BROWER PARK 2027 SEASONAL CAMPER LOTTERY

SATURDAY - AUGUST 15TH, 2026

9:00 AM AT THE BROWER PARK ART BARN/PAVILION & LAWN AREA

2027 Camping Season: Brower Park will open at 8:00 AM on Friday, April 23rd (weather permitting) and will remain open until Sunday, October 10th, at 3:00 PM.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON SEASONAL CAMPING

- Brower Park offers 120 Seasonal campsites on a lottery basis each camping season. **The Seasonal Campsite Lottery for 2027 will take place on Saturday, August 15th, 2026,** beginning at 9:00 AM in the Art Barn/Sunny Acres Pavilion and field area within Brower County Park.
- **Seasonal Camping Rates for 2027:** Seasonal Site without seepage pit **$3,000**. Seasonal Site with seepage pit **$3,100**. Prime Seasonal Site **$3,900**. (Vehicle Permits are not included with campsites)
- **Vehicle Permits –** Annual Vehicle and Annual Mooring Permits will be $35 each. Daily Vehicle entrance fees will be $10/day. A seasonal/annual boat mooring permit is required to utilize mooring areas. Mooring areas are for registered campers only from 10 PM to 8 AM.
- **Pets** are permitted in Brower Park in accordance with Section 23 of the Park Commission Rules and Regulations.

LOTTERY INFORMATION

Registration for the Seasonal Campsite Lottery will begin on Tuesday, July 21st. Advanced registration is required! Deposits will be accepted from 9:00 AM, July 21st until Monday, August 10th at 5:00 PM. Registration will NOT be available on the day of the lottery.

1. The lottery entry fee is **$500.00**. This deposit will be applied to the balance of any seasonal campsite chosen.
2. You will be assigned a lottery number based on when your deposit is paid. First person paid is number 1, second paid is number 2, etc. Assigned numbers will be provided during the lottery check-in process.
3. Numbered lottery balls will be placed into the lottery bin based on the number of guests registered.
4. Lottery rules will be reviewed by park staff before the lottery begins. The lottery will begin promptly at 9:00 AM.
5. The first number drawn will receive the first pick of eligible sites. The second number drawn will receive second pick of eligible sites remaining, and so on.
6. The drawing continues until all available sites are chosen and/or there are no more registrations to draw.
7. Choose your site carefully, as once your site is chosen, no changes will be accepted until Monday, August 24th and a $**50** administration charge will apply to each seasonal change of campsite request. A valid ID must be presented with any change of campsite request and must match the registered camper's information. If two registered campers are exchanging campsites a **$50** fee will be assessed for each campsite being changed. **Once a campsite change request has been processed, the deposit amount for that campsite ($500) becomes ineligible for refund.**
8. Once the Lottery Drawing has been completed, any seasonal sites remaining will be made available for seasonal reservations beginning on Monday, August 24th on a first-come, first-serve basis at the Brower Park office. If more than 120 guests are registered, a waiting list will be drawn during the lottery process once the 120 available sites have become occupied.

All registered lottery participants should arrive no later than 8:45 AM the day of the lottery.

Entries into the lottery and campsites chosen at the lottery are non-transferable.

Renting, Leasing or Subletting of a seasonal campsite is strictly prohibited.

SEASONAL LOTTERY REGISTRATION

In order to register for the Seasonal Lottery, you will need to provide:

- **A copy of the registration for your camping unit.**
  - Only one entry may be placed for each camping unit.
- **A copy of your valid photo identification.**
  - This ID must match the name on the registration for the camping unit.
- **A deposit of $500.00 for each camping unit registered.**
  - The deposit may be paid by cash, check, or credit/debit card.
  - If the deposit is paid by check, please make the check payable to Mecosta County Park Commission and include a driver's license number and phone number.
    - Returned insufficient fund checks will be considered a forfeiture of your selected seasonal campsite.
  - If a site is chosen, the deposit will be applied toward the balance of your seasonal campsite.
  - If your name is not drawn for 1 of the 120 sites being filled, you will receive a full refund and be placed on the waiting list.

