WELCOME TO BEAR CREEK LAKE STATE PARK. To make your visit safe and more pleasant, we ask that you observe the following:

Take only pictures, leave only footprints.

PRESERVE — Help preserve your park. Please don’t cut or mar any plants or trees. Collecting animal or plant life is allowed only for scientific purposes by permit from the Richmond headquarters. Please use lantern hangers where available.

DON’T FEED ANY WILD ANIMALS.

ALCOHOL — State law permits alcohol use only in private areas (inside your cabin or camping unit) or in areas designated on permits issued by the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

PETS — Pets are permitted in enclosed areas or on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Please clean up after your pet. Pets may not be left unattended at any time.

LITTER — Please help us keep the park clean by placing litter and recyclables in the proper receptacles and recycle centers or carrying out your trash.

FIRE — Help prevent wildfires. Fires must be confined to grills, camp stoves or designated fire rings. Fires must be attended at all times and extinguished when left. Firewood is generally available for purchase at the park. Campers (or guests) may collect only down and dead firewood. We enforce all seasonal and emergency bans against open fires.

POLLUTION — Help reduce pollution. Dump stations, laundry sinks and slop sinks, where available, are for laundry sinks and slop sinks, where available, are for waxed car washing.

SWIMMING — Where available, swimming areas are generally open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, weather permitting. Swim or wade only in designated swimming areas and during designated times. Children in swimming areas must wear sealed plastic pants over diapers. Disposable swim pants are not allowed. Chlorine may be hazardous because of swift currents, sudden drop-offs or unseen obstructions.

FISHING — Where fishing is permitted, valid Virginia fishing licenses are required. Specific licenses are required for saltwater and trout-water fishing. Please call the park in advance for specifics.

GUESTS — Your guests are our guests. For everyone’s safety and security, please register all visitors with the park office. Visitors will not be admitted to camping and cabin areas unless so identified. Visitors are permitted only between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

QUIET HOURS — Quiet hours are between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. The use of generators is prohibited during quiet hours.

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In many cases, campers may be accommodated prior to the official check-in. Please remember that only those 18 or older may register. The registrant is responsible for all occupants of the campsites or cabin. Feel free to arrive early and enjoy park amenities prior to check-in.

If you decide to leave the park before the end of your overnight stay, you may be entitled to a refund based on how much of your stay has already been used and any fees due. Once you check in for your cabin or camping stay, that night is considered used. If you are camping, we take what you paid, subtract the fees for the nights used and then subtract one additional night.

The balance is due as a refund. This means if you have only a two-night stay, you will not receive a refund if you leave one night early. If you are in a cabin or lodge, the policy is different. First, we always keep at least the first two nights’ fees. Second, we keep $20 per night for a cabin ($50 per night for a lodge) for each night you didn’t stay and subtract that from the fee for any unused nights beyond the two-night minimum. If you start out with a week stay, you received the nights used and then subtract one additional night. If you are in a cabin or lodge, the policy is different.

The information station is located in Richmond at 9960 Mayland Drive and accepts payments made in person from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ELECTRONIC INFORMATION STATION — The information station offers access to GPS-based trail information, interactive virtual tours, details on park amenities, printable guides and maps, program descriptions, schedules and more. This information is general and may not apply to all parks. For park-specific information please visit our website at www.virginiastateparks.gov or call our Customer Service Center at 1-800-933-PARK.


VIRGINIA STATE PARKS ARE A TONIC FOR THE MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT. Museums, visitor centers and nearby historic sites make state parks cultural treasures. The recreational opportunities in state parks are endless and easy to see — from swimming and boating to horseshoes and hiking, there’s always something to do in a Virginia State Park.