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**Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary  
CAMPING RULES AND REGULATIONS**

During your visit, we hope you enjoy the natural world and appreciate your role as a neighbor to the sanctuary's plants and animals.

We are a wildlife sanctuary. Please leave all forms of wildlife undisturbed. **DO NOT FEED ANY WILDLIFE.**

We are also a people sanctuary. Be considerate of your neighbor's right to quiet and harmony.

**Rules and Regulations:**

**1. Fire Policy**

FIRE IS OUR MAJOR HAZARD. No smoking in the campground or on the property; build no open fires. Campfires and firepits are not allowed. Gas camp stoves for cooking are always acceptable. Above ground charcoal containers can be used with care. Do not use grill in strong wind; attend it constantly; douse coals and, when cold, empty ash in trash barrel. Do not bury your charcoal. If a fire risk has been declared, the use of charcoal may be temporarily prohibited. Sanctuary staff will keep you informed of any changes.

**2. Membership Policy**

Overnight use of a campsite is limited to **Mass Audubon members only**. Groups of no more than 6 people may camp together on the same site. All family members 21 years and over must have their own membership. A new Mass Audubon membership may be purchased, or an existing Mass Audubon membership may be renewed here: [Become a Mass Audubon Member](#).

**3. Vehicles**

Limit of two vehicles (car, truck, boat, motorcycle, trailer) per campsite. Cars should be parked at the front of the campsite, not driven back into the site. The main parking lot cannot be used to park extra vehicles. Please leave your vehicle placard visible on your dashboard.

#### **4. Structures**

Limit of four structures (tents, pop-up trailers, teardrop trailers, tarps, screened enclosures, etc.) per site. Camping structures should be set up within your campsite area in the vicinity of the picnic table. Picnic tables can be moved within your campsite, but you will be asked to move any structures set up outside the designated area.

#### **5. Pet Policy**

Pets are not allowed in the campground or on the sanctuary grounds and trails. Please contact us about our service animal policy in advance of making a reservation with a service animal.

#### **6. Use of Spigots**

Please only use water spigots to fill containers for use back at your campsite. Please no washing dishes, clothes, hair, etc. at water spigots. Do not use the showers to wash boogie/surf boards, dishes, and clothes.

#### **7. Supervise Children**

Young children should not be left unaccompanied throughout the sanctuary, including in restrooms and on the trails.

#### **8. Recreation**

This is primarily a wildlife sanctuary. For the safety of our visitors and wildlife, any recreational activities such as bicycle riding, frisbee, ball playing, jogging, etc. are prohibited on sanctuary grounds.

#### **9. Late Check-Out**

Check-out time is **no later than noon** on the date of your departure. Campers will forfeit their \$50 deposit for late checkouts or neglecting to clean the campsite.

#### **10. Quiet Hours**

Campground **quiet hours** are observed from **9:00 pm to 7:00 am**. Campers must respect their neighbor's right to quiet and harmony. Camping at a wildlife sanctuary means sharing the space with wild animals that may make noise at any time of night. The chirping of crickets, hooting of owls, and howling of coyotes are all part of what makes camping at Wellfleet Bay a uniquely memorable experience.

#### **11. After Hours Gate Key**

For your comfort and security, the campground is locked nightly from 5:30 pm to 6:00 am. Campers receive a key at check-in for after-hours entry and exit; please be sure to lock the gate behind you each time.