



LA CROSSE COUNTY CAMPSITE POLICY

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La Crosse County strives to make Goose Island and Veterans Memorial Campgrounds two of Wisconsin's finest County campgrounds. Our goal is to provide a pleasurable camping experience in a well-maintained campground. To accomplish this, we make every effort to be transparent in our rules and regulations.

CAMPING SEASON:

- The camping season at Goose Island Campground is April 15th to October 30th.
- The camping season at Veterans Memorial Campground is April 15th to October 15th.
- Water hookups: We strive to keep available April 15th to October 15th but do not guarantee before May 1st or after October 1st.
- Check in Time: 3:00 p.m. You may set up earlier only if the site was not occupied the night before.
- Check-out Time: The site must be cleaned and vacated by 1:00 p.m. Late check outs may be charged up to an additional nightly fee.
- Season End is check out time on October 16th at Veterans Memorial and October 31st at Goose Island.
- NOTE: Both the camping season and water availability is dependent on weather, river levels or circumstances beyond our control. La Crosse County reserves the right to change these beginning and end dates.

FEES:

Fees as determined by the County Board, are based on one camping unit and the amenities offered at the campsite. Fees must be paid in full by cash/check/credit card to receive the camping permit and prior to occupying campsite. Your permit must be displayed on the numbered site post upon occupancy.

ADDITIONAL CAMPING UNIT ON CAMPSITE:

Additional camping units on a campsite are not allowed until approved and registered by camp store. This must happen prior to set-up and may require payment of an additional fee. Not all campsites can accommodate a second camping unit.

CAMPING UNIT:

One camping unit is defined as one tent, one recreation trailer, one pickup truck camper, one motorhome or one vehicle.

CAMPING PARTY:

Campsite is limited to 6 campers or an individual family. (Wis. Stats. 79.11(5a))

CAMPSITE SEPARATION REQUIREMENT OF 10 FEET:

Wis. Stats. 79.13(1) requires a minimum separation of 10 feet between camping units. La Crosse County has a recommended campsite set-up. Campers may be required to set up according to the recommended set up. If camper chooses not to set-up in the manner recommended by La Crosse County, it is the camper's responsibility to ensure the 10' separation between camping units is met. Questions regarding site boundaries shall be referred to La Crosse County Facilities.

CAMPSITE AND CAMPING UNIT CARE:

Campers are not allowed to "sprawl" onto adjacent campsites. All items must fit on camper's campsite. Each campsite is distinct; camper is responsible to check size limitations and whether camping unit will fit on campsite. Camper must maintain their campsite in a clean, neat, uncluttered, and orderly fashion. Camping unit must be clean, neat and in good repair. License plates must be current and properly displayed.

CAMPGROUND Wi-Fi:

Wi-Fi service is available at both County campgrounds. The Wi-Fi procedure and passwords will be available at the campground stores. Wi-Fi service is an amenity that is not guaranteed and not included in campground fees.

DECKS AND OUTDOOR CARPET:

Decks must be free-standing and removable with a size limit of 64 sq. ft. Any deck over 2' in height must have a railing with a minimum height of 3'. Outdoor carpet as ground cover is allowed with a campsite limit of 192 sq. ft. Campsites vary in size and may pose a smaller maximum area limit to camping unit, deck, and carpet. Landscape brick pavers laid as ground cover or as a patio is NOT ALLOWED.

FIREWOOD: Firewood supply must be maintained in a neat pile no larger than one "face cord" (4' x 8' x 24"). Pallets, construction lumber and other box type wooden structures are not allowed as firewood. To protect our parks and forest areas we follow the most current WI DNR rule regarding firewood. Firewood cannot be delivered into the campground by an outside vendor. **Do not burn garbage.**

FIREWORKS: Fireworks are NOT ALLOWED.

MAIL SERVICE: Mail service is not provided by the campgrounds. Do not have your mail forwarded to the campground.

MOWING: La Crosse County maintenance staff mow the entire campground on a weekly basis, time and weather permitting. Staff will not move camper's personal items to mow. Staff will not trim closer than 5 feet around camper's personal items and/or camping unit.

PETS (County Ordinance 19.07): Pets are allowed; however, they must always be on a leash, kept under control (which includes excessive barking), and are not to be left unattended. Waste must be disposed of immediately and properly. All pets must be current with vaccinations and tags; proof must be provided upon request. If complaints are received by campground management, your pet displays aggressiveness or nuisance barking, or waste is not immediately removed, campground management may ban the pet from the campground. Dog fencing is not allowed.

Exception to leash requirement: Paws Dog Park at Veterans Memorial Park.

OTHER STRUCTURES: One exterior screened tent/canopy per site; size not to exceed 200 sq. ft. Canopies cannot be used for vehicle storage. Exterior storage units allowed with limit of 40 sq. ft. All outdoor furniture/items shall be manufactured and intended for use outdoors. Plastic tarpaulins are allowed as a woodpile or tent cover only. One county owned picnic table per site. No additional appliances are allowed. No additional structures are to be erected outside of the camping unit. No anchoring, and/or securing, to trees, posts, or any County owned property.

The only exception is hammocks hung with nylon attachment straps. Personal items such as tiki candles, lights, and chairs should be put away when camper is not using the campsite.

