

Chapter 3: Be Safe



Before you head out on your next camping trip, remember to keep safety at the forefront of your mind. As discussed in the “Be Safe” section of the Campground Etiquette course video, safety can be related to wildlife, campfires, pets, driving, and other topics. Use this worksheet to help you and your family stay safe while camping.

Phone Numbers

Campground: _____

After Hours Contact: _____

Local Law Enforcement: _____

Other: _____

***Remember to dial 911 in the event of an emergency.**

Firewood and Campfires

Always use locally-sourced, heat-treated firewood from the area where you’re camping. This prevents the spread of invasive species.

Location to purchase or collect the appropriate wood to use (ranger station, camp host, local store, etc.): _____

When you’re done enjoying your campfire, completely put it out by pouring water on it or covering it with dirt so there are no embers.

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| Wildlife

Keep a minimum distance of 25 yards from the majority of wildlife. When dealing with predators, such as wolves and bears, keep a minimum distance of 100 yards. Each park or campground may have different rules for specific wildlife within its boundaries.

What type of wildlife at this location requires more distance for safe viewing?
What's the additional distance needed?

Reminder: Do not feed wildlife. This makes them reliant on humans for food and can create unsafe interactions that other campers may have to deal with in the future.

| Driving

What's the speed limit in the campground where you are staying?

| Pets

Which, if any, pets or breeds of dogs aren't allowed at this campground?

What's the maximum length for dog leashes? _____

| Special Safety Rules

Are there special safety rules specific to this campground that you should know?
(Bear box usage, animals with a particular disease nearby, potential to flood protocol, etc.)