ABSENTEE LOTTERY REGISTRATION

If you are unable to attend the lottery for any reason, first follow the steps above for lottery registration.

In addition, please complete the absentee portion of the acknowledge form at the end of this packet. Document your top 10 campsite choices on the absentee form. When your lottery entry is chosen, your first available site will be assigned. If all sites requested are previously assigned, a spot will be held from the 120 available and a site will be assigned by park staff after all other entries have been finalized.

If you wish to assign an individual to choose a site for you, their information must be listed on your absentee form. Your assignee will be given the final say, regardless of any choices listed on the form. An assigned individual may be required to show ID before making the selection for an absent registrant.

If you have not completed an absentee form and are not present when your name is called during the lottery, it will be considered that you are declining any remaining sites and the next name will be called. You will not be saved a campsite, and a $50 administrative fee will be assessed upon return of your deposit.

The options for seasonal campsites are listed below.

Sunny Acres: Options for Sunny Acres Seasonal Sites are marked in Green on the map.
86 sites are available and 57 may be sold as seasonal in this section.

The Pines: Options for The Pines Seasonal Sites are marked in Yellow on the map.
54 sites are available and 21 may be sold as seasonal in this section.

The Point: Options for The Point Seasonal Sites are marked in Purple on the map.
53 sites are available and 21 may be sold as seasonal in this section.

Premium (Prime): Options for Premium Seasonal Sites are marked in Orange on the map.
30 sites are available and 21 may be sold as seasonal in this section.

LOTTERY REFUND POLICY AND PROCEDURES

A **$50** Administrative Fee will be assessed to any lottery registrant drawn who does not choose a site.
If your name is not drawn for one of the available sites, you will automatically receive a full refund of deposit.
Credit card refunds will be processed within 3-5 business days after the lottery.
(It may take an additional 7-10 business days to receive your refund after processing.)
Payments made by cash, check or money order will be refunded by check within 30-45 days of the lottery.
Refunds will not be processed as a gift certificate or credit at the park.

SEASONAL CAMPER - WAIT LIST ADMINISTRATION

If greater than 120 registrations are received for the lottery, those that do not receive 1 of the 120 available sites will continue to be drawn and a wait list order established. If a seasonal cancellation occurs, the first registrant on the wait list will be called and offered a seasonal site. The list will continue to be followed for all cancellations received up to 45 days after the park has opened for the season. The registrant contacted from the wait list will only have the option to reserve a site in the same section in which the cancellation occurs, with the exception of a Prime Site being cancelled. Wait list registrants will have the option to pass on a Prime Site and remain in the same order on the list. **If any non-prime sites are offered in the Point, Pines or Sunny Acres and declined, the registrant will be removed from the wait list.** All registrants from the lottery will be allowed to be added to the wait list in the order they are drawn. If less than 25 guests are on the wait list, additional names will be accepted to the list on a first come, first serve basis up to a total of 25 guests. Guests offered a seasonal campsite during the lottery are not eligible to be placed on the wait list. **After 45 days from the start of the season, the seasonal wait list will no longer be utilized, with seasonal cancellations instead being released for nightly reservations.**

BROWER PARK SEASONAL CAMPSITE CANCELLATION INFORMATION

If you need to cancel your seasonal campsite for any reason, your request for cancellation must be made through the Park Commission Administrative Office.

- Cancellation Request received **prior to January 15th** will be processed, less a $50 administrative fee ($450 Refund).
- Cancellation Request received **January 15th- February 15th** will receive a 50% refund of deposit ($250 Refund).
- Cancellation Request received **February 16th-April 15th** will receive a $50 refund (forfeiture of $450).
- Cancellation Request received **after April 15th** are not eligible for any refund of deposit.
- Cancellation of a reservation which has been modified/changed after the lottery is not eligible for any refund of deposit.
- Should a seasonal camper choose to abandon their campsite after the season has begun, the site charge will be changed from seasonal to the associated nightly rates as the Park Commission sees fit, plus a $100 Administration Fee to calculate any refundable balance. Minimum fee of $500 deposit plus the $100 administrative fee.
- No refunds on seasonal campsites will be given for changes in park operating dates.

