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**Policy 2014-07: Power Island Camping  
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Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation (GTPR) maintains several facilities that are vital to enhancing quality of life in our community. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Power/Basset Islands campsites are available and safe for both our community members and our visitors.

**Reservations:** Reservations for camping on Power/Bassett Island will be accepted on the first day of business in January of the year of the reservation, and are available on a “first-come, first served” basis. Reservations may be made at the Parks and Recreation Department in person, via e-mail, or by telephone. A twenty-five percent (25%) non-refundable deposit is required at time the reservation is made.

**Permits:** A campsite may be issued for not more than fourteen (14) consecutive nights. The site must be vacated at least two (2) nights before another permit will be issued to the same camper/user group.

**Assignment of Site:** Campsite designation is on a “first-come, first served” basis.

**Occupancy of Campsite:**

1. A campsite is limited to 6 single persons, age eighteen (18) years or older.
2. Any child under age eighteen (18) must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian. Children shall not be left unattended.
3. No more than two to three primary shelters per site permitted.
4. Camper shall not:
  - a. Allow other persons to use his/her campsite.
  - b. Register a campsite for another person’s use.

**Check in:** Camper may check in at 1:00 p.m. on the date his/her campsite permit begins.

**Check out:** Camper must check out by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on the date the campsite permit expires.

**Renewals:** By 10 a.m. on the date that his/her camping permit expires, the camper may request renewal of a non-reserved campsite permit at the ranger’s quarters. If space is available and if the permit will not exceed the maximum overnight stays, the renewal may be granted by the Park Ranger or Parks and Recreation Office.

**Rain Check:** No rain-checks will be given.

**Quiet Hours:** Quiet hours are to be observed each evening to morning, from 11 p.m. through 7 a.m. Please keep in mind that the sound from the island carries across the water and may disturb our neighbors on the mainland.

**Pets:** Notwithstanding any other park rule, household pets are permitted on the island when confined on a leash not exceeding six (6) feet in length or if confined to a tent. All other Park Rules, Township and County ordinances related to pets must be followed.

**Water Outlet:** A hand pump for water is available near the boat dock.

**Trash:** Upon departure, camper is to 'pack out' all the trash from the island.

**Deposit:** A twenty-five percent (25%) non-refundable deposit is required at the time a reservation is made (if the user wishes to pay more than 25%, payment will be accepted at that time). Payment, in full, must be made to the Parks and Recreation Office before campsite check in, unless other prior arrangements with Parks and Recreation Staff have been made.

**Cancellation Policy:** A camper will receive a full refund, less the twenty-five percent (25%) deposit, if that reservation is cancelled within one week prior to the date of reservation. An individual who cancels his/her reservation six (6) days or less prior to the start date of the reservation date will not receive a refund.

**Fire:** Fires are permitted only in fire pits and grills.

**Firewood:** Firewood is available for purchase from the Park Ranger. In an effort to avoid invasive species being introduced to the island, no one is permitted to bring firewood to the island. Dead and downed wood found on Power and Bassett Island may be used for firewood. Cutting or damaging vegetation or trees is not allowed in the Park!

**Fireworks:** Fireworks are not permitted on the island.

**Behavior:** No person shall engage in any violent, abusive, boisterous, loud, illegal, obscene, or similar disorderly conduct that interferes with another person's use or enjoyment of the park.

**Holidays:** Weekends adjacent to a holiday require a minimum three-night (3-night) stay.

**Discharge of arms:** Discharge of firearms, air guns, slingshots, or arrows are not permitted in the park, unless approved, in writing, by the Parks and Recreation Director.

GTPR reserves the right to cancel the use of any campsite, for any reason, including but not limited to:

- When Grand Traverse County begins work or special maintenance involving the facility
- When, at its sole discretion, GTPR determines that the health and safety of participants are threatened due to impending conditions including, but not limited to, heavy rains, lightning, high winds, muddy conditions, pesticide spraying, or other, natural conditions
- Non-adherence to this policy or any other applicable policy or ordinance.

GTPR reserves the right to charge or pursue legal action against a user group and/or any persons responsible for any unusual wear and tear/damage to park property (Please refer to GTPR Park Rules).