expiration of the term of the policy.

The information in **BOLD** must be quoted as shown below on insurance documents:

Certificate Holder
United States of America,
National Park Service,
Gateway NRA,
Sandy Hook Unit,

Additionally Insured
United States of America,
National Park Service,
Gateway NRA