



# Mecosta County Park Commission

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Dear Merrill-Gorrel Park Seasonal Camper or Prospective Seasonal Camper:

Though there are still a lot of memories to be made in 2020, we are looking forward to another great season of camping with the Mecosta County Parks in 2021!

Merrill-Gorrel County Park will not be accepting any new seasonal campers into the Merrill side of the park in 2021. The Gorrel side of the park will allow up to 100% of the total available campsites to be rented on a seasonal basis for 2021. Current seasonal campers will have first right to return to their current campsite. Individuals who camped on a seasonal basis on the Merrill side of the park in either 2019 or 2020 will be permitted to return as a seasonal camper to the Merrill side. We will be following the same procedure as we did for 2020 change of campsite and new seasonal campsite requests. These requests will be administered in a two-lottery format. Information is available on the back of this letter outlining the process.

**Merrill-Gorrel Park will open for the 2021 season at 8:00 am on Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (weather permitting) and will close on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 1:00 pm.**

The seasonal camping rate for 2021 is \$1,300. Vehicle permits will be charged separately for all vehicles. The annual vehicle and annual boat fee remain at \$30 each for the 2021 season. If you would like to continue as a seasonal camper for the 2021 season, a **\$300.00 deposit** is required to hold your campsite. **This payment must be received by 5:00 pm on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

**The balance of seasonal camping cost must be paid in full by office closing time on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, or upon arrival to the park, whichever occurs first.** If you have not paid the remainder of your balance by this deadline, your seasonal campsite will be released and made available to other park guests.

If you wish to make payments on your seasonal campsite during the off season, payments can be mailed to the Mecosta Park's Administrative Office address. Please indicate "Merrill-Gorrel" and your site number to ensure proper credit. If you need to cancel your seasonal site for any reason, your request for cancellation must be made through the Administrative Office. A refund of your deposit will be returned, (less a \$50.00 administrative fee) upon written request, until January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. **After January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, seasonal deposits will not be refunded.** Please mail your payment, cancellation request, or other inquiries to:

**Mecosta County Park Commission  
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Paris, MI 49338**

Please remember, when you depart for the season all personal items must be removed from your campsite. Campers will be allowed to leave their camping unit within the park this off season for a storage fee of \$150. Decks and sheds may be left for an additional \$50 fee. Please inquire with the park office if you are interested in utilizing this service. It is important that the park office has your correct off season contact information on file. Please ensure that your information is up to date before leaving the park.

We look forward to welcoming you back for another great camping season in 2021!

Sincerely,

  
Jeff Abel - Superintendent

**Brower Park**  
23056 Polk Rd.  
Stanwood, MI 49346  
(231) 823-2561

**School Section Lake Veterans Park**  
9003 90th Ave.  
Mecosta, MI 49332  
(231) 972-7450

**Merrill-Gorrel Campground**  
3275 Evergreen  
Sears, MI 49679  
(989) 382-7158

**Paris Park**  
22090 Northland Dr.  
Paris, MI 49338  
(231) 796-3420

# SEASONAL CAMPING

## CHANGE OF CAMPSITE/NEW SEASONAL CAMPER PROCESS

The following process is used at School Section, Merrill-Gorrel, and Paris Parks for the purpose of current seasonal campers requesting a change of campsite and for new seasonal camper requests.

- *Change of campsite/new seasonal camper forms* are not accepted until seasonal camper informational packets are made available. Informational packets are distributed to the parks in August of each season and posted on the Park Commission website. The packets may be obtained online, by contacting the individual park office or through the parks' administration office.
- A \$300 deposit is required with the acceptance of each form. For current seasonal campers, this deposit can be made on their current campsite pending the availability of a new site.
- The *Change of campsite/new seasonal camper forms* will allow each camper to request up to 8 campsites as their primary choices. These forms will be sent to the Park Commission Administration Office once completed with deposit received.
- No *Change of campsite/new seasonal camper forms* will be processed until the deposit deadline has expired. The deadline to submit a request form is the same as the deadline for returning seasonal camper deposits. **The registration deadline is September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:00 pm.**
- After returning seasonal campsites have been confirmed by deposit, a lottery drawing will occur to determine the processing order for all change of campsite requests of current seasonal campers.
- A second lottery drawing will then be held for all new seasonal camper request to determine the processing order.
- The lottery drawings will take place at the Park Commission Administrative Building in Paris, Michigan. These drawings will simply determine the order in which we process request forms. Public is welcome to attend as the processing order is determined, however actual processing will not be completed on the lottery drawing date. It may take 2-3 weeks to process all requests throughout the park system.  
**The Lottery Drawing for Merrill-Gorrel Park will be Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 1:00 pm.**
- All change of site requests from current seasonal campers will be processed before the processing of new seasonal camper request begins.
- Processing of sites will be done in accordance with the campsite preferences listed on the request form. Processing will be done utilizing the form and the deposit on hand. Guests will not be contacted prior to processing to re-confirm the information they have submitted.
- Guests will receive a receipt showing that the request has been processed.
- If there are no campsites available from the 8 choices selected, the request will be moved to the end of the processing order. The guest will be contacted after all *Change of campsite/new seasonal camper forms* have been processed and notified of any available sites remaining.
- After all request forms have been processed, any remaining sites will be made available on a first come first serve basis, until the maximum number of seasonal campsites for the campground has been met.

# Merrill-Gorrel Change of Campsite/New Seasonal Camper Form 2021

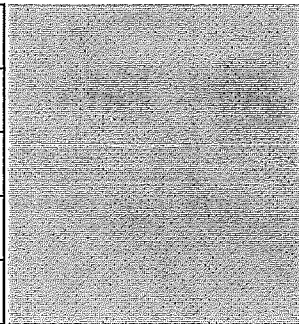
Please fill out this form if you are requesting a change of seasonal campsite or to become a new seasonal camper.

Are you currently a seasonal camper at Merrill-Gorrel?  
Current seasonal campers: Will you be keeping your current site if  
none of your choices listed are available during the lottery?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

YES \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Name:</u>
<u>Address:</u>
<u>City, State, Zip:</u>
<u>Phone:</u>
<u>E-Mail:</u>



### Site Choices

1.) \_\_\_\_\_ 5.) \_\_\_\_\_

2.) \_\_\_\_\_ 6.) \_\_\_\_\_

3.) \_\_\_\_\_ 7.) \_\_\_\_\_

4.) \_\_\_\_\_ 8.) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (18 years or older) \_\_\_\_\_

**Refunds are subject to an administrative fee of \$50.00**

Deposits and Campsites are non-transferable

Staff Entry - Invoice Number of Deposit: \_\_\_\_\_

Lottery Draw #

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