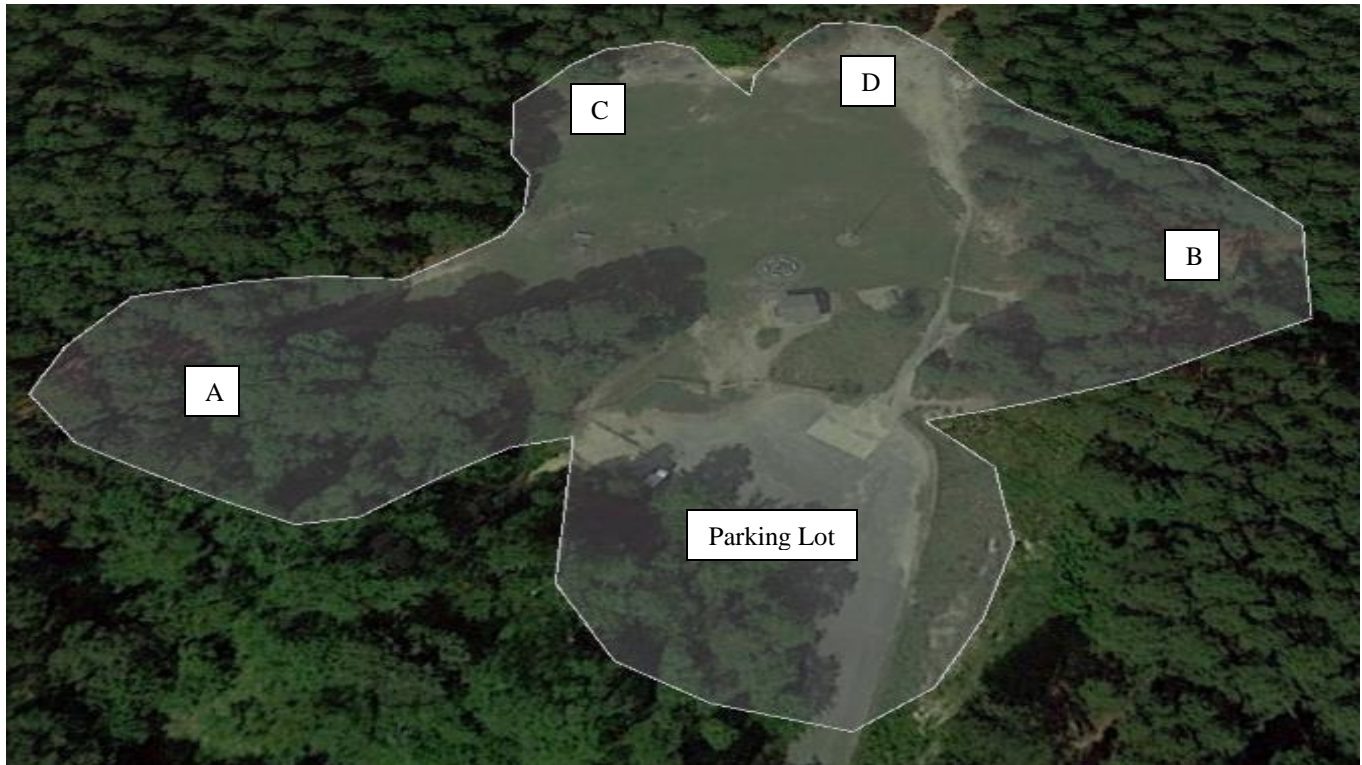


2019 Primitive Youth Camp



Communal amenities include:

- Centralized fire ring
- Pavilion & separate seating for 40 (first come first serve)
- Potable water spigot
- Single and Handicap Toilets



All 4 sites are equipped with fire rings, picnic tables, and enough space to accommodate any group assigned to that specific site. All sites are also equal walking distance to our Herring Point beach. Additionally, located behind site D is a Connector Trail that leads to our Walking Dunes Trail.



