Approved Special Management Regulations

After-Hours Fishing Access Permit

*Watkins Woolen Mill State Park and State Historic Site*

An after-hours fishing access permit must be obtained to be on site grounds for fishing after closure time. The permit must be purchased at the visitor center. The fee is subject to change.

Alcohol

*Castlewood State Park*

Alcohol is prohibited in the main day-use area from the Union Pacific Railroad easement south to the Meramec River, with the exception of permitted special events.

*St. Joe State Park*

Alcohol is prohibited in the Pim Day-Use Area because of its proximity to the ORV staging area.

Allowance of Boat/ATV Trailer Parking at Campsites

Facilities that permit the parking of watercraft or all-terrain vehicle (ATV) trailers off of the campsite pad (usually in the grass) are:

- Sam A. Baker State Park
- Big Lake State Park
- Lake of the Ozarks State Park
- Lake Wappapello State Park
- Lewis and Clark State Park
- Meramec State Park
- Pomme de Terre State Park
- Stockton State Park
- Table Rock State Park
- Thousand Hills State Park
- Harry S Truman State Park
- Mark Twain State Park
- Watkins Woolen Mill State Park and State Historic Site

Battlefield Use

*Battle of Pilot Knob*

The core battlefield area of the historic site shall not be used for weddings or other events, except that living histories, reenactments, and the community 4th of July Fireworks display can use any parts of the field designated for such use by the site administrator. Other public events will require Division of State Parks, Eastern Region approval to use the core battlefield.

Boat Slip Rental

*Long Branch State Park*

The park’s marina store may rent boat slips not under an annual lease on a daily basis. Covered boat slips and uncovered boat slips have set rates that are subject to change annually.

Camper Transportation

*St. Francois State Park*

All campers must have an immediate means of motorized transportation in case of evacuation due to flooding. Campers participating in long-distance bicycle tours traveling without support are exempt.

Campsite Capacity Exceedance

*Roaring River State Park, Table Rock State Park*

When a campsite capacity exceedance occurs and all other campsites are occupied, park staff may charge the camping party a fee equivalent to the current nightly rate of the campsite type used for each night the site is occupied and exceeding capacity.
Electric Cars – charging fee
ALLOW park staff to charge a fee for a non-camper to use a vacant electric premium campsite for a period to not exceed 1 hour for the purpose of charging their electric vehicle. This would be allowed as long as a vacant premium electric campsite is available for them to use at that time.

Equestrian Campground
Sam A. Baker State Park
Equestrian and non-equestrian campers may occupy sites in the Equestrian Campground via a camping reservation or first-come, first-serve basis.

Cuivre River State Park
No generators may be used during quiet hours (10 p.m. to 6 a.m.). Straw and manure must be put in the provided bin and debris in the trash can. Horses must be tied at the back of the campsite at the hitching post, unless saddling or unsaddling them.

Cuivre River State Park
Park staff may offer coupon or monetary refunds to campers in the Equestrian Campground should said customers approach staff due to equestrian trail conditions or temporary closure; this only applies during times when the trail has been closed to equestrian use and/or equestrian use in not recommended due to unsuitable conditions.

Generators
Crowder, Knob Noster, Pershing and St. Joe state parks
The use of generators is prohibited in the campground, unless approved by the facility manager. Special consideration will be given for use of generators relating to customer health and safety.

Group Tent Areas
Meramec State Park
Meramec State Park offers three group tent areas (A, B and C) in addition to their regular campsites. Each tent area contains a paved parking lot for approximately 16 vehicles, eight picnic tables, two fire grills and two lantern posts. The minimum group size per area is 15 persons and the maximum size is 50 persons. A showerhouse is conveniently located in the area.

The group areas are open and reservable year-round. The three group tent areas can be reserved using the centralized reservation system.

Lake Restrictions
Wakonda State Park
Agate and Wakonda lakes are designated idle speed only (no horsepower limit).

Agate Lake is closed Nov. 1 through Jan. 31 and Feb. 15 through March 31 to allow for waterfowl refuge during fall and spring migrations.