Please e-mail cancellation request to officeadmin@MecostaCountyParks.com or mail written request to:
Mecosta County Park Commission - 22250 Northland Dr. - Paris, MI 49338

POST LOTTERY SEASONAL CAMPING INFORMATION

You may arrive at the campground to set up your camping unit beginning at 8:00 AM on Friday, April 23rd 2027, weather permitting. Please check our page on Facebook, our website, or call the Administrative Office at 231-832-3246 for up-to-date information on the opening date for camping at Brower Park.

Balance in full for your seasonal campsite must be paid upon arrival to the park or by the end of business hours on *May 2nd, 2027, whichever occurs first.*

- Payments/Installments may be made throughout the off-season. Off-season payments may be made after August 24th with a credit/debit card by calling 231-832-3246 or by check sent to: Mecosta County Park Commission, 22250 Northland Drive, Paris, MI 49338
- After the park's opening date, remaining payments for seasonal campsites will be accepted at the Brower Park office only. If you do not plan to arrive at Brower Park by May 2nd, 2027 you may call the park office at 231-823-2561 and pay by credit/debit card or you may send your payment in the form of a check to the park's administration office at the above listed address.
- If your site is not paid in full by office closing time on May 2nd, 2027, forfeiture of your deposit and seasonal campsite will occur. The campsite will become available to other guests at this time.

Mecosta County Park Commission - Seepage Pit Rules and Regulations

Amended 8/18/15

Campgrounds are required to follow standards governed in accordance with:
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
Public Health Code Act 368 of 1978: Article 12.

- ✓ Draining of grey water onto grass or roadways is prohibited.
- ✓ Some sites do not have a seepage pit. Under no circumstance is the park staff or the campground guest allowed to install or create a seepage pit.
- ✓ Guests may leave their grey water discharge hose in the seepage pit continuously. The Park Commission encourages responsible use of grey water draining. Constant draining or draining of a large quantity can result in seepage pit failure. If failure occurs, the seepage pit will be removed and cannot be replaced.
- ✓ Guests may remain connected to the water supply while draining grey water.
- ✓ Guests may "share" their seepage pit with one additional campsite provided the site does not have its own seepage pit. The camper registered on a seepage pit site may determine whether they would like to allow the sharing of that seepage pit.
- ✓ Guests may not alter an existing seepage pit at any time.
- ✓ The maximum number of camping units utilizing a seepage pit shall be no greater than two units on all sites.
- ✓ The connection between the drain and pit shall not be more than 1.5 inches in diameter.
- ✓ Violation of the seepage pit rules and regulations may result in eviction from the park.

Mecosta County Park Commission Rules and Regulations

All Rules and Regulations are expected to be known and adhered to without hesitation. Park Commission Rules and Regulations are listed on the Park Commission website and are available at the park office.

Additional Policy Information & Updates Related to Seasonal Camping

Registration of Seasonal Camper Boats – Boat permits are not required to enter or launch a boat within the park; however, a Seasonal Camper boat mooring permit is required to utilize the mooring areas for all seasonal campers. These permits are $35 each and must be affixed to the boat in the proper manner (Sec.12.e of rules and regulations). Only boats registered to the same owner as a seasonal campsite will be permitted to purchase a seasonal camper mooring permit. A copy of each boat's registration must be provided at the time of purchase. If an Annual Mooring permit is purchased (the permit without the "S-" before the number) you will be required to bring proof of registration to the park office with the improper permit and exchange it for the correct permit. A $10 conversion fee will be assessed to convert the improper permit to the proper Seasonal Camper Mooring Permit. Please ensure when purchasing your vehicle and boat permits that our office staff are aware that you are a seasonal camper to avoid any confusion. Friends and family staying on a seasonal camper's site are permitted to moor their boats with an Annual Mooring Permit during the time they are staying within the park, however, they must remove their boat from the mooring area and park when departing from their stay. Seasonal Campers may only keep boats registered under their name moored for the duration of the season with a Seasonal Camper mooring permit.

