

# Campground Firewood, Fire Ring & Burn Ban Policy

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**Fire jumps from a campsite to a tree line in under three minutes.** The posted policy and the signed acknowledgment are what your insurance carrier asks for at claim time. Print one per booking. One copy posted at the fire ring. One copy on file.

## 1. Guest Information

Park \_\_\_\_\_ Site # \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival \_\_\_\_\_ Departure \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Fire Ring Rules — Initial Each Line

- 01 Fires permitted in the provided fire ring only.** Ground fires, fires in personal pits, and fires on the picnic table or pad are prohibited.
- 02 Fire must be attended at all times by a sober adult.** Leaving a lit fire unattended, even briefly, is grounds for a fine and possible removal.
- 03 Maximum flame height 3 feet.** Bonfires reach the tree canopy at independent parks. The 3-foot cap is set by your insurance carrier and your local fire authority.
- 04 Use park-supplied or locally sourced firewood only.** Out-of-state firewood transports invasive species. Most states prohibit it within 50 miles of origin. Park firewood is for sale at the office.
- 05 No accelerants. No trash. No green wood.** Gasoline, lighter fluid above starter size, plastic, food packaging, and pressure-treated lumber are all prohibited.
- 06 Extinguish fully before bed or before leaving the site.** Drown with water. Stir the ashes. Drown again. Hand-test the ashes before walking away.
- 07 Dispose of cold ashes in the designated ash bin only.** Ash bins are at every bathhouse. Hot ashes in a trash dumpster have caused park fires every summer somewhere in the country.
- 08 During a posted burn ban: no open flame of any kind.** Burn bans cover charcoal grills, propane fires, and tiki torches, not just firewood. The posted notice at the office is the controlling document.

### 3. Burn Ban Triggers and Posted Notice

A burn ban at this park is in effect when any of the following applies:

- A burn ban or fire restriction is declared by the state, county, or municipal fire authority.
- Red flag warning issued by the National Weather Service for the park's county.
- Sustained winds at the park exceed 25 MPH or gusts exceed 40 MPH.
- Relative humidity below 25 percent with no recent rainfall.
- Park management determines, by visible fuel-load assessment, that conditions warrant a ban.

**How the ban is communicated:** a red sign posted at the office, an email to all guests currently on site, and a hand-out delivered to every site by staff within two hours of the ban going into effect. Burn bans are not negotiable. Violations are grounds for immediate removal from the park.

### 4. Violations and Penalties

Violation	First Offense	Repeat or Burn-Ban Violation
Unattended fire	\$50 fine + verbal warning	Removal from park
Fire outside ring	\$100 fine + cleanup charge	Removal
Burning prohibited materials	\$100 fine	Removal + reported to authorities
Burning during a posted burn ban	Immediate removal	Reported to fire authority
Fire that spreads beyond ring	Damage repair + insurance reporting	Removal + civil claim

### 5. Assumption of Risk and Liability

The registered guest acknowledges that open-flame fires carry inherent risks including burns, smoke inhalation, property damage, and the spread of fire beyond the ring. The guest is fully responsible for damage to the park, neighboring sites, or surrounding areas caused by any fire originating from the guest's site, regardless of who lit it.

Guest authorizes the park to charge any damage, cleanup cost, or fine to the payment method on file.

**Guest**

**Signature**

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**Date**

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**Printed**

**Name**

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**Site #**

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**Park Repres  
entative**

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**Date**

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