

**Camping Rules for Whitt-Riverbend Park
Owned and Operated by the Town of Pearisburg**

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**Contact Number 540-921-0340
Emergency Number 9-1-1 or 921-3842 (Sheriff's Office)**

Alcoholic Beverages at Campsites:

Open consumption of Alcoholic Beverages on Municipal Property is prohibited. A special use permit issued by the Town Council for any organized events where Alcoholic Beverages will be served must be obtained. Any permit required by the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverages is the responsibility of the organization holding the event.

Canoe-In-or Walk-In Camping:

Canoe-in or Walk-In camping is permitted. Campers will need to set up their site in a designated area and abide by all rules. Stop by the Town Office in advance to pay before your stay. The police will monitor the area and check for proper permitting. Anyone without proper permitting will be ordered to leave the Park.

Canoe Landing:

There are two designated areas for putting in a canoe or small boat. They are located at the main parking area and at the other end of the park where the river and creek meet.

Check-In/Check-out Time:

All campers should leave their designated campsite by 12 p.m. so the next group may arrive and begin to set up shortly after. No reservations shall be made in excess of 14 consecutive nights.

Dogs:

Dogs are allowed and should be kept on a leash or under their owners' control at all times. Be courteous of others and please clean up after your event.

Electricity:

Electricity is not available.

Firepit:

All fires should be confined to a fire ring. Please do not leave fires unattended. Please make sure the fire is completely out before leaving your campsite.

Firearms:

Those using the Park shall be responsible for compliance with all state firearms laws. The following are prohibited in the Park: hunting, target shooting, or other recreational shooting.

Fireworks:

Fireworks are prohibited.

Fishing:

Valid Virginia fishing licenses are required to fish where it is permitted.

Gate:

Once your party has entered the park through the gate, it is your responsibility to close the gate to keep unpermitted parties from entering. Do not lock the gate while you or another party are inside the gated area. This allows individuals to exit quickly without the burden of trying to unlock the gate in the event of an emergency. Individuals are allowed to walk in or canoe in camp.

Generators:

The use of generators is prohibited.

Litter:

Litter and garbage are a nuisance that damages the aesthetic of the Park and attracts and injures animals. Trash shall be bagged and placed in available receptacles. If the receptacles are full, all trash shall be taken with you when you leave. Receptacles are emptied on weekdays and not on the weekends.

Picnic Pavilion Use:

The pavilion can be rented. If there is no one using it you are welcome to use it. If a party has it reserved, please be courteous and move for them as they have paid in advance to use it. There is to be absolutely no camping at the picnic shelter for any reason.

Picnic Tables:

Picnic Tables are not to be moved from their designated sites.

Quiet Hours:

Please respect your neighbors. Sound and light travel so lower your voices, radios, and lanterns during quiet hours. Quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Refunds:

Camping is an outdoor experience; therefore, we do not give refunds due to the discomforts of nature and/or the weather.

Speed Limits:

The speed limit inside the park is 8 mph or lower.

Tarps:

The use of tarps is prohibited.

Tents/Canopies:

Tents, Pop up Canopies, or staked Canopies are all allowed.

Trails:

All motorized vehicles and horses are prohibited on any of the walking trails. The only motorized transportation allowed on trails is handicap wheelchairs, children's scooters, or battery-operated riding toys for small children.

Violations:

Anyone violating the Rules and Regulations for Whitt-Riverbend Park will be evicted from the park.

Water:

Drinking water is not available at the park.

Wood:

The cutting down of live trees or branches is prohibited. Offsite wood is not permitted in the park. Campers are welcome to any wood that is already down in the park or along the river. **NO** chain saws are allowed in the park.

Leave No Trace:

Campers are required to follow the following Leave No Trace Principles:

1. Plan ahead and prepare
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces
3. Dispose of waste properly
4. Leave what you find
5. Minimize campfire impacts
6. Respect wildlife
7. Be considerate of other visitors