

Crab Orchard Lake Campground

at
Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge
is located on the shoreline of
Crab Orchard Lake and
is operated annually
April 1 through
October 30.

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Welcome to the Crab Orchard Lake Campground:

Crab Orchard Lake Campground is a camping facility designed to enhance your visit while at Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge. The campground offers a wide range of camping opportunities.

The following information is intended to assist in making your camping visit more pleasant. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Camping Information

Fees: Campers pay fees at the Campground Station before setting up camp. If a campground attendant/fee collector is not available, campers may proceed to an available site and set up; however, fees must be paid as soon as attendant/ fee collector is available. Camping fees shall be paid daily or if desired, may be paid in advance for the duration of the visit. The daily fee covers the use of the facility from 2 pm on the day of payment to 2 pm the following day. Interagency Senior and Access Passes will be honored for daily fees only. Campsites cannot be reserved or “saved” for campers arriving later.

Camp Site	Daily	Weekly
Full Hook Up	\$25	\$145
Electric/Water	\$20	\$120
Electric	\$15	\$90
Non-Electric	\$10	\$60

Camping Permit: A camping permit will be issued at the time fees are collected. A responsible adult (18) years of age or older must accompany each group. A person acquiring a camping permit must have a camp shelter at the time of registration and must occupy the site at that time. No camping equipment shall be placed on any campground site while that site is occupied by another camping party.

Length of Stay: Maximum camping period shall be limited to 14 days within a 16 day time period. All camping units/equipment and personal property must be removed from the campground for 48 hours at the end of any 14 days. After 48 hours campers may re-register.

Campsite Capacity: Each campsite is limited to a maximum of eight (8) people per site, two camping units (only one of which may be wheeled). Camping units are defined as follows: wheeled camping units (RV, pop-up, trailer, fifth wheel, truck camper, truck with topper) or tent. Tarps, awnings, dining canopies, screen tents, or vehicles other than those listed, may not solely occupy a campsite. A maximum of four (4) vehicles are permitted at a campsite at any one time. Vehicles include cars, RV’s, trucks, vans, trailers, and boat trailers. Wheeled units need to be placed on pads provided; tents need to be placed on pads or within 15 feet of pad or within 15 feet of provided lantern poles.

Personal Property: The storage of personal property outside of a camping unit or vehicle is prohibited. Personal property includes but is not limited to: lawn mowers, house furniture, auto parts, dog houses, boat motors not on boats, storage trailers and any non-camping items.

Fires: Open fires are permitted only in the fire grates or rings provided at the campsite: Only dead, fallen timber may be gathered for firewood. **All firewood brought into the campground must be burnt or left at the site.** Fires must not be left unattended and must be completely extinguished before leaving the campsite.

Check Out Time: Campsites must be vacated by 2 p.m. of the day the camping permit expires unless the permit is renewed before 2 p.m. consistent with occupancy and/or availability. After 2 p.m. an additional day will be charged.

Visitation: Visitation for registered campers is between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Visitors are required to have a Refuge entrance pass. All other entry prohibited.

Visitor Parking: Non-camping visitors may park at the site only if the campsite capacity has not been reached (see campsite capacity). See campground attendant for overflow parking.

Peace and Quiet: Quiet hours are from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Any activity, including motors and generators, that emits sound beyond the immediate campsite between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. is prohibited.

Alcoholic Beverages and Controlled Substances: The possession or use of any alcoholic beverage is prohibited. The delivery or possession of any controlled substance is prohibited.

Sanitation: No waste, water, sewage, or effluent from sinks, toilets, or other plumbing fixtures shall be deposited upon or into the surface of the ground or water. All solid waste material shall be deposited in trash dumpsters located in the campground. Sewage and other effluent must be dumped in the sanitary dump station located at the entrance to the campground. Campsites must be cleaned before leaving.

Vehicle/Boats: Vehicle maintenance and/or washing of vehicle is prohibited within the campground. All-terrain vehicles (ATV’s) are prohibited. All motorized vehicles must be licensed and operated by a licensed driver.

Firearms: Firearms must comply with Illinois Concealed Carry and transportations laws.

Swimming Beach: The beach will be open daily from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Refuge entrance fees will be honored for this use. No person may enter the beach water alone or swim alone. Bathers under 17 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. No pets or glass within the beach area. This includes the sand, parking lot, picnic area, and water. Swimming is prohibited along the immediate shoreline of the campground.

Pets: Pets are permitted if confined or kept on a leash not to exceed 10 feet in length, one end of which must be secured to restrict the movement of the pet. Pet may not be left unattended. Pet owners are responsible for disposing of their pets’ waste. All livestock are prohibited.

Violation of Rules: Individuals violating regulations, rules or posted signs may be subject to citation and /or immediate eviction. Upon eviction, at the demand of the Service, the individual shall immediately remove all equipment and personal property. The Service may refuse to permit an individual to re-enter for a period of up to 365 days from such eviction. No refunds will be granted in such cases.

Reservations: There will not be a reservation system this season. *First come, first service.*

For the full text of regulations covering the use of Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge, please pick up an information leaflet at the Campground Contact Station, the Visitor Center, or the Refuge Headquarters.