

## Welcome to Nickerson State Park

Travel the road to the upper campgrounds in Nickerson State Park and you may think for a moment that you have been magically transported to the Berkshire Hills or the piney woods of the Carolinas. Nowhere in sight are the sand dunes and salt marshes usually associated with Cape Cod. Instead, you are surrounded by woods that slope down to the banks of eight freshwater

ponds. Yet if you walk or bicycle through the woods, you will find no rivers or streams feeding the ponds. These are "kettle ponds", among more than 300 formed as glaciers retreated from the Cape over 10,000 years ago. Completely dependent on groundwater and precipitation, the water level in the ponds fluctuates from season to season and year to year.

### Campground Rules and Regulations

Welcome to Nickerson State Park camping area. We hope that you enjoy your stay. So that we may provide a safe, sustainable and enjoyable camping environment for all visitors, please observe the following rules and regulations:

#### General

- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in all Massachusetts State Parks and Campgrounds.
- Quiet hours are 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Please, no unnecessary or disturbing noise at any time.
- Please keep your campsite clean. Wash your dishes at the dish washing stations.
- Children 16 years old and younger must wear a helmet when bicycling.
- Children at the playground must be accompanied by an adult.
- Equipment is limited to one camping vehicle and one small tent or two small tents per site. Tents are limited to 300 sq. ft. of combined floor space.

#### Occupancy and Registration

- Please do not leave children or pets unattended.
- Registration renewals must be made by 8:00 p.m. on the night prior to your original check-out date.
- Campsites should be occupied the first night and may not be left unoccupied for a period of more than 12 hours.
- Campers may not stay for longer than 14 cumulative days between Memorial Day and Labor Day.
- Check-in time is 1:00 p.m. and Check-out time is 11:00 a.m. Please notify staff on duty at the Contact Station when you leave.
- Campsite occupancy is limited to four adults or one family (parents and children 17 and under)

#### Vehicles

- Only vehicles belonging to registered campers may be parked in the campground.
- Two vehicles or one recreational vehicle and one passenger vehicle are permitted per site. Other registered vehicles may be parked in the parking lots.
- Please park so vehicles do not restrict traffic or damage vegetation or soils. No parking on roadsides or grass.
- Motorized off-road vehicle use prohibited.
- Please inquire at the Contact Station for boating regulations.

#### Campfires

- Please confine campfires to designated fireplaces.
- Never leave fires unattended and extinguish fires by midnight.

#### Pets

- Proof of rabies vaccination required at check-in.
- Pets are never to be left unattended.
- Pets are not allowed on the Flax Pond swimming beach.
- Pets are not allowed in the yurts or on the yurt sites.
- Keep pets leashed (10 foot leash maximum) and under control at all times.

A complete list of DCR Rules and Regulations is available at the Contact Station.

### Activities

- Biking**  
Cape Cod Rail Trail - 25 Paved Miles of Bike Path; 8 Miles of Bike Path in Park
- Swimming** (No Lifeguards)
- Fishing** Mass License Required  
Ponds Stocked With Trout and Salmon
- Boating**  
Cliff Pond - 10 H.P. Maximum  
Flax Pond - Electric Motors and Non-Motorized Only
- Hiking • Birdwatching • Picnicking**
- Interpretive Programs • Equestrian Trails**

### Facilities

Amphitheater • Bike Rentals • Boat Rentals  
Nature Center • Park Store

### Legend

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| W    | Drinking Water               |
| ♂    | Restrooms                    |
| ☎    | Showers                      |
| ☎    | Telephone                    |
| P    | Parking                      |
| △    | Campground                   |
| ⌘    | Picnic Area                  |
| ⌘    | Pavilion                     |
| ⌘    | Boat Ramp                    |
| ♻    | Dump Station                 |
| ---- | Paved Bicycle Trail          |
| ---- | Hiking Trail                 |
| ---- | Bicycle/Skiing Trail         |
| ---- | Equestrian Trail             |
| ESA  | Environmental Sensitive Area |

