

**Friends Creek Conservation Area:** is a 621-acre site with 2 pavilions, a playground & basketball court, 3 hiking trails, and the historic one room Bethel School.

**Friends Creek Campground:** The campground contains 35 campsites that are a combination 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. All sites at the campground are electric. All sites are a mix of sun and shade.

COST: \$25 for 30amp sites

\$30 for 50amp sites

Long Term Camper definition: A camper coming in to work in the area. Long term camper is not someone who wants summer residence. Sites will be determined by Macon County Conservation staff.

**Group Campground:** One large group campsite is available for accommodating groups of 15 to 60 people (examples: large family gatherings, scouts, clubs, etc.). This non-electric camp includes 4 tables, a hand water pump (non-potable water), pit toilets, and a large fire-ring with grill.

COST: \$25/night for up to 25 people

\$1/night for each additional person up to 60

#### **Reservations:**

- Reservations are made. Payment may be made by credit card.
- A non-refundable service fee of \$5.00 and the full rental fee will be required to secure the reservation.
- No cash or checks accepted at the campground.
- All sites must have a valid and current reservations made through the link on Macon County Conservation's website.
- Alterations (additional nights) to existing reservations may be made through the above link.
- 50amp sites are charged the 50amp rate regardless of 30amp or 50amp use.
- Friends Creek Campground is intended for recreational camping only. No residential, long term camping.
- Camp only on designated and reserved sites campsites.
- Direct line water hook-ups is not available, there are palatable water spigots placed around the campground that guest can run a hose to fill their freshwater tanks. Guest must supply their own hoses. Campers may not hook up to shared water sources for any extended periods

Check-in is at 3:00pm

Checkout is at 2:00pm

Maximum of 6 people for individual campsites.

**Holidays:** Minimum 2-night stay for holiday weekends (Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Fourth of July, Columbus Day, and Labor Day).

**Refunds:** Cancellations must be made 72 hours in advance of your arrival in order to receive a refund.

## **RULE FOR THE CAMPGROUND**

- 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.
- Non-camping visitors must leave by 10:00pm
- 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.
- If camping with a recreational vehicle: one recreational vehicle and one tent is allowed per site.
- Tents are allowed. Maximum of two tents per reserved electric site.
- 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.
- 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.
- Standalone canopies or bug shelters are allowed but must be moved every five days to preserve grass.
- 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 to be used only if staying at the campground.
- 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.
- 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.

- The Conservation District reserves the right to take, maintain, and use photo images from campsites, which may or may not include those staying at the campground. Images may be utilized in advertising, social media postings, and/or on the Conservation District website.
- [camping@maconcountyconservation.org](mailto: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 camp host, park staff, or call the Macon County Conservation District at 217 423-7708. For emergencies, please call 911 and notify park staff.