

Doe Lake Group Camp Rules (Ocala National Forest) | 2024

CHECK IN – 3PM

CHECK OUT – 11AM

Here are some simple guidelines to follow to help ensure a good experience:

- This location is a group-use campground and is operated accordingly by the USDA Forest Service.
- **No AC units** (only fans may be used in the buildings)
- Due to the historic nature of the facility **DO NOT use staples, nails, screws, or tape to hang or display anything in the dining hall. Dining hall tables do not go outside.** Doing so is a violation of code 36 CFR 291.9(a) and will result in a Federal ticket and fine.
- All campfires will be built in the fire ring only. Campfires will be completely extinguished before leaving.
- Any type of firewood must be brought in or collected from the ground and must be dead vegetation. **Do not cut any standing trees dead or alive.**
- **Pets must be on a leash or contained at all times and are not allowed inside buildings.**
- The area directly in front of the dining hall to the lake is prohibited from any type of camping, **NO vehicles or horses.**
- A public boat ramp is available on the other side of Doe Lake. Watercraft is restricted to 20 HP or less. Campers may launch hand carried watercraft, such as kayaks, canoes, and paddle boards from the campground.
- **Off-road vehicles, such as ATVs, side-by-sides, and dirt bikes are prohibited.** If brought in they must remain on trailer or towing vehicle.
- The free-standing electrical panel is designed for one appliance per outlet and one 30-amp hookup, overuse will trip safety switch and result in loss of power and water for your stay. Do not run extension cords from inside the buildings.
- Tie horses to hitching posts or trailers only. Manure is to be broken up and spread over impacted areas then covered with hay or removed from campground. **DO NOT PUT IN DUMPSTERS.**
- “Quiet Time” is between 10:00pm and 06:00am. All generators and motors must be off or on a very quiet setting as to not disturb other guests or the camp host. This also includes loud music, people, pets, and other general reoccurring noises.
- If a Forest Service camp host is present, they should not be disturbed during “Quiet Hours” unless in cases of emergency.
- **ALL** food items, to include drinks in bottles and cans are to be stored away in solid containers within your hard sided camper, RV, vehicle, or dining hall when not in immediate use to deter bears from entering the campground. (Tents, pop-ups, soft sided campers, and vehicles with canvas tops do not meet required storage regulations) **Violating the Food Storage Act is a punishable offense.**
- Gate code will be sent via recreation.gov. Entrance gate is to be closed/locked at all times for the safety of visitors, volunteers, and facility. Check-in time is no earlier than 3:00p.m.; check-out time is not later than 11:00 a.m. We cannot accommodate early arrivals.

Events/Vendor Information

- This facility is to be used only for **not-for-profit events** i.e. Weddings, family reunions, camping, and general group gatherings per 36 CFR 261.10 (K)(L)(P)
- If using this location for an event, such as a wedding, you will need to bring your own chairs, tables, and other items.
- Bands, DJs, and alcohol are permitted.
- Any commercial business that operates on federal land is required to have a special use permit. 36 CFR 261.10 (K)(L)(P) Expect up to a year for permit approval.
- Any items brought in for an event must be removed from the facility prior to checkout times at the end of reservation.
- If it is your intent to rent an RV or trailer from a third-party entity, please note that the USDA Forest Service does not allow RV or trailer rentals to be pre-placed and/or delivered to the recreation area. The Reservation holder must drive the RV or trailer to/from the recreation area as it is their sole responsibility and alleviates the FS from any liability.
- RV rentals delivered to the facility will be turned away upon check-in and business's will be issued a cease-and-desist letter for operations on federal lands.
- Kitchen facilities will not be used for commercial food and drink sales purposes. Caterers and food are responsible for the
- All costs and business associated with events must be completed off National Forest lands and are not permitted to be paid for on site.

The reservation holder is responsible for cleaning/straightening up the dining hall, kitchen, bathrooms, main bathhouse, and the grounds (Cleaning supplies are supplied for basic needs). Prior to checkout reservation holder is encouraged to do a final walkthrough with host to ensure all duties above have been completed. By signing this the reservation holder has read, understands, and will adhere to all rules and regulations.

Signature of reservation holder: _____

