

The Winnebago County Forest Preserve District provides four campgrounds for general public use. The campgrounds provide paved access roads, running water, electric hookups, restrooms, and dump stations. Shower facilities are available only at Sugar River. A diversity of recreation opportunities including playground equipment, fishing, ball fields and hiking trails are found nearby. No reservations are accepted for any of the four campgrounds. Five additional youth camping areas may be reserved by special permit-inquire at the District Office for more information. Overnight camping is not permitted outside these designated areas.

SUGAR RIVER 529 acres

10127 Forest Preserve Road, Durand, IL 61024

Most of the developed portion of this preserve is built on a large sand terrace overlooking the Sugar River. Purchased in 1925, workers in the Public Works Administration program built stone walls and the picturesque Riverview Shelterhouse. The Pine Tree Campground has individual campsites nestled throughout a large pine plantation. A shower house is available. The preserve also offers primitive camping along the river's edge. Canoes can be launched near the camping area. A scenic hiking trail loop meanders through this unique preserve and takes the hiker through a variety of natural features. Host on duty in campground May-October. **There are 80 sites (5-50 amp, 58-30 amp, & 12 primitive), dump station, playground, basketball, volleyball, & horseshoe pits.**

PECATONICA RIVER 466 acres

7260 Judd Road, Pecatonica, IL 61063

This camping area is located on a breezy hillside in the Pecatonica River Forest Preserve. Large trees shape and shade the campsites. A boat launch for small boats and canoes provides access to the Pecatonica River. An interpretive booklet is available at the trail head to guide hikers along a 1-½ mile nature trail. Campers, even on the busiest

weekends, can be assured of finding a site in this remote campground. The campground is located four miles northeast of Pecatonica, offering easy access to activities at the Winnebago County Fairgrounds. Host on duty in campground May-October. **There are 49 sites (4-50 amp & 45-30 amp), dump station, playground, & horseshoe pits.**

SEWARD BLUFFS 637 acres

16999 Comly Road, Seward, IL 61077

Purchased in 1930, this preserve is one of the most serene and pleasant areas in the County. The preserve is bisected by Grove Creek, which has high limestone bluffs on its north and south sides. The campsites are interspersed in a majestic stand of bur oaks. Located just off Highway 20, Seward Bluffs is two miles south of Pecatonica and the Winnebago County Fairgrounds, and is also an excellent overnight area for traveling campers. Host on duty in campground May-October. **There are 60 sites (11-50 amp & 49-30 amp), dump station, horseshoe pits, & playground.**

HONONEGAH 228 acres

#80 Hononegah Road, Rockton, IL 61072

Purchased in 1924, the preserve is located on the north bank of the Rock River and bisected by Dry Run Creek. The preserve was once a camping area of Stephen Mack, the County's first permanent white settler, and Hononegah, his Native American wife. Upon entering the preserve, campers will enjoy the drive over the Rainbow Bridge and up into the cool maple grove. The Winnebago Indian Campground has campsites interspersed in a mature stand of white oaks and hickories. A launch for fishing boat access to the Rock River is available. The campground is located 2 miles from antique shopping & public pool in downtown Rockton and the Macktown Golf Course. Grocery shopping nearby. Host on duty in campground May-October. **There are 60 sites (5-50 amp and 42-30 amp), dump station, horseshoe pits, & playground.**

PROTECT THE FLORA AND FAUNA

The very name "Preserve" implies protection and freedom from harm. It is therefore unlawful to hunt, collect or injure any tree, shrub, flower, or wildlife. Fish, the only exception, may be taken in accordance with posted regulations. **No nails or screws shall be driven into trees.**

TRASH

Rubbish or garbage must be wrapped and placed in waste receptacles.

ALCOHOL

Regulatory ordinances allow consumption of alcohol by adults in the preserves. Intoxication is prohibited.

WATER SAFETY

Life preservers are required for boating on the rivers. Swimming is prohibited.

PETS

Your pets are welcome in the preserves, but for their safety as well as the other visitors and native plants and animals, they must be attended and on a leash at all times. **Quiet pets are welcome if they are on a leash, not to exceed 10', and are under control at all times. Do not leave pets unattended. Cleaning up after pets is the owner's responsibility. Do not tie pets to trees. Must have required vaccinations.**

FOR YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY AND THE PRESERVE'S PROTECTION

Remember...no matter what activities you intend to enjoy, proper planning and footwear will make a big difference in your personal comfort. During the summer season, insect and tick repellents are another must.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Campers are asked to select an appropriate site and set up their equipment. Campground hosts will register campers on a per unit basis after the units are established. Each campsite is also individually marked and has a picnic table and campfire ring. There is at least one handicap site in each campground. Please remember, no reservations for camping are accepted. **The longest campers can stay in one campground is 14 nights. Limited to three units/three vehicles maximum per site.**

All visitors are subject to provisions of the Forest Preserve District "General Use Regulations" adopted 3-23-2000. A violation of any of these regulations may result in the revocation of privileges of the responsible individual(s). A copy of these regulations is available on request and/or posted on the general information boards located in the preserves.

The Winnebago County Forest Preserve District is committed to enabling all to enjoy forest preserves and invites people of all abilities to discover the benefits of recreation at our sites, facilities, and programs. If you need special accommodations in order to access a preserve or facility, please contact the ADA coordinator by calling WCFPD Headquarters 815/877-6100.

REGISTRATION

Only adults (18 years old or over) may be registered, and a ratio of 1 adult per 5 juniors must be observed.

BEHAVIOR

Campground visitors are required to leave by 10:00 p.m. Excessive noise will not be tolerated.

FIREWOOD

Cutting or gathering firewood from District lands is prohibited. **Campers may bring in their own firewood but cannot take out any unused firewood due to Emerald Ash Borer concerns.**

FIRES

Keep fires contained in the fireplaces and grills provided. Extinguish or soak hot ashes before leaving either grill or campfire.

FEES - CAMPING RATES

	<u>Per Unit, Per Night</u>
Regular campgrounds	\$10.00
Senior Citizen /Disabled	\$ 8.00
Electric Service Use	\$ 5.00

Sugar River

	<u>Per Unit, Per Night</u>
Regular campgrounds	\$12.00
Senior Citizen/Disabled	\$10.00
Primitive Campgrounds	\$10.00
Electric Service Use	\$ 5.00

ADDITIONAL CHARGES

Firewood (When Available)	\$ 5.00/bundle
Dump Station Use (non-Camper)	\$ 10.00

There are self-registration containers in each campground if the campground hosts are not visible. Please follow instructions.

For more information on these or any other services, contact the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District Office at **(815) 877-6100** or **5500 Northrock Drive, Rockford, IL 61103.**

E-mail: wcfpd@wcfpd.org, or visit our website at www.wcfpd.org.

To contact campers in emergencies call **(815) 282-2600.**



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Mission Statement

To assure the public access to permanent natural lands and areas for safe and enjoyable outdoor recreation and education.