Sleeping Bear Dunes

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Platte River Campground

Platte River Campground is located within the Platte River District of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, an area administered by the National Park Service. Platte River Campground is open year-round for your camping enjoyment.

ENTRANCE FEE – A park pass is required for all vehicles using the campground, including guests who are visiting campers. The pass must be displayed from the vehicle rear view mirror or driver side dashboard.

RESERVATIONS – All campsites are available by reservation from May 1 through October 15. Regular sites may be reserved up to 6 months in advance of your arrival date. Group campsites may be reserved up to 1 year in advance of your arrival date. For reservations, visit www.recreation.gov or call 1-877-444-6777.

SAFETY - Please notify a Ranger or Campground Host if you encounter any problems. In case of emergency, DIAL 911.

BE A GOOD CAMPER. PLEASE OBEY THE FOLLOWING PERMIT CONDITIONS:

- 1. Campers must check-in at the campground office immediately upon arrival.
- 2. Campers must notify the campground at 231-326-4700 ext 5029 if they will not arrive within 24 hours of the check-in time or their reservation will be cancelled; they will be charged the first night's camping fee plus a \$20 no show fee.
- 3. Check-in time is 2 PM. Check-out time is 12 noon.
- 4. Camping is permitted ONLY in designated areas, on the established tent pads, and parking pads. All vehicles and trailers must remain on asphalt and off gravel or vegetation.
- 5. No more than six (6) people will be permitted on a site and only one truck camper, camper trailer or motor home will be permitted on each site.
- 6. Quiet hours are 10 PM 6 AM. Noise levels must be controlled at all times to avoid disturbing other campers.
- 7. Generator use is prohibited at Platte River Campground.
- 8. Camping is limited to 14 TOTAL days per designated campground between Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day.
- 9. ACTIVE BEAR AREA: Store food, drinks, ice chests/coolers (empty or full), toiletries/hygiene products, trash/recyclables, equipment to prepare food and all scented items in a sealed hard sided vehicle, RV, or food storage locker day and night. Never feed wildlife.
- 10. To prevent and slow the spread of forest pests and diseases, YOU MAY ONLY BURN NPS APPROVED FIREWOOD. Firewood may be purchased between the entrances of Loops 2 & 3.
- 11. Confine all fires to the fire ring and burn ONLY dead, down and detached wood, manufactured logs, or charcoal. Fires must be completely extinguished with water before leaving a campsite. Do not leave fires unattended. Do not burn trash in fire rings.
- 12. It is unlawful to cut, destroy, damage or remove ANY standing tree, shrub or plant, or possess any green vegetation within the park, including flowers. Do not injure trees with nails or by hanging hot lanterns on or against the trunk.
- 13. Bicycles are to be used on roads or the Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail only and are prohibited in walk-in and group campsites. Roller blades, skates, skateboards, scooters, and similar devices are prohibited in the campground.
- 14. Wheeled devices, including wheelbarrows, wagons, carts and trailers are prohibited on foot trails. Do not create short-cuts.
- 15. Pets must be on a six-foot (6'/1.8 M) leash under restraint or caged at all times. Do not leave pets unattended and tied to an object. Pet owners are responsible for the cleanup of all excrement. Pets are NOT allowed in group camp areas.
- 16. Containers must be kept under drains and emptied only at the dump station.
- 17. The washing of dishes, hands, hair, or brushing teeth, etc. at outdoor water faucets is prohibited. Washing vehicles at the dump station is prohibited.
- 18. Unless registered for a group or walk-in site, parking in those areas is prohibited. Overflow parking is available at Platte Picnic Area located at Lake Michigan Road and M-22.

Violation of terms may result in permit suspension, revocation and/or issuance of a citation by law enforcement.