Primitive Youth Group Camping



General Information:

- The Primitive Campground at Cape Henlopen State Park is exclusively for youth groups who are tent camping.
- The camp consists of a large open field with a small pavilion, flag pole, and large fire ring. The field is surrounded by woods and has accessible wooded areas furnished with picnic tables and campfire rings.
- Groups are welcome to camp in the open field or the wooded areas next to the field.
- Camping sections are not assigned, but operate on a first-come first-served basis.
- Maximum capacity of the campground is approximately **80 people or 4 groups**.



The campsite is available for Youth Groups year-round!

Amenities & Features:

- Centralized frost-free water spigot
- Portable toilets on site
- Picnic tables and campfire rings throughout the campsite
- Campsite is located within a short walking distance to Herring Point beach and Gordon's Pond Trail access

Reservations & Fees:

Non-refundable deposit

In state: \$20

Out of State: \$40

Camping fee

\$3 per camper per night;
deposit applies to the total fee.

Reservations, check-ins, processing and receipt of fees for all Youth Group Camping at Cape Henlopen State Park is managed through the **Biden Center**.

- Applications are accepted starting the first business day in January for the calendar year on a first-come, first served basis. Applications must be received before groups are placed on the calendar.

Contact

Address: 15099 Cape Henlopen Drive, Lewes, DE 19958

Phone: 302-644-5005

E-mail: CapeReservations@state.de.us

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***PRIMITIVE CAMPING RULES & REGULATIONS and
GENERAL INFORMATION***

Welcome to Primitive Youth Camping at Cape Henlopen State Park!

- **Youth Camping:** The Primitive campground is limited to groups age 17 (or High School age) and under. Youth to adult ratio may not exceed 4:1. Exceptions to this rule apply to organized groups with rules that dictate a smaller ratio or groups who have members with special needs. Please contact the Biden Center for questions about exceptions. **Capacity:** Maximum of 80 people or 4 groups.
- **Amenities:** The Primitive campground has portable toilets, a frost-free centralized water spigot, and a small pavilion. The pavilion is not to be designated to any one group and is intended for shared use. There are picnic tables and fire rings scattered around the campground. There are no shower facilities at this site. The Beach Bathhouse may be used for showering during summer months: 8:00 a.m. to sunset.
- **Reserving a Camping Trip:** A temporary reservation will be made only upon receipt of an application. The **non-refundable deposit** of \$20.00 for Delaware groups and \$40.00 for out of State groups must be sent within two weeks of receipt of the application with the Acknowledgment form in order to confirm a reservation. The deposit will be deducted from the total reservation cost. If the deposit is not sent by the appropriate date, the reservation will be cancelled.
- **Procedure to Cancel or Change a Reservation:** A group may cancel its reservation, decrease number of nights, or number of attendees by notifying the Biden Center Office ***in writing two weeks prior*** to their scheduled date of arrival. If a group fails to cancel or reduce their group size/number of nights in writing prior to the two-week deadline, they will be required to pay the entire camping fee. If a group wishes to increase their number or nights or attendees they must also notify the Biden Center Office ***in writing two weeks prior*** to their scheduled date of arrival. *An increase in attendees or night is subject to availability and not guaranteed.*
- **Camping Fees:** The Primitive Camping fee is \$3.00 per person per night and is due prior to or upon arrival. Please contact the Biden Center if the group will be arriving after 4:00 p.m. to arrange payment in advance. If an invoice is sent, there will be an extra \$10.00 administrative fee added to your total fee.
- **Tent Camping Only:** Tent camping is the only form of camping allowed in this area. Motor homes, pop-up campers, and trailers are not permitted.
- **Vehicle Passes and Parking:** Groups will receive vehicle passes upon checking in at the Biden Center – 1 car pass will be issued per 4 people. Vehicles must be parked in the designated Primitive Camping parking lot. Parking on the grass is not allowed and no motorized vehicles are allowed onto the campsite grounds beyond the parking lot. Parking spaces are limited. It is recommended that groups make an effort to carpool.