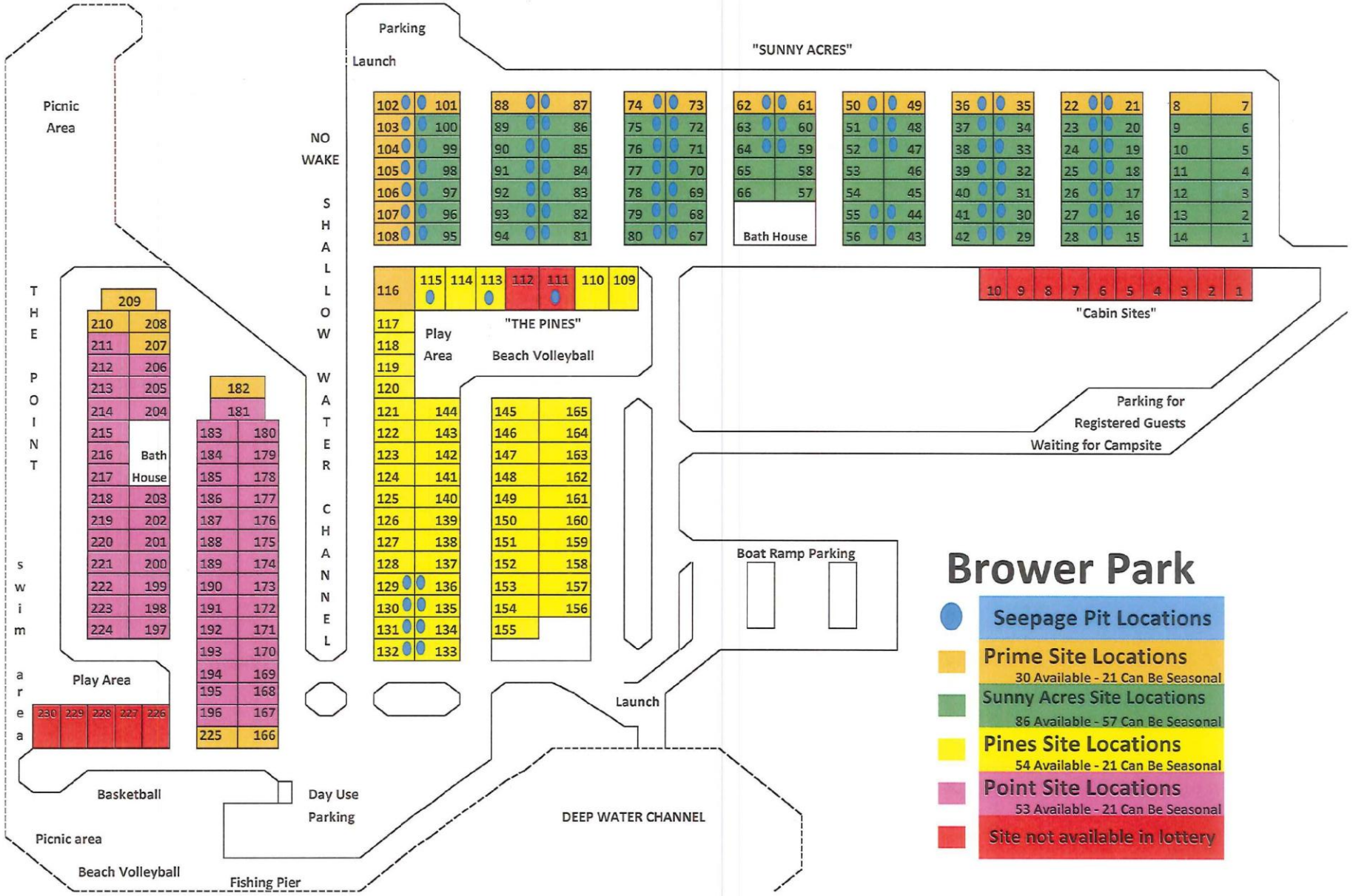
Moving of Fire Pits/Re-Arrangements of Lots – Though the Mecosta County Park Commission does not have a policy requiring that camping units be backed into campsites and facing the roadway, we continue to format our campsites in this manner. Fire pits will remain on the front left side of each campsite when facing the campsite from the roadway. During the lottery, campsites should be chosen in a manner that does not require re-arrangement of fire pits, trimming/removal of trees or special accommodation for utility hook-up. Although you are welcome to place your camping unit in any manner desired within the boundaries of your campsite, modification to a campsite (including moving or removal of firepits or lot posts) to place your camping unit in an irregular manner will not be considered.

