

Dispersed Camping Guidelines

On the Mt Hood National Forest

CAMPING:

National Forest is yours to enjoy and protect. You may camp anywhere in the Forest that is not designated for another use. Observe a few simple guidelines to make your stay safe and fun, and leave a clean forest for your children.

- ❖ You are limited to a maximum of two 14-day stays per year, with at least a 30-day break between visits.
- ❖ Camp at least 100 feet away from a road or trail.
- ❖ Look for a spot away from fragile meadows, and at least 200 feet away from the shoreline of any stream or lake.

WOOD FIRES:

Campfires are a familiar and warm camping tradition, but there are some things to consider before building a fire.

- ❖ You must have at least a two-gallon bucket of water, a long handled shovel, and an ax with you.
- ❖ As always, remember Smokey Bear's message to "Prevent Forest Fires", and be sure your fire is DEAD OUT before you leave. Please disperse the ring when you are finished with it.
- ❖ Use an existing fire ring, or if you need to make one, please disperse the ring when you are finished with it.
- ❖ If you use charcoal briquettes, please be sure they are cold to the touch before disposing of them.
- ❖ If possible, you are encouraged to use camp stoves to help conserve ground cover resources. If you do build a fire, be sure to gather only dead and down wood for your personal use while camping.
- ❖ No campfires at Paradise Park or within ½ mile of Burnt Lake.

WATER:

- ❖ Streams and lakes are home to many microscopic bugs; some of them can make you very sick. So, don't take a chance; treat your water or bring water from home.

GARBAGE:

- ❖ As Woodsy says: "Pack it out!"
- ❖ PLEASE leave your site cleaner than you found it.

HUMAN WASTE (or, what to do when nature calls):

Don't laugh – everyone does it!! Just be discreet.

- ❖ Choose a spot at least 200 feet away from any stream or lake, and dig a small hole six inches deep; cover it and replace the duff.
- ❖ Please, always dispose of your toilet paper properly.
- ❖ Now, look around; no, no one saw you. There, you're done!