

Treaty Camping & Public Access Regulation Summary



1836, 1837, and 1842
Ceded Territories of
Michigan, Wisconsin,
and Minnesota

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Introduction

The rules summarized in this booklet are the minimum regulations that apply to Tribal members camping and accessing the following areas within Ceded Territory:

- **Apostle Islands National Lakeshore**
- **Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest**
- **Hiawatha National Forest**
- **Huron-Manistee National Forest**
- **Ottawa National Forest**

This booklet is a snapshot; check with your Tribe to learn the most current rules. This guide does not state Tribal ordinance in their entirety. You are responsible for knowing your Tribe's regulations, which can be more restrictive and are subject to change.

This booklet summarizes regulations that will be enforced in Tribal court(s); it does not summarize local, state, or federal criminal laws.

Check with your Tribe or GLIFWC with questions.

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I. Off Reservation Treaty Exercise

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Regarding Tribal-USDA-Forest Service Relations on National Forest Lands within the Ceded Territory, applies to activities on four national forests:

Chequamegon-Nicolet, Hiawatha, Huron-Manistee, and Ottawa within the 1836, 1837, and 1842 Ceded Territories; does not apply to any activities on private, state, county, or other public lands.

Tribal off-reservation conservation code provisions that generally govern treaty rights exercise apply.

The MOU sets specific additional requirements that apply to treaty rights activities in the four national forests.

Applies to fee-exempt camping in national forest campgrounds within the four national forests.

Tribal-National Park Service Relations for the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore (APISNL).

Applies to all portions of the APISNL that are within the Ceded Territories, except for one, two-acre local government owned inholding on York

Island and lands within the boundaries of the Bad River and Red Cliff Indian Reservations.

Does not apply to rights retained by the Bad River and Red Cliff Tribes that may be exercised within the Lakeshore under the Treaty of 1854; nor

- **Chequamegon Point (also known as Long Island)**
- **Madeline Island (which is not part of the Lakeshore)**

Applies to camping at National Park Service campgrounds in the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore.

II. General Regulations

1. Permit and ID Requirements

You must possess a valid off-reservation camping permit for camping in national forest campgrounds and Apostle Islands National Lakeshore campgrounds.

Your Tribal conservation department (or other tribally-designated authority) can issue camping permits.

Camping permits can also be obtained through the NAGFA™ online self-permitting system *glifwc.nagfa.net/online/*

- You must already have an account set up in the NAGFA™ system by a tribal conservation department prior to self-issuing permits.
- You will need your NAGFA™ ID # which can be located on a previous permit you have received.

2. Vehicle Passes

National Forests

Fee-exempt vehicle passes for national forest access (rearview mirror hangtags) can be obtained from your Tribal conservation department or GLIFWC.

Vehicle passes must have your NAGFA™ ID # on them.

Vehicle passes do not expire and are valid in any of the four national forests within the Ceded Territories that require a fee for parking or a USFS window sticker.



USDA
Forest
Service

Recreation Fee Permit

Detach this permit stub from envelope and display on vehicle dashboard this side up. If camping, attach permit to campsite post ensuring it is clearly visible.

Permit
Stub

VALID ONLY
AT THIS SITE
FOR THE
DAY(S) PAID
BEGINNING:

Purchase Date:

Date of registration

No. of Days Paid:

Specify number of days
registered for site.

No. 9033171

IMPORTANT: DETACH BELOW.



USDA
Forest
Service

Recreation Fee Envelope

TO VALIDATE, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

Envelope

U.S. currency and checks drawn on U.S. banks accepted. Please do not fold bills or checks. Make checks payable to USDA Forest Service.

1. Amount Enclosed		2. No. of Day(s) Paid		3. Time and Date Purchased	
4. Vehicle License No.		5. State	6. Home Zip Code	7. Selected Camp Unit No.	
8. No. In Party		9. Other Charges		10. Golden Age or Golden Access Passport No.	
11. Planned Departure Date		10. "Stamp #" from license		11. Specify departure date	

1. Fill in "tribal permit" here.

4. Enter permit holders vehicle plate; 5. State of plate; & 6. Home zip code

2. Indicate number of days. Maximum is 14 days.

3. Fill in date of arrival

7. Unit # here

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After completing, detach permit stub and deposit envelope into box provided.

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Wisconsin State Parks & Trails

Tribal members may use the following as proof of their fee waiver for access to Wisconsin state parks and trails within the 1837 and 1842 Ceded Territories.

