

Friends Creek Campground

Friends Creek Conservation Area is a 621-acre site with 2 pavilions, a playground, 3 hiking trails, and the historic one room Bethel School. It is also home to Friends Creek Campground: The campground contains 35 campsites and are a mix of 30amp and 50amp sites. All parking pads are a minimum of 40 feet x 10 feet.

Accommodations at the campground include a comfort station with showers and flush toilets, and a dump station. One large group campsite is available for accommodating groups of 15 to 60 people (examples: large family gatherings, scouts, clubs, etc.). This non-electric site includes 4 tables, a hand water pump (non-potable water), pit toilets, and a large fire-ring with grill.

Campground Fees: Camping is available at Friends Creek Campground through on-line reservations at www.bookmysite.com

Electric Sites: \$25 for 30amp sites and \$30 for 50amp sites residents

Group Campsite: \$25/night for up to 25 people, \$1/night for each additional person up to 60

A non-refundable fee of service fee of \$3.50 and the full rental fee will be required to secure the reservation. Payment may be made by credit card. No cash or checks accepted.

For questions other than making an initial reservation, call or stop by the Rock Springs Nature Center: 217-423-7708 (Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm) 3939 Nearing Lane, Decatur, IL 62521

Minimum 2-night stay for holiday weekends (Memorial Day, Labor Day, Fourth of July, and Columbus Day). Refunds: Requests for refunds must be received 72 hours in advance of arrival. The camping fee will be refunded minus the initial \$3.50 service fee plus a \$3.50 cancellation fee. You may transfer your camping dates instead of receiving a refund, but they must be within the same camping season.

Refunds, Alterations (additional nights), and Transference of Credit must be done 72 hours prior to your arrival and must be done by calling or visiting in person the Rock Springs Nature Center 217 423-7708

[Friends Creek Campground Terms and Conditions.](#)

Check-in is at 3:00pm

Checkout is at 2:00pm

Maximum of 6 people for individual campsites.

The maximum length of stay for individual sites is 14 consecutive nights, at which time the party must vacate the campground for 5 nights before returning.

Non-camping visitors must leave by 10:00pm

Quiet hours are observed from 10pm to 6am. Respect your camping neighbor by keeping conversation, radio, television, and musical instrument volumes to a minimum during this time. Outside of quiet hours, continue to be considerate of the conservation area's environment and of campers seeking a peaceful outdoor experience.

Pets are welcome, but must be on a leash that is no longer than 6 feet, reasonably quiet at all times, under the control of the owner, and never left unsupervised. Maximum two pets per site. Pet are not allowed inside park structures, such as the restrooms and shower house (except certified assistance animals). Owners shall clean up after their pets.

Maximum two vehicles per site. No blocking the main road. If vehicles will not fit on the extended pad, overflow parking is available nearby. No parking on soft turf areas.

There is no additional storage for gear trailers, boats, or other large items.

Tents are allowed. Maximum of two tents per reserved site.

Standalone canopies or bug shelters are allowed but must be moved every five days to preserve grass.

All sites are a mix of sun and shade.

Whereas there are no water hook-ups, there are nearby potable water spigots and guest are allowed to fill their freshwater tanks. Guest must supply their own hoses. Campers may not hook up to a shared water source for extended periods.

Cancellations must be made 72 hours in advance and will incur a cancellation fee of \$3.50 per site, plus retention of the original reservation service fee of \$3.50 per site. Please call 217 423-7708, 8:00am-5:00pm M-F to request a cancellation. Please allow 5-10 business days for refund.

Alterations (additional nights) to existing reservations may be made 72 hours in advance of your arrival. Please call 217 423-7708, 8:00am-5:00pm M-F to request an alteration to your reservation. Alterations are dependent on availability.

Additional nights or extensions made during your stay and outside the 72 hour pre-arrival window, must be made by making a separate on-line reservation. A new reservation service fee of \$3.50 per site will be charged in addition to the standard rental cost. Additional night made by a new reservation are dependent of availability.

All charges associated with the Friends Creek Campground must be processed on the bookyoursite.com with a valid credit card. No cash or checks accepted.

All sites must have a valid and current reservations made through bookyoursite.com

50amp sites are charged the 50amp rate regardless of 30amp or 50amp use.

Holiday weekends require a two night minimum stay. These include Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, and Columbus Day.

Friends Creek Campground is intended for recreational camping only. No residential, long term camping.

Camp only on designated and reserved sites campsites.

If camping with a recreational vehicle: one recreational vehicle and one tent is allowed per site.

Maximum of 60 people for the large Group Campsite.

Protect the campground environment by not hanging lanterns or any other items in trees, trenching around tents, littering, or discarding sewage or gray water on the ground.

A sink for gray water is provided on the west side of the comfort station. A dump station is provided at the campground entrance.

Solicitation is not permitted.

Alcohol is not permitted.

Gathering firewood is prohibited. Consider using alternatives like charcoal and pre-fabricated logs that are available at retail outlets. When available, a third party not-for-profit may supply firewood for a donation.

Campers are responsible for their campfires and are restricted to using the campfire rings or grills provided. Fire must be extinguished when vacating the site. Do not burn trash.

Motorized golf carts or ORVs, must be licensed to operate on public roads in Macon County and may not be used on trails or grass. Mobility carts for accessibility are permitted.

Any camper who violates any of the above rules will be asked to leave and will lose camping privileges. Any damage incurred is the responsibility of the camper.

All other rules and regulations governing the Macon County Conservation District shall apply.

Conflict requiring the assistance of law enforcement; or failure to comply with or interference with Macon County Conservation District employees in their duties may be grounds for removal and/or termination of camping privileges.

camping@maconcountyconservation.org is the preferred email address to contact the Macon County Conservation District with questions or concerns about camping. This email account is not continuously monitored, but we will try to respond within 48 hours.

For more immediate concerns, please see the camphost, park staff, or call the Macon County Conservation District at 217 423-7708.

For emergencies, please call 911 and notify park staff.