



STATE PARK SERVICE

BUS GROUP RULES AND REGULATIONS

SPRUCE RUN RECREATION AREA



General

- Bus Groups are not permitted without a confirmed reservation, a completed park manifest (2 copies) and payment upon arrival. Cash or checks made payable to “Treasurer, State of New Jersey”, Visa/Master Card/Discover credit cards are accepted.
- It is recommended reservations and cancellations be made ten (10) days in advance but not less than five (5) days prior to confirmed date.
- Not more than three non-consecutive reservations shall be in effect at one time for any bus group.
- Rescheduling is allowed only if date is available.
- Groups cannot arrive before 10 a.m. and must leave by 3 p.m.
- Groups are not allowed on weekends and holidays.
- Buses and drivers are not permitted to leave the park. Transportation must be available for every member of your party should an emergency arise. Advise bus company of this requirement when making arrangements to avoid any confusion later.
- **This is a carry-in/carry-out facility.** This program helps to eliminate trash by encouraging park visitors to be good park stewards by placing their trash in bags and taking it home for proper disposal. Trash bags are provided at the visitor contact station or can be requested from any park employee. Trash cans are not provided.
- The park reserves the right to amend or cancel reservations pending water conditions, staffing levels or unforeseen events.
- The park superintendent or designee reserves the right to refuse entry to any group that does not possess a confirmed reservation, arrives with more people or vehicles than were scheduled or does not possess a sufficient number of adult supervisors.

Group Leaders/Supervisors

- The group supervisor is responsible for all group members in his or her party. Group supervisors must advise their party of these regulations before arrival.
- Each group must have one (1) adult supervisor for each nine (9) children under the age of 18.
- Supervisors must always be with children, including in the water.
- Whistles or air horns are not permitted. If supervisors have noise making devices they must be approved by the head lifeguard before use.
- Flotation devices, rubber inner tubes, rubber crafts, surfboards, surf mats, buoys, kites, experimental craft, balls, Frisbee or snorkels are not permitted in the water. This includes arm swimmies, beach balls, rafts and tubes. The only devices permitted are Coast Guard approval Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs).
- The Group will be dismissed from the park if any group or person within a group does not follow park rules.

SWIMMING

- Swimming is permitted only at lifeguard supervised beaches.
- Groups who intend to swim at designated swimming areas while visiting State parks, forests or recreation areas are reminded that inflatables are prohibited in the water. Group leaders should advise their participants of this policy.
- All furred animals and other pets are prohibited from buildings, beaches and swimming waters.
- Swimming area and water safety regulations must be obeyed.
- Supervisors may not utilize whistles, horns or other warning devices to gain the attention of the group while at the swimming area.
- Instructions of State Park Service personnel and lifeguards must be obeyed.
- Abusive or profane language is prohibited. The group leader is expected to maintain supervision at all times. As a reminder, adults must accompany minors at all times, particularly in the swimming area.
- Minor first aid administered by the lifeguards is available at designated swimming areas. First aid stations are generally located near the bathhouse.
- Seriously injured persons will be referred to the nearest hospital, being transported by the local first aid squad. We call to your attention that minors who are taken to the hospital will not be treated for serious injuries unless they have the approval of a parent or legal guardian. It is your responsibility to establish a policy and make provisions to cover these emergencies.

Questions or further clarification concerning any of the above should be directed to Spruce Run Recreation Area at 908-638-8572.