Jasper Lake is open to public access and use with small carry-in boats; trolling motors only, no gas engines. The lake is closed for waterfowl migration Feb. 15 through March 31 and Oct. 15 through Dec. 31.
Late Rental Return Fee
*Cuivre River, Long Branch and Wakonda state parks*
When a customer returns a watercraft rental after the designated rental time period has ended, staff may charge a late return fee. The fee is dependent on the type of watercraft and is determined by the facility manager.

Maximum Stay Limit
*Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial State Park*
Campers at Babler State Park may exceed the maximum stay rule (15 days within a 30-consecutive-day period at one park) during the off-season (November through March).

*Roaring River State Park*
Campers at Roaring River State Park may exceed the maximum stay rule (15 days within a 30-consecutive-day period at one park) from the Tuesday after Labor Day to the Friday prior to Memorial Day (observed). From the Saturday prior to Memorial Day (observed) through Labor Day, the maximum stay rule does apply.

*Table Rock State Park*
Campers at Table Rock State Park may exceed the maximum stay rule (15 days within a 30-consecutive-day period at one park) from November through March 31.

On-Seasons -- Alternate
*Bennett Spring, Montauk and Roaring River state parks*
On-season runs from Feb. 25 through Oct. 31.

*Table Rock State Park*
On-season runs from March 1 through Nov. 30.

*Big Lake, Crowder, Cuivre River, Lewis and Clark, Pershing, Van Meter, Wakonda, Wallace, Watkins Woolen Mill (SP and SHS) and Weston Bend state parks*
On-season runs from April 15 through Oct. 31.

Overflow Camping Area
*St. Joe State Park*
The area at the intersection of Loughboro and Pimville Road has been designated as an overflow camping area which can be used when the regular camping areas are full. St Joe State Park is a destination park for most campers because of the ORV riding area. Campers are allowed to camp in the overflow area on a nightly basis as long as the regular camping area remains full.

*Arrow Rock State Historic Site and Hawn, Lake Wappapello, Trail of Tears and Washington state parks*
When all campsites are occupied, staff may permit campers to set up in a designated overflow camping area and may charge the customer the current nightly value of a basic camping fee.

Overflow Parking Area
*Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial and St. Joe state parks*
Park staff may charge an overflow parking fee per vehicle to allow parking in designated overflow parking areas when the campsite vehicle capacity is exceeded.

Parking in Grass
Arrow Rock State Historic Site
Parking is allowed on the grass in most areas throughout the historic site.

Picnic Shelters
Castlewood State Park
Visitors can no longer reserve picnic shelters for half day. They can be rented for full-day use only, 5 days a week. Reservations can be made Monday through Friday. Reservations not offered Saturday, Sunday, or the following holidays: Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day. If not reserved, on a first-come, first-serve basis for free.

Weston Bend State Park
Reservations for Bee Creek Shelter are accepted up to 24 months in advance of desired date.

Portable Fences for Containing Pets in Campgrounds
Parks/sites with campgrounds can opt-in to allow registered campers to erect portable fences at their campsites for the purpose of containing their pets. Fences must be portable and free standing. No driving of posts is allowed, and pets shall be under direct supervision and not left unattended. If the portable fence is not sufficient in containing, maintaining, and/or controlling the pet/s, the manager or managers designee shall require the pet/s be restrained by a leash not longer than ten (10) feet held by a person capable of restraining the pet/s or firmly affixed to some stationary object to prevent the animal from ranging at large or to cause damage to park/site property.

Prairie State Park
Special backpack camping along trail regulations; no pets on trails (EXCEPT for the Path of the Earth People and Path of the Sky People trail) or areas outside the camping and picnic areas; no smoking on trails; no campfires in the backpack camp; blanket approval for staff to cut trees; carry-in/carry-out trash; elk and bison rules

Pricing, Alternate Off-Season
Bennett Spring State Park
From Nov. 1 through Feb. 24, sewer/electric/water campsites in Campground 1 can be sold at the off-season electric or basic rate based on the amenities used by the occupant. (No electric or basic sites are available during this time period.)

Lake Wappapello State Park
Due to closure of Asher Creek Campground in the off-season causing no basic campsites to be available for sale, park staff may sell electric campsites in Ridge Campground at the basic rate from November through March if the electric amenity is not used by the occupant.

Roaring River State Park
Due to closure of Campgrounds 2 and 3 in the off-season causing no basic campsites to be available for sale, park staff may sell electric campsites in Campground 1 at the basic rate from Nov. 1 through Feb. 24 if the electric amenity is not used by the occupant.