Visible display of a vehicle hang tag marked with the member's unique NAGFA™ ID #.

Visible display of a daily vehicle admission receipt issued by an area attendant upon presentation of the member's Tribal ID.

Members must be in possession of their Tribal ID while accessing state parks and trails while exercising treaty rights.

Apostle Islands National Lakeshore

Meyer's Beach Parking

Vehicles parked at Meyer's Beach must provide the following information on the fee envelope:

- Full name
- Address
- Tribal Affiliation
- Enrollment Number

Apostle Islands National Lakeshore Docking

Fee-exempt tribal docking may take place on the lakeshore docks with some conditions.

No member may use lakeshore docks between 6:00 pm–6:00 am unless they provide the following information on the available fee envelope:

1. Full name
2. Address
3. Tribal Affiliation, and
4. Enrollment Number

No member shall use portable grills or stoves on the docks, or topside areas of boats tied to or within the lakeshore docks.

III. National Forest Camping Procedures, Regulations

1. Fee-Exempt Campgrounds Procedures

- Obtain a camping permit at your Tribal conservation department, GLIFWC's main office, or self-issue online *glifwc.nagfa.net/online/*
- Locate the stamp # associated with your camping permit for the fee-envelope (see pg. 8-9).

- At the campground fill out the fee-envelope; you do not need to place anything in the envelope, just fill out the required information.
- Place the envelope in the fee-tube
- Camp only at the campsite for which you have registered.

2. National Forest Campground Regulations

You must follow all posted rules and general regulations at the campground.

You may not disturb, interfere with, or displace any person who is camping or who has a reservation to camp.

You may not discharge a firearm, bow, or crossbow in or within 150 yds. of a campsite.

You may not use a campsite with prohibited camping equipment.

You may not interfere, threaten, resist, or intimidate park officials; or provide false, misleading information nor fail to stop your vehicle when directed to do so.

You may not damage or remove any property that belongs to the United States or enter any building or area that is not open to the public.

You must dispose of all garbage by either removing it from the area or by placing it in the proper receptacles.

Occupancy

You may not leave camping equipment unattended for more than 24 hrs. without permission of the campground official.

You may not use a campsite with more than the number of people or vehicles allowed.

You may not be in a campground between 10:00 pm-6:00 am unless camping or visiting a person who is camping.

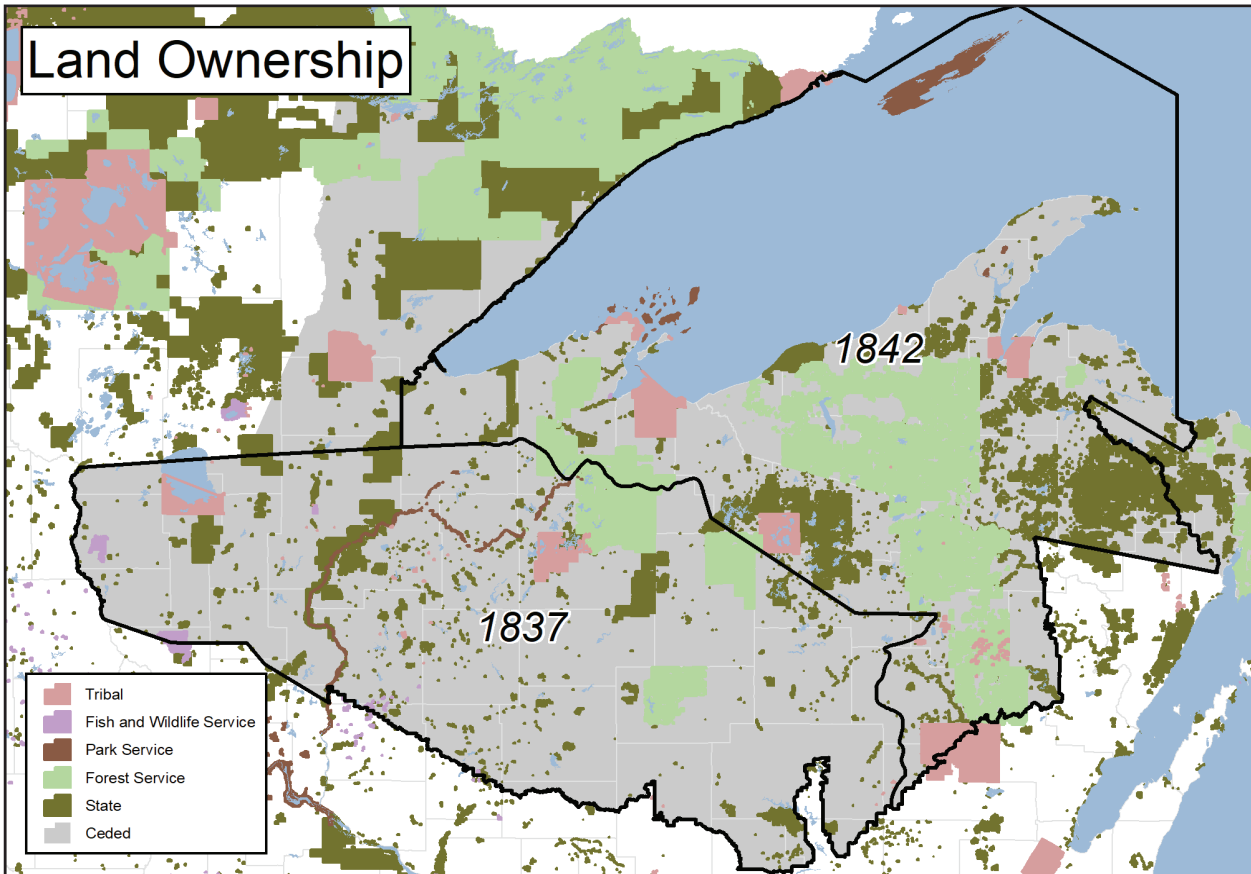
If you intend to stay at the campground beyond the length-of-stay restriction, you must complete a new fee-envelope.

