

GPMCT Camping Policy Great Pond Mountain Wildlands, Orland

Camping is allowed by reservation only at designated campsites in the 4,300-acre Great Pond Mountain Wildlands. The Wildlands is owned and managed by Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust, a nonprofit land trust conserving land, water and wildlife habitat for the communities of northwestern Hancock County. Visit us at www.greatpondtrust.org.

Mitchville Campsite on Hothole Brook – max 6 people. Preference for reservations is given to Flying Moose Lodge Tues. thru Sat., late June thru early August.

Baker Brook Campsite – groups large or small, max 30 people. Several tent sites, lean to (coming in 2012). Port-a-john must be rented for groups larger than 12.

Fee: Minimum recommended donation of \$5/site for groups of 5 and under; \$10/site for 6 or more people. GPMCT members given preference.

Additional Information:

- Reservations will be first-come, first-served, with preference given to GPMCT members and volunteers (see Mitchville site exception).
- Five-night limit on camping at any one site.
- Campsites are hike-in only – vehicles must be left outside gates and gates will be locked
- Bring water for drinking and cooking; potable water is not available
- Campers will be expected to follow Leave No Trace ethics – pack it in; pack it out!
- Fires are allowed in fire rings only, conditions permitting. Cutting live trees or vegetation is prohibited. Bring in only local firewood (don't transport pests!), or collect small, dead wood from the forest floor. Burn all wood and coals to ash. Put out fires completely.
- Pit toilets are on site and must be used unless you pack waste out (Port-a-john must be rented for groups larger than 12). Bring your own TP. No trash in toilets, please.
- Dogs must be leashed at all times – porcupines and other wildlife are common!

Camping in a remote location has a variety of risks and campers need to exercise care at all times. Camping in the Wildlands is a remote camping experience. **Be prepared in case of emergency; be aware that cell phone reception is spotty.** The Wildlands is bear country! Take care with food and food scraps; hang food to be safe.

A signed letter of agreement between GPMCT and campers – or supervising adult/s in the case of a group – is required in advance of camping trip. Nonprofit groups must provide proof of insurance. Please make reservation at least a week ahead of date requested.

GPMCT's Stewardship Committee reserves the right to refuse any request for camping that they deem unsafe or inappropriate for people or the resource.

Questions? Call 469-7190 or e-mail info@greatpondtrust.org for more info.

**Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust
Leave No Trace Camping Agreement**

This is an agreement between _____, Executive Director, Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust, and _____
_____, (individual/s) or
_____ (group), represented by
_____, _____ (adult leader/s).

We, as individuals or as leaders of the organization above, agree to abide by No Trace Camping principles while camping in the Great Pond Mountain Wildlands.

Address _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____
Cell phone _____
Emergency Contact _____ phone _____

Campsite Requested _____
Date(s) _____
Number of campers _____
Number of adult leaders for group _____
Permission granted for campfire _____ yes _____ no

I understand that camping in the Wildlands is a wilderness camping experience, and that if accidents occur, access to assistance may be delayed due to the remote location. Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust has provided me with a copy of this Camping Policy. I have read and understand it and I release and hold GPMCT harmless with respect to any accident or injury that may occur while I am in the Great Pond Mountain Wildlands.

Date signed _____

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