Table Rock State Park
From December through February, sewer/electric/water campsites in Campground 1 can be sold at the off-season electric rate if the sewer amenity is not used by the occupant and no electric site is available. Electric campsites can be sold at the off-season basic rate if the electric amenity is not used by the occupant. (No basic sites are available during this time period.)
Thousand Hills State Park
Due to closure of Campground 1 in the off-season causing no basic campsites to be available for sale, park staff may sell electric campsites in Campground 2 at the basic rate from November through March if the electric amenity is not used by the occupant.

Trail of Tears State Park
Lake Boutin Campground is closed November through April, leaving no basic campsites available for sale. From November through April, park staff may sell electric campsites in Mississippi River Campground at the basic rate if the electric amenity is not used by the occupant. Additionally, sewer/electric/water campsites in Mississippi River Campground can be sold at the electric rate if the sewer amenity is not used by the occupant and no electric sites are available. (Sewer/electric/water campsites cannot be sold at the basic rate.)

Harry S Truman State Park
Due to seasonal campground closures, park staff may charge certain alternate rates. From November through February, park staff may sell electric campsites in Devil's Backbone Campground at the basic rate if the electric amenity is not used by the occupant. During the month of March, if the five available basic sites in Thorny Ridge Campground are occupied park staff may sell electric campsites in Devil's Backbone Campground at the basic rate if the electric amenity is not used by the occupant.

River Access Gate
Castlewood State Park
This gate is closed on weekends and holidays from May 1 through Sept. 30. The gate also may be closed as needed during flooding or emergencies. No vehicles allowed on the sandbar. See also "Trash Cans."

Showerhouse Usage, Non-Camper
When a non-camping visitor uses the showerhouse, park staff may charge each person a showerhouse usage fee.

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Special Event Area
Reservations of a special-use camping area (SUCA) for day-use activities may be used within the facility’s day-use operating hours except when reserved for an overnight group. Same-day first-come, first-served use is allowed and will not incur a rental fee.

Castlewood State Park
The lower day-use area at Castlewood State Park is designated as a Special Event area for managing third-party special events.

**Special-Use Camping Area (Minimum-use charge)**

*Cuirre River State Park*

The park has two special-use camping areas with minimum charges for usage. Specific rates are maintained and updated by Business Services and are subject to change each year.

*Finger Lakes State Park*

The park has one special-use camping area with minimum charges for usage. Specific rates are maintained and updated by Business Services and are subject to change each year.

*Stockton State Park*

The park has two special-use camping areas with minimum charges for usage. Specific rates are maintained and updated by Business Services and are subject to change each year.

*Wallace State Park*

The park's three special-use camping areas have minimum charges for usage. Specific rates are maintained and updated by Business Services and are subject to change each year.

**Trails Use**

*Rock Bridge Memorial State Park*

Horseback riding is permitted: in Gans Creek Wild Area between June 1 and Oct. 1 and only when the trail is dry.

Mountain biking is only permitted when the trails are dry.

**Trash Cans (Carry-in, Carry-out)**

*Castlewood State Park*

A carry-in, carry-out zone is designated in the main day-use area from the Union Pacific Railroad easement south to the Meramec River. This area includes the river access, main picnic area, valley portion of River Scene Trail, overflow parking lot, Lincoln Field and picnic sites along Kiefer Creek Road. See also "Alcohol."

*Clark's Hill/ Norton and Jewell Cemetery state historic sites*

No trash cans provided.

*Katy Trail State Park*

No trash cans provided at the trailheads from Portland to Boonville.

*Rock Bridge Memorial State Park*

Except for in the restrooms and dumpsters, there are no trash cans provided. Also applies to the special-use area and picnic shelters.

**Wedding Venues**

*Dillard Mill State Historic Site*

Dillard Mill has established a set of guidelines for weddings/commitments ceremonies held at the facility. The rental fee is subject to change annually.
*North side of millpond, just in front of the split rail fence with the mill and Huzzah Creek as a backdrop

*Washington State Park
*Campground Amphitheater

The campground amphitheater is available for an outdoor wedding venue rental. The rental fee is subject to change annually.

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