

# 2021 Primitive Youth Camp



## Communal amenities include:

- Centralized fire ring
- Pavilion & separate seating for 40 (first come first serve)
- Potable water spigot
- Single and Handicap Toilets



All 4 sites are equipped with fire rings, picnic tables, and enough space to accommodate any group assigned to that specific site. All sites are also equal walking distance to our Herring Point beach. Additionally, located behind site D is a Connector Trail that leads to our Walking



# Primitive Youth Group Camping



## General Information:

- The Primitive Campground at Cape Henlopen State Park is exclusively for youth groups who are tent camping.
- The camp consists of a large open field with a small pavilion, flag pole, and large fire ring. The field is surrounded by woods and has accessible wooded areas furnished with picnic tables and campfire rings.
- Groups are welcome to camp in the open field or the wooded areas next to the field.
- Camping sections are not assigned, but operate on a first-come first-served basis.
- Maximum capacity of the campground is approximately **80 people or 4 groups**.



*The campsite is available for Youth Groups year-round!*

## Amenities & Features:

- Centralized frost-free water spigot
- Portable toilets on site
- Picnic tables and campfire rings throughout the campsite
- Campsite is located within a short walking distance to Herring Point beach and Gordon's Pond Trail access

## Reservations & Fees:

### Non-refundable deposit

**In state:** \$20

**Out of State:** \$40

### Camping fee

**\$3** per camper per night;  
deposit applies to the total fee.

Reservations, check-ins, processing and receipt of fees for all Youth Group Camping at Cape Henlopen State Park is managed through the **Biden Center**.

- Applications are accepted starting the first business day in January for the calendar year on a first-come, first served basis. Applications must be received before groups are placed on the calendar.

## Contact

Address: 15099 Cape Henlopen Drive, Lewes, DE 19958

Phone: 302-644-5005

E-mail: [CapeReservations@state.de.us](mailto:CapeReservations@state.de.us)

Fax: 302-644-5012

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**PRIMITIVE CAMPING RULES & REGULATIONS and  
GENERAL INFORMATION**

*Welcome to Primitive Youth Camping at Cape Henlopen State Park!*

**\*\*As part of precautions against the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) Delaware State Parks has been working hard to implement safeguards consistent with guidance from state and federal health agencies. We reserve the right to cancel any youth camping reservation at our own discretion.**

- **Youth Camping:** The primitive campground is limited to groups age 17 (or high school age) and under. Youth to adult ratio may not exceed 4:1. Exceptions to this rule apply to organized groups with rules that dictate a smaller ratio or to groups who have members with special needs. Please contact the Biden Center for questions about exceptions.
- **Amenities:** The primitive campground has portable toilets, a frost-free centralized water spigot, and a small pavilion. The pavilion is not designated to any one group and is intended for shared use. There are picnic tables and fire rings scattered around the campground. There are no shower facilities at this site. The beach bathhouse may be used for showering during summer months from 8 a.m. to sunset.
- **Reserving a Camping Trip:** A temporary reservation will be made only upon receipt of an application. The **non-refundable deposit** of \$20.00 for Delaware groups and \$40.00 for out-of-state groups must be sent with the acknowledgment form within 1 month of receipt of the application in order to confirm a reservation. The deposit will be deducted from the total reservation cost. If the deposit is not sent by the appropriate date, the reservation will be canceled.
- **Procedure to Cancel or Change a Reservation:** A group may cancel its reservation, or decrease number of nights or number of attendees by notifying the Biden Center Office *in writing two weeks prior* to their scheduled date of arrival. If a group fails to cancel or reduce their group size/number of nights in writing prior to the two-week deadline, they will be required to pay the entire camping fee. If a group wishes to increase their number of nights or attendees, they must also notify the Biden Center Office *in writing two weeks prior* to their scheduled date of arrival. *An increase in attendees or night is subject to availability and not guaranteed.*
- **Camping Fees:** The primitive camping fee is \$3.00 per person per night and is due prior to or upon arrival. **Please contact the Biden Center if the group will be arriving after 4 p.m. to arrange payment in advance.** If an invoice is sent, there will be an extra \$10.00 administrative fee added to your total fee.
- **Tent Camping Only:** Tent camping is the only form of camping allowed in this area. Motor homes, pop-up campers, and trailers are not permitted.