Fires

You may not act carelessly or intentionally cause an uncontrolled fire; members may not:

- Build a fire outside of a designated fire ring.
- Leave a campfire without completely extinguishing it.
- Violate any requirement of a fire ban or enter an area that has been closed because of a fire ban.

Land Ownership



3. Closed, Out-of-Service Designations

Closed campgrounds are closed to all camping in these sites during the off-season (usually winter) without a special permit.

Out of Service campgrounds are open to off-season (usually winter) camping with limited or no services provided.

4. Reserving Fee-Exempt Campsites in National Forests

Obtain a camping permit.

Visit www.recreation.gov, create a free account and search for the reservable site you are interested in (you may not reserve non-reservable sites).

Sites are listed as “First Come First Served” (FF), “Available” (A), or “Reserved” (R).

Select the dates you wish to camp then select “Add to Cart.”

In the cart review that your information is correct and fill in any other information relevant to your camping reservation.

Next “Apply a Pass Discount.”

Select “Add a Pass Discount” and “Type.”

Select “Tribal Fee Waiver,” and enter your Tribe of enrollment.

GLIFWC member tribes may be required to present their GLIFWC camping permit at the campground but should not be required to present their Tribal ID.

Once the reservation has been made and you arrive at the campground, fill out the fee envelope (pgs. 8-9).

IV. Apostle Islands National Lakeshore

1. Fee-Exempt Campgrounds Procedures

Obtain a camping permit.

You may only camp within the APISNL with a valid reservation through the APISNL Visitors Center in Bayfield, Wis.

Reservations depend on campsite availability.

Reservations must be made in advance of the first day of camping by phone or in-person.

To complete your reservation, Tribal IDs can be faxed, emailed, or presented when you pick up your permit.

2. General Regulations, Posted Rules

Members must follow all posted rules for the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore (APISNL).

Reservations are non-transferable. The name on the reservation will be held responsible for anyone in the party who fails to comply with all applicable camping rules.

Tribal members must comply with any other condition that their Tribe sets forth.

No members may camp within APISNL without locating their tent on a tent pad, where provided.

No member may use or possess fireworks within the APISNL.

No member may swim within 100 ft. of public docks or from vessels secured to docks within the APISNL.

Members may not camp in the following restricted areas

- In view of any trail.
- On Eagle, Gull, or North Twin Islands.
- Within ¼ mile of any designated campsite, building, or historic structure.
- Within 100 ft. of a flowing stream .
- Areas excluded from designated camping zones.
- Areas posted as closed to protect bird nesting sites or other sensitive resources.

Members may not camp on *Use and Occupancy lands* (e.g. parcels on Bear, Rocky, or Sand Islands subject to use rights under life estate or some other arrangement) without the lessee's consent.

Occupancy

- No reservation is valid for more than 14 consecutive days.
- Campsite check-in and check-out time is 3:00 pm.
- Quiet hours are in place from 10:00pm-6:00am.

Fires

Campfires must be built in fire rings or in grills where provided.

