

# Camp Rules

Hi all,

I have been asked several times what “The Rules” are for our camp. The State of Michigan has laid out some very plain rules that must be enforced. I could lose my lease if not, so these rules are not negotiable:

1. Abide by all the laws of the State of Michigan.
2. No Smoking in any building at any time! (I believe the current law in the State of Michigan enforces a ban on smoking on any State property, and yes, even though I hold the lease, this is State Property).
3. No dogs or other animals in any of buildings at any time. If you bring your pet it will have to be under your direct control at all times (on a leash) and chained or crated outside at night. It would make your vacation, and the vacation of those around you more pleasurable if you made arrangements to have your pet cared for at home while you are here.
4. Exceptions to rule 3: Personal service dogs/animals (seeing eye dog etc.). Dogs/animals used in presentations for educational purposes.
5. No tents or RV's.
6. No motorized vehicles beyond the parking lot.
7. Camp capacity is 120 persons and is not to be exceeded at any time.
8. No high current appliances in the cabins (hot plates, heaters, air conditioners refrigerators etc.). The electrical circuits in the cabins are designed for a 10 amp load (1200 watts). They are intended for a small window fan, radios, clocks etc. If you overload a cabins circuit it will blow a fuse.
9. No cooking in the cabins.
10. No candles, oil lamps or other sources of flame or intense heat in the cabins.
11. You will not display or sell any pictures, books, magazines or other products that are not approved by the Department Representative (the man who enforces my lease).
12. No fireworks, firearms, air guns, sling shots or bows and arrows not part of a program or class. The exception to this is during the September 15 through March 31 hunting season, when **hunters** (those with valid hunting licenses) may legally possess firearms within the camp. **No Hunting Within The Camp** or any other part of Yankee Springs Recreation Area.
13. You may not install mechanical rides, pinball games, coin-operated amusement machines or similar devices in or about the premises.
14. Alcohol. My lease states “The Lessee (me) shall operate under all Liquor Control Commission regulations. The Lessee (me) shall also require appropriate insurance coverage and/or liquor licenses from private entities (you) intending to rent facilities contained within the premises with the intention to serve alcohol. (Basically, you can't have a cash bar or provide/serve alcohol to the people in your group without a lot of red tape and/or expense. You can't serve to minors or allow minors in your group to drink. You can't charge admission at the gate for a beer party or do anything else that attempts to circumvent the law). You are allowed to bring your own alcohol for your own personal consumption *in moderation*. Drunk and/or disorderly persons will not be tolerated and will be asked to vacate the premises.

OK already! Enough of the State rules! Here are our rules:

1. Respect your fellow campers. They are on vacation too!
2. Respect the Outdoor Center Property. Please leave it as you found it so the next user can enjoy it as much as you did! **Clean your cabin before you leave.** If you had access to the lodge or kitchen, make sure they are scrubbed up and ready to cook and serve meals. If you had access to the bath house clean it as well. If you accidentally broke something please come and tell me, I won't bite you. I just want to repair it as soon as possible.
3. Use common sense. If it doesn't seem right, it probably isn't!!!
4. You're on **VACATION**!!! Have **FUN**.

Thanks,

Rick and Mary