

*Camping in Geauga Park District will afford you a personal connection to the beautiful natural resources in three different parks. Each park, Big Creek Park, Headwaters Park, and Chickagami Park, has its own special features and offers unique ways to experience the outdoors. The following regulations are written to ensure that all users have an enjoyable experience.*

## The Campsites

Sites are currently available in three different parks, each offering a variety of experiences.

**Tent pads** are designed for you to pitch your own tent on a comfortable well-drained surface, and typically accommodate up to 4 people.

**Lean-tos** with fireplace are provided at some sites, which also accommodate up to four people.



### Group Sites

at Chickagami Park are specifically designed for large group camping, and are great for a gathering of family, friends, and scout troops.

## Regulations

- Primitive camping is available for tent camping or lean-tos for a maximum of 5 nights. Must be reserved at least 3 days in advance.
- Camping is limited to the designated camping areas. No campers, vans or similar house vehicles are permitted in the campground or parking lot.
- Motorized vehicles shall park in the lot provided and not at the campsite.
- Access by vehicles is permitted to drop off equipment only.
- Camping is available by permit only.
- The individual whose name appears on the permit is responsible for all members of the group. Persons under 18 years of age will not be issued a permit.
- Permits are not transferable. Geauga Park District personnel have the right to terminate a camping permit at any time for just cause.
- Campers must produce a copy of their permit if requested. In the event that this permit will not be used, please notify the Park District as soon as possible.
- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the camp area.

- Emergency phones, which connect directly to the Sheriff's Department, are located outside the entrance of the Meyer Center in Big Creek Park, and at the boat house in Headwaters Park.

## Sanitation

- It is highly recommended that campers bring their own water for drinking and sanitation. While a hand pump or water spigot is present in Headwaters and Big Creek Parks, the water source may contain minerals or rust and may not be located close to your campsite. All water sources are tested and pass Ohio EPA drinking water standards.
- Please dispose of all wastewater generated while camping in gray water crocks, located near each campsite. Gray water crocks are large pipes filled with gravel.
- Please do not use the pump area for bathing/washing, washing clothes or dishes.
- Trash and camp waste should be taken home or deposited in the trash centers provided.
- Campers are encouraged to recycle aluminum, plastic and glass.

## Conservation

- Please take care to respect all of the natural resources present on park property. Make preserving the beauty of your Geauga Park District parks a top priority during your stay.
- Please do not climb onto or swing from any tree or vine. Please do not nail items to trees.
- Collecting of plants or animals is prohibited.



## Campfires

Gathering around a blazing campfire is nice, but if proper precautions are not followed, it can become dangerous. Campfires can smolder for several days before flaring-up again. Be certain your fire is completely extinguished, and never leave a fire unattended.

- A limited amount of firewood may be provided at each campground area. If provided, the one-time supply is for your entire stay, please use it conservatively.



- Due to the threat of the Emerald Ash Borer, campers should not bring firewood from outside Geauga County. Geauga County residents should bring firewood provided the wood is from a Geauga County source.

- Campers must provide their own charcoal for grill cooking. No cooking in stone fireplace structures is permitted.
- Campers are not permitted to cut standing wood, dead or alive. Gathering of firewood is prohibited.
- All fires must be contained within the fire rings or fireplace provided.

## Camping Opportunities are available in Three Parks

All sites include fire ring, grill, and picnic tables.

Capacities are approximate due to varying tent sizes and configurations.

### Big Creek Park

9160 Robinson Road, Chardon Twp.

Site Name	Lean To	Tent Pads	Maximum Capacity
A	None	2 -10'x14'	10
B	None	2 -10'x14'	10
C	1	None	5
D	1	None	5

### Chickagami Park

17957 Tavern Road (Rt 168), Parkman Twp.

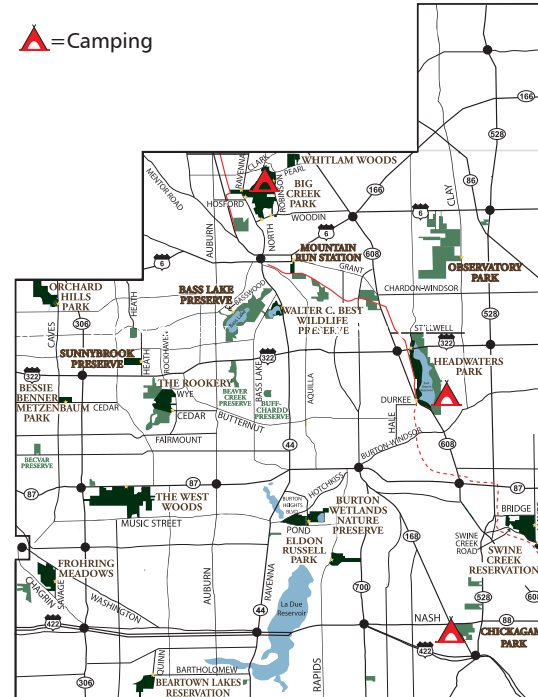
Site Name	Lean To	Tent Pads	Maximum Capacity
A	1	5 -10'X10'	25
B	1	5 -10'X10'	25

### Headwaters Park

13365 Old State Road (Rt 608), Huntsburg Twp.

Site Name	Lean To	Tent Pads	Maximum Capacity
A ♿	None	1 -10'X10' (accessible)	4
B	None	1 -10'X10'	4
C	None	1 -10'X10'	4
D	None	1 -10'X10'	4
E	None	1 -10'X10'	4
F	1	None	5

Take that camping trip you've been thinking about in your Geauga Park District. Slow down, relax and get reconnected with nature, your family and yourself.



To reserve your campsite

#### Internet

Visit [www.geaugaparkdistrict.org](http://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org) and click on Camping

#### In Person

Stop in Big Creek Park's Donald W. Meyer Center located at 9160 Robinson Road in Chardon. The Meyer Center is open  
Weekdays: 8 AM - 4:30 PM  
Weekends: 10 AM - 5PM  
(May - October)

#### By Phone

(440) 286 - 9516  
800-536-4006 (Toll free in Geauga)

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