Parking in Green Space – The green space next to campsites 1, 14, 15, 28, 29, 42, 43, 56, 67 and 80 is not considered to be part of the bordering campsites. Parking of vehicles, boats, or placement of other items within this space will not be permitted. Please make your campsite selections accordingly. Seasonal Camper vehicles should be parked primarily on your seasonal campsite. Overflow parking areas for vehicles without trailers are the Marina Bathhouse and Dragon Trail Parking Areas only.

Decks and Sheds – Please ensure all decks and sheds meet the requirements of Section 26 of the Mecosta County Park Commission Rules and Regulations. These rules relate to type of construction, size, railings, etc. and will be strictly upheld.

Items in Trees – The placement in or fastening of any items to the trees located upon a campsite or within the park is prohibited. This includes items such as lights, windchimes, bird feeders, signs, ropes, and straps. Clothes lines are permitted in accordance with section 20.c of the Rules and Regulations. Hammocks are permitted in accordance with section 20.d of the Rules and Regulations.

Shallow Water Boat Launch Parking Area – Is designated as a day use area with no overnight parking permitted. This keeps the parking spaces available for campers/visitors utilizing the boat launch, kayak launch and fishing pier. Overflow vehicle parking for overnight guests is available at the Marina and Dragon Trail parking areas.


Parking
Launch
"SUNNY ACRES"
Picnic Area
NO WAKE
SHALLOW WATER CHANNEL
THE POINT
swim area
Bath House
"THE PINES"
Play Area
Beach Volleyball
"Cabin Sites"
Parking for Registered Guests
Waiting for Campsite
Boat Ramp Parking
Launch
Play Area
Basketball
Day Use Parking
DEEP WATER CHANNEL
Picnic area
Beach Volleyball
Fishing Pier
Brower Park
Seepage Pit Locations
Prime Site Locations
30 Available - 21 Can Be Seasonal
Sunny Acres Site Locations
86 Available - 57 Can Be Seasonal
Pines Site Locations
54 Available - 21 Can Be Seasonal
Point Site Locations
53 Available - 21 Can Be Seasonal
Site not available in lottery

Brower Park 2027 Seasonal Lottery Acknowledgement

Last Name:_____

Thank you for placing your Brower Park Seasonal Campsite Lottery registration. If you are unable to attend the lottery in person, please fill out the **Absentee Registration** section below, otherwise skip to the **Lottery Acknowledgement** section.

Absentee Registration (Only fill this section out if you will not be attending the lottery in person.)

Would you like to designate an individual to choose your site: YES NO

- If YES, print full name of individual picking for you:

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- If NO, please list your top ten site choices below:

Choice	Site #
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Lottery Acknowledgement

By completing your registration and paying your deposit, you are acknowledging that you have received all policy information related to the lottery process and seasonal camping including:

- Seasonal Camping Rates
- Seasonal Camping Arrival & Departure Dates
- Seasonal Camping Options Available in Each Camping Section
- Lottery Drawing Date and Time
- Lottery Process for Campsite Selection
- Lottery Absentee Registration Process
- Lottery Refund Policy
- Lottery Wait List Process
- Post Lottery Wait List Administration
- Post Lottery Change of Campsite Fees & Process
- Post Lottery Timeline of Balance Due for Seasonal Camping
- Post Lottery Seasonal Campsite Cancellation Policy

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____

Invoice #:_____ **Absentee Registration: YES NO**