

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Camping Permits and Rules Chapter 41:03:04

Commission Meeting Dates:	Public Hearing	May 2-3, 2013	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 2-3, 2013	Custer State Park

COMMISSION PROPOSAL HIGHLIGHTS

Modify 41:03:04:03

Requirements and Restrictions:

Requires a camper to pay a daily fee for the use of a campsite, camping cabin, or lodge in a state park, recreation area, and certain lakeside use areas.

Recommended changes from last year:

Eliminate the \$2.00 differential in camping fees during cold weather periods when restroom and shower facilities are closed.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Currently, state park camping fees are reduced by \$2.00 during the winter when cold weather requires closure of restroom and shower facilities. Park managers try to keep these facilities open as long as possible. Even though winter campground use is limited, the department plows snow from campground roads to keep a sufficient number of campsites available. Campsite electricity is also available throughout the winter. Winter programming is also provided in many parks (groomed ski trails, snowshoe hikes, ice-fishing derbies, birding walks, and more). The department incurs costs to offer winter camping opportunities. Camping use is minimal during the winter months with less than 1% of all camping use occurring between November and March. The proposed elimination of the \$2.00 reduction during the winter will affect a minimal number of park users while helping the department recover some of the added cost of winter snow removal and maintaining a winter recreation opportunity.