



Bells Bend Outdoor Center

4187 Old Hickory Boulevard
Nashville, TN 37218-4008
(615) 862-4187

Primitive Campsite Permit

Contact person/Permittee: _____

Agency/Organization: _____

Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip

Day Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Campsite Request

1. Arrival Date: _____ Arrival Time: _____ Departure Date: _____ Departure Time: _____

2. There are ten 10x10 camp-sites with fire rings. How many sites are requested? _____

3. Will individual fire rings be used? Yes* _____ No _____

**Please note: If there is a fire ban due to dry conditions, no campfires will be permitted.*

4. Total Number of Campers: _____ Number of campers per campsite: _____

5. Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone number: _____

6. This is a pack-in, pack-out site. Will there be any special accommodations needed? If yes, explain.
Low impact camping and recycling is encouraged.

**Please Read & Sign
Bells Bend Outdoor Center Campsite Policies on Reverse
Office use Only**

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Provided Park Map _____

Completed Camping Orientation _____

Number of Campsites Issued _____

Fees paid _____

Notified Maintenance _____

Park Police _____

Others _____

Metro Parks Authorized Staff

Date Approved

Bells Bend Outdoor Center Campsite Policy

1. It is the policy of the Board of Parks and Recreation that tent camping at Bells Bend Outdoor Center be used for the following type of activities:
 - Programs sponsored by Metro Parks
 - Outdoor Recreation programming by organizations such as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
 Metro Parks' sponsored programs take scheduling precedence. Outside organizations' requests are granted on a first-come, first-served basis.
2. Tent camping will be by permit only and will be allowed for one overnight session at designated sites.
3. Digging or leveling of the ground at any campsite is prohibited.
4. Camping equipment must be removed and campsites cleaned prior to departure. The permit holder agrees to reimburse Metro Parks for all cost incurred in performing clean up and repairs which the permit holder failed to perform.
5. Quiet-time is between the hours of 10:00p.m. and 6:00a.m.
6. Tent camping at Bells Bend Outdoor Center is primitive. There are not bathing facilities, running water, or electrical hook-ups. There are portable restrooms within walking distance.
7. Gathering wood or plants, whether live, dead, or downed, is prohibited. Removing or defacing any natural or manmade feature in the park is prohibited.
8. Firewood, but not kindling, will be provided by Metro Parks. Non-burnable items must not be placed in the fire rings.
9. Campfires are allowed at the group ring and tent-site rings only.
10. Flammable liquids such as gasoline, propane, or lighter-fluid are prohibited. Sterno gels and kerosene lanterns are allowed.
11. Generators are prohibited (unless granted approval in advance by Metro Parks).
12. Metro Parks reserves the right to limit or cancel camping and campfires during periods of drought, high risk of flooding, or other natural hazards.
13. Campfires should not be left unattended. Fires must be completely extinguished before left unsupervised.
14. Smoking is not allowed in the camping areas.
15. All food and equipment used to prepare food must be kept sealed in a storage unit to prevent animal foraging. Trash must be stored in contained bins and packed out.
16. The request for permit must be submitted at least 20 days prior to the camp arrival date, unless otherwise approved by Park personnel. If approved, appropriate fees will be assessed. All base fees due must be paid 10 days prior to the camp arrival date. All fees are fully refundable if the camp-out is canceled 10 days prior to proposed camp arrival date. No permit will be issued until all necessary paperwork has been completed and all fees paid. Camp-out dates are not confirmed until related fees have been paid.
17. Fees to be charged:
 - One tent-site with fire-grill. . \$10.00 resident / \$11.00 non-resident
 - Exclusive use of tent-sites. . \$50.00 resident / \$55.00 non-resident
18. Permit holders must adhere to all ordinances, rules and regulations of the Board of Parks and Recreation and the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County. All camp-outs held on Park property must fit within the following guidelines:
 - a. the proposed activity or use of the Park must not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the general public's enjoyment of the Park;
 - b. the proposed activity or use will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the promotion of public health, welfare, safety and recreation;
 - c. the proposed activity or use will not include violence, crime or disorderly conduct; and
 - d. the proposed activity or use will not entail extraordinary or burdensome or police operation by the city.
19. Unless permitted by Board of Parks and Recreation, alcoholic beverages are not allowed at campsites.
20. The Board of Parks and Recreation prohibits the reservation of campsites by permittees that discriminate on the basis of age, color, disability, national origin, race, religion, sex, in the admission to, access to, or operation of their programs, services, or activities.
21. The Board of Parks and Recreation has the authority to revoke a permit upon finding a violation of any rules or ordinances or upon good cause shown. In any event of noncompliance with any provision of these terms and conditions, the Board of Parks and Recreation may, in its sole discretion, ban any event sponsor or professional event organizer, promoter or the like from further sponsorship or promotion of any event at campsites for a period of two years.
22. There may not be Park personnel on the Park premises outside of normal office hours.
23. The Permittee is responsible for supervision of their group.
24. By submitting and signing this Permit, the permittee agrees to the following additional terms:
 - a. the permittee will indemnify and hold harmless the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County from any and all claims, damages, costs and attorney fees for injuries or damages arising, in part or in whole, from the permittees' use of Park Facilities and areas described in this Permit and any claims, damages, costs and attorney fees arising from any failure of the organization, its officers, employees and agents to observe applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations;
 - b. the permittee assumes all risk and responsibility for any dangerous or defective conditions on the grounds Parks Facilities, whether known or unknown;
 - c. the individual executing this document on behalf of the permittee or agency/organization affirms that s/he is authorized to do so;
 - d. no modification of this document shall be valid unless in writing and signed by the Board of Parks and Recreation; and
 - e. Tennessee law shall govern any dispute arising from this document, and any suit relating in any way to this document shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction in Davidson County, Tennessee.

 PRINTED NAME of Contact/ Permittee

 Date

 AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE of Contact/ Permittee

 Date

For Safety and Security Needs Contact:
Park Police Office: 615-880-3429

Non-life threatening emergencies: 615-862-8600 Life Threatening Emergencies: 911



For assistance or accommodation, please contact the Bells Bend Outdoor Center, 615-862-4187