Not Allowed: Fencing including dog fencing, portable generators, portable garage tents used as a garage, umbrella clotheslines, grass fertilization, garden plots, trampolines, pools, flag poles taller than 7', political signage.

QUIET TIME AND GUESTS:

- Quiet time is from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily. Please be courteous to your camping neighbors.

- The campground is closed to visitors (i.e., non-registered guests) at 10 p.m.

- Guests are welcome to the campground; however, the camper is responsible for their guest (and their guest's actions) while in the campground. Guests are not allowed to park on vacant or unregistered campsites. If your campsite is not large enough to accommodate another vehicle, camper is responsible to direct their guest where to park. Limited overflow parking is available in day use and overflow parking areas.

TRASH REMOVAL/DUMPSTERS: Do not place or burn garbage in fire rings. Dumpsters are for registered campers only. Bag all trash securely, place in dumpsters and close dumpsters after use. LA CROSSE COUNTY ENCOURAGES RECYCLING; CONTAINERS ARE LOCATED BY THE DUMPSTERS. No rummaging or scavenging is allowed in dumpsters or recycling bins.

UTILITIES AND PUMP-OUTS:

- If campsite will not be used for more than 24 hours, camper is expected to turn off the air conditioning unit in the camper.

- All water spigots will be fitted with a backflow prevention device at the beginning of the season and must remain on the water spigot. Removing the backflow prevention device is a direct violation of State Code. If the campground is written up for a violation of this code at your campsite, that violation will follow to the camper.

- Sewer caps must always be on. Draining of grey or black water onto the ground is strictly prohibited by State Code and will not be tolerated at any time. *Goose Island ONLY*--La Crosse County offers a honey wagon service for a fee. Arrangement and fees are paid at the campground store.

BOAT PARKING AREA (Goose Island only):

Boat Parking Areas are intended for use by ALL watercrafts actively being used and belonging to ALL campers staying in the campground. To minimize any restriction to shoreline access during the camping season, **one** watercraft belonging to a camper is allowed secured to the shoreline in designated area when in use. When not in use, the watercraft should be trailered. All watercrafts must be registered with the campground office. Note: Shoreline parking at waterfront sites is reserved with the campsite.

GOLF CARTS:

Prior approval must be received from the La Crosse County Facilities Department to operate a golf cart. Approved golf cart must always display a County vehicle pass. Each request is considered individually and must meet specific criteria. If authorized, the golf cart can only be used for the personal transport of the person for which it is authorized and only within the campground. No passengers are authorized for transport in the cart. If Campground staff view someone other than the authorized individual using the golf cart or passengers on the golf cart, the authorization is revoked immediately. **ATVs and UTVs are not allowed, no exception.**

VEHICLES/BOATS and TRAILERS:

No more than 2 motor vehicles are allowed on a campsite on a regular basis and are restricted to the parking area of the campsite. Storage of inoperable or other vehicles inappropriate to camping is not allowed. Each site shall be allowed no more than two watercraft (on shore and/or on site) and actively used. All items must fit on campsite. All vehicles, regardless of type, are expected to adhere to posted speed limit.

EXTREME WEATHER:

During periods of extreme fire hazard, flooding or weather emergency, special precautions or measures may have to be ordered by La Crosse County. In such events, the campground may be closed, or other precautionary measures ordered. All campers and guests shall immediately comply with orders to take special precautions or evacuate the campground.

SEVERE WEATHER SHELTER:

The Bathhouses are the designated severe weather shelters.

FLOOD PREPAREDNESS AND EVACUATION PLAN:

Camping unit must be ready to move at any time during the season. Camper is responsible to move camping unit before the flood level is reached. Therefore, campsite must be maintained in a neat, uncluttered, and orderly manner always. Seasonal camping fees are not refundable due to flooding.

- Goose Island flood preparedness actions are taken when the Mississippi River stage at La Crosse is forecasted to be 9' or greater.

- Veterans Memorial flood preparedness action is necessary upon notification of the Neshonoc Power Associates.

CONDUCT / TERMS / CONDITIONS:

- All campers are expected to abide by all park and health code rules/regulations/policies and will strive to maintain a high standard of conduct for both their family and visitors. (ref. La Crosse County Code of Ordinance; Wis. Stats. Chapter ATCP 79)

- By signing this camper agreement, the camper is acknowledging that the agreement is not a lease and does not convey any real property rights to the camper. Further, the camper agrees they are not a tenant of the campground, that the campground is not the camper's residence, and that this agreement is limited to providing temporary overnight sleeping accommodations as outlined in the agreement.

- La Crosse County reserves the right to refuse service to anyone, at any time. Violations of the provisions of the camping agreement, or any other La Crosse County Ordinances or Wisconsin State or Federal laws may result in both termination of this agreement and immediate removal from the campground.

- By signing this camper agreement, the camper acknowledges that La Crosse County is not responsible for damage to camping units or any other personal property brought into the campground by the camper. Further, the camper agrees that La Crosse County is not responsible for injuries, fire, theft, or loss of valuables in or around the camper's vehicle and/or camping unit.

- *All interpretations of these rules are within the authority of the Facilities Director or his/her designee.*
