

# Padre Island National Seashore

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## Bird Island Basin Windsurfing & Campground Area

**Welcome to Padre Island National Seashore!** The regulations listed below have been established to assure that recreational activities do not hinder or pose a threat to visitors, employees, personal property, or natural and cultural resources that exist at the Bird Island Basin (BIB) windsurfing & campground area. Your cooperation is appreciated to assure that all activities are in compliance with park regulations and with objectives of protecting visitors and resources. **For emergencies, call 911 or contact a ranger.**

### 1. Fees & General Regulations:

- a. **In addition to the park entrance pass**, a Bird Island Basin day use pass of \$5.00/day or a \$10.00 Bird Island Basin annual pass is required for the Bird Island Basin windsurfing & campground area. All passes are obtained at the park entrance gate and will be displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle.
- b. Pets must be on a leash not exceeding six feet, or physically confined, at all times.
- c. Dispose of trash properly and do not litter. Free trash bags are available at the park entrance gate and at Malaquite Visitor Center. Trash and recycling containers are located near both restrooms at Bird Island Basin windsurfing & campground area.
- d. In the interest of visitor safety and protection, Bird Island Basin campground is closed to non-camper use and non-camper vehicle traffic from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

### 2. Parking:

- a. Day use parking is available as signed. Day use parking cannot impede the flow of traffic.
- b. Campsites are for camping only. No day use parking is allowed at the campsites.
- c. No roadside shoulder parking is allowed at Bird Island Basin windsurfing & campground area, at the Bird Island Basin boat ramp area, or along the roads accessing these areas.
- d. Overflow parking is available at the Malaquite Visitor Center parking lot. When possible, please notify park law enforcement at (361)949-9238 if a vehicle will be left in the visitor center parking lot overnight.
- e. Equipment, trailers, and other personal property will not be left overnight in the day use parking area and will be subject to removal if left unattended.

### 3. Camping:

- a. Campers must obtain a camping permit **for each site occupied** from the self-registration kiosk located at the entrance to the windsurfing & campground area. Camping permits will be completed and placed on the dashboard of the vehicle. See the campground host for assistance.
- b. Visitors must be physically camping at each site. Visitors are not allowed to use additional campsites for storage of equipment.
- c. All vehicles and equipment must be within designated campsites so as to not impede the flow of traffic or other campsites.
- d. Camping anywhere in the park is limited to 14 days at one time and no more than 56 days per calendar year. After each 14-day stay, all camping equipment and vehicles must be removed from the park for a minimum of 48 hours.
- e. Gray water must be disposed of at the sewage dump station located at the entrance to Malaquite campground.