- **Trash & Recycling:** Cape Henlopen State Park is a **carry-in, carry-out** facility. It is up to the individual groups to dispose of any non-recyclables **outside** of the park. There are recycle bins available at the front of the park for patron use.
- **Pets:** Dogs and pets are prohibited in the Primitive Camping area.
- **Alcohol & Tobacco:** Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products are strictly prohibited in the Primitive Camping area.
- **Firewood and Campfires:** All groups must purchase or use firewood from the State of Delaware. This is required in an effort to protect against infestation of the emerald ash borer and other harmful insects. Firewood may be purchased from the Family Campground registration booth within the park when open, as well as other local venues. Cutting, chopping, or damaging trees for firewood is prohibited. Campfires are restricted to the designated fire rings found throughout the Primitive Campsite.
- **Property and Environmental Damage:** Groups are held responsible for any losses or damages to Park equipment and property. We request that groups staying in the Primitive Campsite do their best to preserve and protect the environment at Cape Henlopen State Park.
- **Designated Areas / Beach Dunes:** For your safety and in an effort to protect the environment, please stay on trails and within designated areas. Cape Henlopen has designated trails to access the ocean, bay and other areas within the park. If a group is planning any activities off of designated trails they must request permission in writing at least one week prior to arrival and be granted approval by the park. **Groups must cross the beach dunes at designated pedestrian pathways only.**
- **Educational Programs:** The Seaside Nature Center is available to schedule educational programs throughout the year. We suggest advance reservations for programs, walks and talks. Please call the Seaside Nature Center at **(302) 645-6852** for further programming information. Any group that is planning to do any programs on their own, after dark must request permission in writing, prior to camping.
- **Volunteer!** Any groups interested in performing a volunteer activity during their visit may contact the Park's volunteer coordinator at the Biden Center **(302) 644-5005**. Please request volunteer activities at least two weeks prior to visit to give adequate time for preparation.

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Biden Environmental Education Center
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PRIMITIVE CAMPING APPLICATION

In 2019, sites will be assigned by the Facility Manager on a first-come, first-served basis. Assignments will be based on group preference, size, and needs. Our hope is that this change will ensure that all groups with a reservation have their own reserved space while visiting Cape Henlopen. Also available this year is the option to reserve the entire primitive campground. Please contact us for additional details.

Group Name: _____ Day/Evening Phone #: (____) ____ - _____

Group Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Person's Name: _____ Day/Evening Phone #: (____) ____ - _____

Contact Person's Street Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact person's or group's e-mail: _____

Requested Date of Arrival: ____/____/____ Requested Date of Departure: ____/____/____

Total Number of Youths: _____ Total Number of Adults: _____

Ratio for youth to adults is 4:1 unless prior approval given by Park Manager

How To Reserve A Site For Your Group

1. Complete this form and mail, email, or fax it to the Biden Environmental Training Center at the address above.
2. Upon receipt of your application, we will email you a Primitive Camping Acknowledgment and Confirmation form confirming receipt of your application and containing a temporary site assignment.
3. Return the acknowledgement form and your **non-refundable deposit** (\$20 for Delaware groups/\$40 for out-of-state) **within two weeks** to confirm your reservation. The deposit will be deducted from the total reservation cost.
4. If we do not receive your deposit by the designated date, your reservation will be canceled.

Cancellation Policy

Your group may cancel its reservation, or decrease its number of nights or number of attendees, by emailing the Biden Center Office a minimum of two weeks prior to your scheduled date of arrival. If you fail to cancel or reduce your group size/number of nights in writing prior to the two-week deadline, your group will be charged the full cost of the reservation. **You are required to contact the Biden Center in the event of a decrease in the number of attendees or to request an increase in the number of attendees.**

I certify that I have read and understood the information in this packet:

Signature _____

Date _____

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Site Assigned: _____ Total # of people _____ x \$3.00 = _____ x _____ nights = \$ _____

Deposit of _____ due by _____ Deposit fee receipt # _____

Camping fee due _____ Receipt # _____