



Mecosta County Park Commission

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August 15, 2019

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

Though there are still a lot of memories to be made in 2019, we are starting to look forward toward another great season of camping with the Mecosta County Parks in 2020!

Merrill-Gorrel Park will allow up to 100% of the total available campsites in the park to be rented on a seasonal basis for 2020. Current seasonal campers will have first right to return to their current campsite. We will be following the same procedure as we did for 2019 for change of site requests and new seasonal site 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 2020 season at 8:00 am on Friday, May 1st, 2020 (weather permitting) and will close on Sunday, October 4th, 2020 at 1:00 pm.

The seasonal camping rate for 2020 is \$1,200. Vehicle permits will be charged separately for all vehicles. The annual vehicle and annual boat fee remain at \$30 each for the 2020 season. If you would like to continue as a seasonal camper for the 2020 season, a **\$200.00 deposit** is required to hold your campsite. **This payment must be received by 5:00 pm on September 22nd, 2019.**

The balance of seasonal camping cost must be paid in full by office closing time on May 10th, 2020, or upon arrival, whichever comes 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 site during the off season, payments can be mailed to the 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 25th, 2020. **After January 25th, 2020, seasonal deposits will not be refunded.** Please mail your payment, cancellation request, or other inquiries to:

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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. 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 2020!

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 site/new seasonal site request forms are not accepted until seasonal camper informational packets are made available to all current campers. Informational packets are distributed to the parks in August of each season. The packets may be obtained by contacting the individual park office or the parks administration office.
- A \$200 deposit is required with the acceptance of each request form. For current seasonal campers, this deposit can be made on their current site pending the availability of a new site.
- The change of site/new seasonal site request form 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 site/new seasonal site requests will be processed by administration until the deposit deadline for returning seasonal campers has expired. The deadline to complete a request form is the same as the deadline for returning seasonal camper deposits.

The registration deadline is September 22nd, 2019 at 5:00 pm.

- After returning seasonal sites have been confirmed by deposit, a lottery drawing will occur which will determine the processing order for all change of site request of current seasonal campers.
- A second lottery drawing will be held, following the change of site lottery, for all new seasonal request to determine the order of processing.
- 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 request throughout the park system.

The Lottery Drawing for Merrill-Gorrel will be Friday, September 27th, 2019 at 2:00 pm.

- All change of site requests from current seasonal campers will be processed before the processing of new seasonal 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 submitted.
- Guest will receive a receipt showing that the request has been processed.
- If there are no campsites available from the 8 listed choices, the request will be moved to the end of the processing order. The guest will be contacted after all change of site and new seasonal request 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 Seasonal Lottery Registration Card 2020

Please fill out this form if you are requesting a change of site or new seasonal site.

Are you currently a seasonal camper at Merrill-Gorrel? YES _____ No _____

Current seasonals: Will you be keeping your current site if none of your choices listed are available during the lottery? YES _____ No _____

Name:		Site Choices	
Address:		1.) _____	5.) _____
City, State, Zip:		2.) _____	6.) _____
Phone:		3.) _____	7.) _____
E-Mail:		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 #