- **Vehicle Passes and Parking:** Groups will receive vehicle passes upon checking in at the Biden Center –1 car pass will be issued per 4 people. Vehicles must be parked in the designated primitive camping parking lot. Parking on the grass is not allowed, and no motorized vehicles are allowed onto the campsite grounds beyond the parking lot. Parking spaces are limited. It is recommended that groups make an effort to carpool. Overflow parking is available in the Herring Point and/or Biden Center parking lots.
- **Trash & Recycling:** Cape Henlopen State Park is a **carry-in, carry-out** facility. It is up to the individual groups to dispose of any non-recyclables **outside** of the park. There are recycle bins available at the front of the park for patron use.
- **Pets:** Dogs and pets are prohibited in the primitive camping area.
- **Alcohol & Tobacco:** Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products are strictly prohibited in the primitive camping area.
- **Firewood and Campfires:** All groups must purchase or use firewood from the state of Delaware. This is required to protect against infestation of the emerald ash borer and other harmful insects. Firewood may be purchased from the family campground registration booth within the park when open, as well as from other local venues. Cutting, chopping, or damaging trees for firewood is prohibited. Campfires are restricted to the designated fire rings found throughout the primitive campsite.
- **Property and Environmental Damage:** Groups are held responsible for any losses or damages to park equipment and property. We request that groups staying in the primitive campsite do their best to preserve and protect the environment at Cape Henlopen State Park.
- **Designated Areas/Beach Dunes:** For your safety and to protect the environment, please stay on trails and within designated areas. Cape Henlopen has designated trails to access the ocean, bay and other areas within the park. If a group is planning any activities off designated trails, they must request permission in writing at least one week prior to arrival and be granted approval by the park. **Groups must cross the beach dunes at designated pedestrian pathways only.**
- **Educational Programs:** The Seaside Nature Center is available to schedule educational programs throughout the year. We suggest reservations for programs, walks and talks. Please call the Seaside Nature Center at **(302) 645-6852** for further programming information. Any group that is planning to do any programs on its own after dark must request permission in writing prior to camping.
- **Volunteer!** Any groups interested in performing a volunteer activity during their visit may contact the park's volunteer coordinator at the Biden Center at **(302) 644-5005**. Please request volunteer activities at least two weeks prior to your visit to give adequate time for preparation.

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PRIMITIVE CAMPING APPLICATION

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Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Day/Evening Phone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Group Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Day/Evening Phone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person's Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person's or group's e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Date of Arrival: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Requested Date of Departure: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Youths: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Ratio for youth to adults is 4:1 unless prior approval given by Park Manager

How to Reserve A Group Site?

- 1. Complete form and send by mail, email, or fax attention Biden Center at the address above.
2. Upon receipt of your application, the Primitive Camping Acknowledgment letter is emailed to sender. A Confirmation Letter is emailed to sender when deposit is received and given a receipt number.
3. Return the signed acknowledgement form and the non-refundable deposit (\$20 for Delaware groups/\$40 for out-of-state) within two weeks to confirm your reservation. The deposit will be deducted from the total reservation cost.
4. If we do not receive your deposit by the designated date, your reservation will be canceled.

Cancellation Policy

- 1. Your group may cancel its reservation or decrease its number of nights or number of attendees, by notifying the Biden Center Office in writing by emailing the Facility Manager a minimum of two weeks prior to your scheduled date of arrival. If you fail to cancel or reduce your group size/number of nights in writing prior to the two-week deadline, your group will be charged the full cost of the reservation. You are required to contact the Biden Center in the event of a decrease in the number of attendees or to request an increase in the number of attendees.

I certify that I have read and understood this information and the separate Youth Camp Rules and Regulations document:

Signature

Date

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Site Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_ Total # of people \_\_\_\_\_ x \$3.00= \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ nights = \_\_\_\_\_
Deposit of \_\_\_\_\_ due by \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit fee receipt # \_\_\_\_\_
Camping fee due \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_