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Gulf State Park Campground Rules and Regulations
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- **Check In** is 2:00 PM and **Check Out** is 11:00 AM
- For arrivals after 10 PM, please go to your reserved campsite and return to the campground office by 8 AM the next morning to check-in (the gate code will be sent to you via email.)
- Campground reservations balances must be paid in full at the time of booking.
- Reservations can be made **one year to the date** in advance. Alabama residents - 13 months in advance.
- There is a 3-night minimum on all bookings during special event and holiday periods, and a 2-night minimum on weekends.
- Reservations for holiday/event weekends should be made at least 3 months in advance.
- Sites can only be booked for a **maximum of 14 nights** per site.
- **Group reservation made by one person for everyone is prohibited.** Groups must have each party call or reserve online individually with their own personal and accurate information. Each guest must pay for their own reservation with a card that belongs to them.
- **Monthly reservations can be made for November through March.** Monthly reservations are made by clicking the link found at www.alapark.com/parks/gulf-state-park on November 15th at 8:00 AM. Monthly reservations are required to pay a one-month balance in full at the time of booking. Monthly reservations must be from first of the arrival month to the first of the month departure, i.e., 1/1 - 2/1. Reservations must be canceled by August 1st in order to receive a full refund (minus the \$5.25 transaction fee).
- Reservation dates may be changed twice after the original reservation subject to availability. After that, a one-night charge will be forfeited.
- **All Short Term reservations must be canceled 72 hours in advance** in order to get a refund (less the \$5.25 transaction fee). Cancellations made after three (3) days prior to the reserved date will forfeit all fees, taxes and the non-refundable \$5.25 reservation fee.
- **Once you are checked-in** you will not be refunded for cancellations. Refunds will not be granted for inclement weather.

- If a **handicap site** is needed, it must be requested when making the reservation
- If a discount is applicable, please inform the campground office at time of Check In. It may also be applied when making a reservation online.
- **Minimum age to rent a site is 18 years.** A responsible adult must check in and occupy the site during the entire reservation. Failure to do so will result in eviction and forfeiture of all payments.
- A 2nd tent is allowed on a site, either with another tent or with an RV, only if it is for children under the age of 18 years. There will be an additional charge of \$5.00 per night plus tax for the 2nd tent. During Hangout Music Festival, the fee for the 2nd tent is \$20.00 per night.
- Only 2 vehicles allowed per site and they must be registered upon arrival.
- Campers must provide their own camping equipment suitable for the location, subject to Campground Manager's approval. A camping permit is required before setting up camp. It is **mandatory to have a camping unit before registering**. If you change your mind about the type of site you were assigned and find a different type of site, you must return to the campground office to make this change before you set up your tent or camper.
- Registered guest only after 10:00 PM - **all guests not staying in the campground need to leave before 10:00 PM.**
- All sightseers and guests visiting registered campers **must pay a day use fee of \$3.00 per vehicle** to enter the campground.
- **Pets are welcome but MUST ALWAYS BE ON A LEASH no longer than 6 feet.** Do not leave pets outside unattended. PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR PETS. *Note – Pets are not allowed on the beaches.
- **It is unlawful to hunt, trap, pursue, catch, or kill any wild bird or wild animal in Gulf State Park.** Please keep your distance from all wildlife. Remember, on the trails wildlife have the right of way.
- Draining water, soap, grease, or any other waste product onto the ground or into anything other than an approved holding tank, sewage receptacles, or dump station is a violation of State Law.
- **Electric** scooters, Mopeds, Minibikes, Motorcycles, Motor Scooters, Go-Carts, Golf Carts, and any other type of **motorized vehicle is not allowed** to be in the campground unless it is a licensed vehicle. **Only licensed drivers and licensed vehicles** are allowed to utilize park roads. Registered and licensed golf carts are allowed but must be driven by a licensed driver. This does not limit the use of equipment to assist handicapped people.
- **No open fires** are permitted except in the grills provided at each campsite. Camping on one site and using the fire pit or ring on another campsite is not allowed. Campers may bring their own fire pit if it is at least six inches off the ground.
- Pick up downed wood only for campfires. No cutting of trees, branches, or bushes is allowed. Cut up any wood used for campfires, so it is contained within the fire pit and is not on the ground. No chainsaws allowed in the park. Campfire wood is available for purchase at the Camp Store.

- **Deposit trash in dumpsters** located on your right as you exit the campground. Household trash should not be put in the garbage cans at other park facilities.
- **Alcohol possession and consumption is prohibited** in Gulf State Park beach areas including the Lake Shelby swimming area and adjacent parking areas at the Beach Pavilion and Lake Shelby. It is illegal to have open alcohol containers in a motor vehicle in the State of Alabama. Public intoxication will not be tolerated at Gulf State Park.
- **Swimming is allowed at ONLY in Lake Shelby and at the beaches.** Swimming, wading, floating, etc. is not allowed from campsites or any other lakeside areas. Swimming is only allowed in the day use area of Lake Shelby, which is located off of State Park Road, or at the beach.
- Quiet Hours are enforced from 10:00 PM until 6:00 AM.