Osage Youth Group Area

The Osage Youth Group Area is a primitive camping area for Youth Groups. It will accommodate approximately 200 people. The area consists of a picnic shelter, barbeque grill, outhouse, and water hydrant. The campground is not a location for smaller family units. The area is near the Osage Fishing Pond and has easy access to the lake. No pets please!

Hiking Trails

Eldon Hazlet State Park has more than nine miles of hiking trails throughout the park. Many trails are ‘wheelchair’ accessible. All hiking trails are closed Wednesday through Sunday from early November to early January due to a controlled pheasant hunting program in the park during these dates. A hiking trail brochure is available for detailed information.

Boat Ramps

For your convenience, three boat ramps are located throughout the park. Allen Branch, one of the most popular on the lake, offers a four-lane ramp with a handicap accessible courtesy dock. Apache ramp, which is located near the Hazlet Cottages, has a two-lane ramp and a separate high water access ramp. Peppenhorst Branch has a gravelled small boat ramp. Open seasonally, fish cleaning stations are located near the Allen Branch and Apache ramps.

Reservations

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Camping Guide

1. A responsible adult (18 years of age or older) must obtain a camping permit and have a camp, shelter on the campground at the time of registration. It is the camper’s responsibility to obtain a camping permit from a Host Site or Park office.

2. No camping equipment shall be placed on any campsite while the site is occupied by another camping party. No more than one camping unit per campsite.

3. One person may not get multiple campsites in the first-come, first-serve area. If additional sites are needed, an additional responsible adult must register for each site.

4. Two vehicles allowed per campsite. Parking lots are available for extra vehicles. Please keep all vehicles, boat trailers, etc., on gravel pads, in front of your camper. Absolutely no parking on any roadway or off the campground pads.

5. Tents must be placed in the immediate area of your campsite. A maximum of 2 tents per site is allowed if tent camping only.

6. Check-in and check-out time is 3 PM. You must renew your permit or move off the campground by 3 PM.

7. Please do not leave your pet unattended and clean up after them. Do not bring aggressive pets to the park. All pets must be kept on a leash at all times. Animal control will be called, if necessary.

8. Quiet time is from 10pm to 7am.

9. The water hydrants are for drinking water only. NOT for the cleaning of fish, dishes or personal hygiene. Connections to water hydrants are for temporary use, permanent connections are not allowed. Fish cleaning stations are located by Allen Branch and Apache Fishing Pond.

10. Swimming in the lake, within Eldon Hazlet State Park, is not permitted. A public swimming pool is available in the park.

11. PLEASE NO GROUND FIRES!! All fires must be in the grill/fire pit provided.

12. Violations of the campground regulations may be cause for immediate eviction.

15 mph Speed Limit Throughout Park

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