



Camping and Dispersed Camping Guidelines

On the Mt. Hood National Forest

CAMPING (Occupancy & Use for Developed Campgrounds & Dispersed Sites):

National Forests are yours to enjoy and protect. You may camp anywhere in the Mt. Hood National Forest that is not designated for another use. Observe a few simple guidelines to make your stay fun, safe, and to leave a clean forest for your children.

- You are limited to a maximum of 14 days per visit, with at least a 30 day break between visits. Total days in a year in the Forest must not exceed 28 days in a calendar year.
- For dispersed camping, camp at least 100 feet away from a road or trail. Look for a spot away from fragile meadows, and at least 200 feet away from the shoreline of any stream or lake.

WOOD FIRES (Developed Campgrounds and Dispersed Sites):

Campfires are a familiar and warm camping tradition, but there are some things to consider before building a fire.

- You must have at least a two gallon bucket of water, a long handled shovel, and an axe with you.
- Make sure your fire is "Dead Out" before sleeping or leaving – this includes charcoal briquettes. Drown it, stir it, touch it; repeat as necessary to extinguish the fire.
- Use an existing fire ring, or if you need to make one, please disperse the ring before leaving the forest.
- You are encouraged to use camp stoves to conserve ground cover resources. If you build a fire, be sure to gather only dead and down wood for your personal use while camping.

WATER:

Streams and lakes are home to many microscopic organisms, some of them can make you very sick! Treat/filter your water or bring water from home.

GARBAGE:

If you pack or carry it in, pack or carry it out. This includes dog poop bags!

HUMAN WASTE (Or, what to do when nature calls):

Choose a spot at least 200 feet away from any stream or lake, dig a small hole six inches deep; take care of your business, cover it and replace the duff. Always dispose of your waste and toilet paper by completely burying it.



Thank you for visiting the Mt. Hood National Forest.
Leave only footprints, take only pictures.

ORDER

MT. HOOD NATIONAL FORESTOCCUPANCY AND USE

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.58 (a) and (b) the following acts are prohibited in the Mt. Hood National Forest: Camping in Dispersed or Developed sites, or a combination of sites, for more than 28 consecutive days in 1 calendar year.

- (1) In Developed Sites:
Camping for a period longer than 14 consecutive days. After 14 days the site must be vacated. Return to the site must not occur before 30 days have passed. Total days in any area must not exceed 28 in a 1 calendar year period. All Campgrounds on the Mt. Hood National Forest. 36 CFR 261.58 (a) (b)
- (2) In Dispersed Sites:
Camping for a period longer than 14 consecutive days. After 14 days the site must be vacated. Return to the site must not occur before 30 days have passed. Total days (accumulative) must not exceed 28 in a 1 calendar year period. 36 CFR 261.58 (a) (b)

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e) the following persons are exempt from this order:

- (1) Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- (2) Persons with a permit.

Done at Gresham, Oregon this 23rd day of June, 1992.

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Violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both.

Title 16, U.S.C., Section 551