

# Clearinghouse Rule 99-082

## State of Wisconsin \ DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



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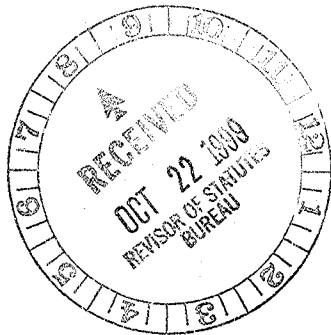
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STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, George E. Meyer, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and custodian of the official records of said Department, do hereby certify that the annexed copy of Natural Resources Board Order No. PR-3-98 was duly approved and adopted by this Department on August 25, 1999. I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this Department and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Department at the Natural Resources Building in the City of Madison, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1999

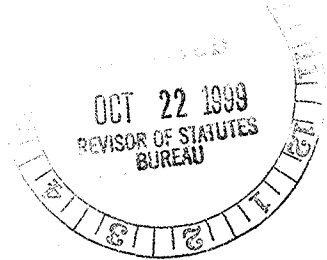


*George E. Meyer*  
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ORDER OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD  
REPEALING AND RECREATING RULES AND CREATING RULES



The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board proposes an order to repeal and recreate NR 45.10(3) and (4); and to create NR 45.10(2m) relating to camping and reservations on state parks, forests and other public lands and waters under the Department's jurisdiction

PR-3-98

Analysis Prepared by Department of Natural Resources

Statutory authority: ss. 27.01(11)(b) and 227.11(2)(a), Stats.  
Statutes interpreted: s. 27.01(11)(a), Stats.

The proposed rules implement the new automated reservation system. The new system allows reservation requests to be processed up to 11 months before a customer wants to occupy a site, rather than having to wait until January 10 of each calendar year. Rather than having to submit a paper reservation form to the park of their choice, or to call the park during business hours in the summer, the new system allows customers to call one toll-free number or access one web site to make a reservation anytime within the reservation window.

The proposed rules also reorganize the rules affecting outdoor group and backpack camping.

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SECTION 1. NR 45.10(2m) is created to read:

NR 45.10(2m) OUTDOOR GROUP AND BACKPACK CAMPING. (a) No person may camp and no camping unit may remain on a group or backpack campsite for a period exceeding that authorized by the registration and in no case for a period exceeding 21 days. After a site is occupied, in person or by a camping unit, for the maximum period authorized, the camping unit and camping party shall be removed from the property at least 7 days before being eligible to return.

(b) Juvenile groups shall be accompanied by at least one adult for each 10 members of the group.

(c) No more than 10 persons may be permitted at each designated backpack campsite in the Kettle Moraine state forest. A permit shall be issued for no more than one night at each designated backpack campsite in the Kettle Moraine state forest.

(d) No more than one camping party is permitted at a backpack campsite in state parks, recreation areas and other state forests offering these backpack campsites. Except as provided in par. (c), no camping party consisting of a non-family group may exceed 6 persons on a backpack campsite. A permit may be issued for up to 14 nights at each designated backpack site at these areas.

(e) All backpack campers shall pack out refuse generated while camping.

SECTION 2. NR 45.10(3) and (4) are repealed and recreated to read:

NR 45.10(3) FAMILY, OUTDOOR GROUP AND BACKPACK CAMPSITE RESERVATIONS. The department may grant reservations for family, outdoor group and backpack campsites and shall upon request provide a list of parks and forests where reservations are accepted. Reservations for family, outdoor group and backpack campsites may be granted under the following conditions:

(a) Reservation applications shall be accepted for camping up to 11 months prior to the date of occupancy and may be for a minimum of 2 consecutive days for family sites, and for one day for backpack and group sites. The maximum reservation period for family campsites shall be 21 consecutive days. The maximum reservation period for outdoor group campsites shall be 21 consecutive days. The maximum reservation period for backpack sites is 14 consecutive days. Reservation applications for family campsites shall be accepted for camping for a minimum of 3 days during the holiday weekends of Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day when the holiday occurs on a Monday or Friday.

(b) One day family campsite reservations may be made starting on June 1 and ending September 1 each year for anytime between those dates within the calendar year.

(c) The department may close the processing of reservations 2 days prior to date of occupancy.

(d) Reservations may be made for all available sites until all sites have been reserved for that date.

(e) A vendor reservation fee plus full payment of camping fees, in the form of a Mastercard or Visa credit card, or a check or money order, shall be included with each application.

(4) Indoor GROUP CAMPING AND RESERVATIONS. The department may grant reservations and establish minimum and maximum group sizes for indoor group camps. Upon request, the department shall provide a list of parks and forests where reservations are accepted and the minimum and maximum group sizes for indoor group camps. The department may grant reservations for indoor group camps under the following conditions:

(a) Group camp reservations for Wyalusing shall be accepted only for a minimum of 2 days on weekends.

(b) Reservation applications for indoor group camp facilities shall arrive at the park or forest office no more than one year in advance of the date the camp is to be occupied. Walk in reservations shall be held for 5 days and treated equally with mail in reservations postmarked the same day by using a random selection list.

(c) The reservation fee plus full payment of camping fees, in the form of a check or money order, shall be included with each application.

(d) Juvenile groups shall be accompanied by at least one adult for each 10 members of the group.

(e) Unless waived by the department, no group may camp for a period greater than 7 days in any 4-week period in the indoor group camp in the property of registration.

The foregoing rule was approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on August 25, 1999.

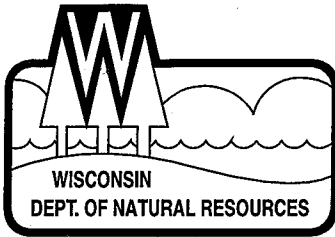
The rule shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register as provided in s. 227.22(2)(intro.), Stats.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin October 20, 1999

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
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By George E. Meyer  
George E. Meyer, Secretary

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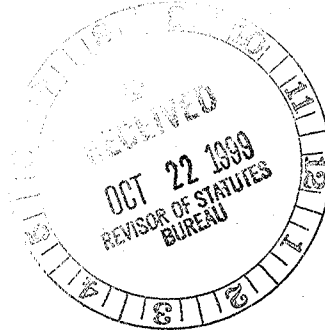
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October 18, 1999

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Dear Mr. Poulson:

Enclosed are two copies, including one certified copy, of State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board Order No. PR-3-98. These rules were reviewed by the Assembly Committee on Tourism and Recreation and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Resources and Campaign Finance Reform pursuant to s. 227.19, Stats. Summaries of the final regulatory flexibility analysis and comments of the legislative review committees are also enclosed.

You will note that this order takes effect following publication. Kindly publish it in the Administrative Code accordingly.

Sincerely,

George E. Meyer  
Secretary

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