Only dead, fallen wood may be used for campfires.

The cutting of standing (living or dead) trees is prohibited.

Campfires are not allowed at Julian Bay Beach on Stockton Island, on Raspberry Island beaches or on beaches adjacent to campsites where fire receptacles are provided.

Open fires are prohibited during times of high fire danger.

Garbage

All refuse must be carried out of the Lakeshore.

No member shall dispose of garbage in toilets.

No member shall bury garbage.

No member shall throw any garbage in Lake Superior.

Bears

Where bear-resistant storage lockers are provided, all food must be locked up between meals or when not attended.

Where bear-resistant storage lockers are not provided, all food and garbage must be hung from a tree at least 12 ft. above the ground and 6 ft. from the trunk of a tree.

Pets

Pets must be leashed; leashes can not be longer than 6 ft. and pets must always be attended.

V. Additional Rules while Exercising Treaty Rights

When exercising reserved treaty rights, you may not interfere, resist, intimidate a US Forest Service, National Park Service or state official; or give false or fraudulent information, nor fail to stop your vehicle when directed.

You may not act carelessly or intentionally cause an uncontrolled fire; *members may not*

- Leave a campfire without completely extinguishing it.
- Allow a fire to escape from control.
- Build a campfire without clearing the area immediately around it to prevent escape.
- You may not violate any requirement of a fire ban or enter an area that has been closed because of a fire ban.

You may not damage or remove any property belonging to the United States or any of the state governments or enter any building that is not open to the public.

You must dispose of all garbage by either removing it from the area or by placing it in the proper receptacles.

You may not operate any vehicle off any public road in an unsafe manner, or in any way that unreasonably disturbs the land, wildlife, or vegetation.

You may not possess or store food or refuse in any way that is a violation of posted instructions.

In a *developed recreation site* or designated use area (an area that has been improved or developed for public recreation including campgrounds) you *may not*

- Build a fire outside of a fire ring that has been provided or outside of a stove, grill, or fireplace.
- Clean, bath, or wash anything (including animals or food) at a water source not provided for that purpose .
- Use fireworks.
- Fail to use provided toilet facilities.

VI. Enforcement

1. Wardens

Tribal and GLIFWC wardens are empowered to enforce your Tribe's off-reservation conservation code. They may seize evidence of alleged violations and may issue citations.

2. Tribal Court

Alleged violations will be prosecuted in your Tribe's court under Tribal laws.

3. Penalties

The tribal court will set the fines for violations up to a maximum of \$5,000. The court may also revoke or suspend the exercise of your Ceded Territory treaty rights, order you to forfeit any property used in committing the violation, order you to pay a natural resources assessment up to 75% of the fine, and impose court costs.

The court may order community service. Penalties may be enhanced for repeat offenders.

4. Civil Damages

In addition to other penalties, tribal courts may also order payment of damages.

5. Parties to a Violation

If you aid, abet, assist, or are involved in any way with another member who committed a violation, you may be charged with the same violation.

6. Federal Enforcement

Members should be aware that the US Forest Service or National Park Service may initiate a federal enforcement action in limited circumstances where a member's conduct causes severe injury, significant damage, or is particularly egregious. The US Forest Service or National Park Service must first consult with the member's Tribe.

If you have any questions regarding your rights, responsibilities or treaty rights contact your Band's conservation office or GLIFWC.

VII. Contacts

GLIFWC General Office.....(715) 682-6619

Enforcement Office(715) 685-2112

Bad River

Conservation Department.....(715) 682-7123
ext 1509

Bay Mills

Registration Station(906) 248-3241

Conservation Department.....(906) 248-8645

Fond du Lac

Natural Resources Director.....(218) 878-7101

Enforcement Office(218) 878-7155

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC)

Registration Station(906) 353-6623

Lac Courte Oreilles

Conservation Department.....(715) 634-0102

Lac du Flambeau

Conservation Department.....(715) 588-4172

Registration Station.....(715) 588-4245

Lac Vieux Desert

Registration Station.....(906) 358-0137

Mille Lacs

Onamia, MN.....(320) 532-7896

McGregor, MN.....(218) 768-3311

Sandstone, MN.....(320) 384-6240

Minneapolis, MN.....(612) 872-1424

Sokaogon (Mole Lake)

Environmental Department.....(715) 478-7605

Registration Station.....(715) 478-0218

Red Cliff

Natural Resources Department.....(715) 779-3795

Registration Station.....(715) 779-3732

St. Croix

Natural Resources Department.....(715) 349-2195

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