

Pohick Bay Regional Park

Family Campground Rules & Regulations

6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton, VA 22079



In the event of an emergency, dial 911 to request ambulance, fire or police response.

Camp Store: (703) 339-6104, ext. 0 After Hours Ranger: (571) 340-1971

Camp Store Hours: March 1st-October 31st 8am-8pm, Monday-Sunday

November 1st-February 28th 8am-6pm, Sunday-Thursday and 8am-8pm Friday and Saturday

Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years and other observed holidays between November 1st – February 28th: 8am-5pm

The following rules and regulations have been established to operate and maintain the campground at Pohick Bay Regional Park. Please be courteous and respectful to all and enjoy your stay.

Check-In/Check-Out – Family Campsites and Cabins

- Family campsites and Rustic Cabins may check in any time after 1 p.m. Check-in for Deluxe Cabins begins at 3 p.m.
- Checkout time is 11 a.m. Late checkout allows campers to stay in their site until 3 p.m. and is permitted for a charge of \$25 if a reservation is not pending. An additional nightly fee will be applied to late checkouts past 3 p.m.
- Late checkout is not permitted in cabins.
- Cabin guests will receive a combination to access the cabin upon check in.
- During camp store hours, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m., campers must register with park personnel, show valid ID, and pay any fees.

Campers and Guests

- The Family Campground is for overnight recreational family camping only. Day use and picnicking is not permitted in the campground.
- Please observe the speed limit of 10mph at all times when driving through the campground.
- Campers may leave and return to their site at any time. The Park and trails are closed after sunset.
- Family campsites are limited to 7 people per site. Cabins are limited to 6 people per site.
- Organized youth group camping is restricted to designated camp areas and are prohibited in the family campsites and cabins.
- Each campsite is limited to up to 3 tents as space allows. Tents must not encroach onto another site and must stay within the confines of the established campsite. Cabin sites are limited to 1 dining canopy as space allows.
- Camping or sleeping in the cab or bed of a truck, automobile or on the ground without a tent is prohibited.
- A maximum of 2 passenger vehicles per site is permitted in established parking areas, including but not limited to towed trailers/boats and vehicles of guests. Parking for extra vehicles is provided in designated parking areas. A valid vehicle pass must be displayed at all times.
- Service and commercial vehicles, tractors and construction equipment are not permitted in the campground.
- Vehicle tags and registration must be valid and up to date.
- The use of musical instruments, radios and other sound devices and amplified sound equipment is prohibited within the campground. Profanity and abusive language or behavior that may endanger the welfare of any person is prohibited.
- Parties or large gatherings are prohibited. Campers must observe quiet hours between 10 p.m. – 7 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in all parks according to Virginia State law.
- Pets may not be left unattended in the campground. Pets must remain on a physical leash when not confined, per Fairfax County leash law. Owners must clean up after their pets and dispose of waste properly.

Cabin Campers

- Pets are prohibited in the cabin, excluding service animals trained to assist with tasks for persons with disabilities. Comfort and/or emotional support animals are not recognized by the ADA as service animals and are not permitted in cabins.
- Smoking, vaping, use of e-cigarettes and candles is prohibited inside the cabins at all times.
- Removing cabin furniture from the cabin for outside use is prohibited.

After hours check-in procedures – Family Campsites (RVs and Tents)

- Campers with a reservation arriving between the hours of 8 p.m. – 8 a.m. may go directly to their assigned site. Be advised that the night security personnel may approach you to verify your reservation. Campers must report to the camp store the following morning no later than 11 a.m. to complete the check-in procedure.

After hours check-in procedures – Cabin Campers

- Campers with a reservation expecting to arrive between the hours of 8 p.m. – 8 a.m. must make prior arrangements with park staff to check in with the evening ranger/night security at the camp store, show a valid ID and receive the cabin door combination. Campers must report to the camp store the following morning no later than 11 a.m. to complete the check-in procedure.

Trash

- Trash must be disposed of properly, and not left unattended, to discourage animals near or in the campground.
- Trash dumpsters are centrally located for your convenience. Disposing of trash in the bathhouses or laundry room is prohibited.
- Upon departure, campers must collect and dispose of all personal trash in the campsite and cabin, including ground trash.

Fires

- The cutting or chopping of trees or other flora in the campground is strictly prohibited.
- Campfires are permitted only within existing steel fire rings. Fire rings should not be moved for any reason. Burning any items other than firewood is strictly prohibited. Grills are for charcoal use only.
- Campfires must not be left unattended and must be extinguished before retiring for the night or departing the campsite.
- Campfire fuel (wood) may not exceed the height or width of the fire ring. Campers must check state and local laws pertaining to the transportation of firewood to ensure compliance with all applicable laws.
- Virginia's 4 p.m. Burn Law is in effect between February 15th-April 30th each year. Open-air burning is prohibited before 4 p.m. when within 300 ft of woods or dry grass. This state law helps prevent wildfires. Learn more at dof.virginia.gov.

Booking Requirements – Family Campsites (RVs and Tents)

- Reservations require full payment at time of booking.
- Full Hook-Up Reservations made outside of 60 days of arrival date have a minimum stay of 7 nights. Reservations made within 60 days of arrival date have a minimum stay of:
 - 3-night minimum during peak season, April 1st-October 31st, and holiday weekends.
 - 2-night minimum between November 1st-March 31st.
- Water/Electric sites require a minimum stay of 2 nights year-round.
- Electric only sites require a minimum stay of 2 nights during peak season, April 1st-October 31st.
- Non-Electric campsites are closed November 1st-March 31st.
- On holiday weekends, all sites have a 3-night minimum. When the holiday falls on a Monday there will be no Saturday or Sunday arrivals or departures.
- During peak season, April 1st -October 31st, Campers may stay at one or both NOVA Parks camping facilities for a maximum of 14 days in a 45-day period.
- During off peak season, November 1st - March 31st, Campers may stay at one or both NOVA Parks camping facilities for a maximum of 28 days in a 45-day period on Full Hook up and Water/Electric sites, and a maximum of 14 days in a 45 day period on Electric only sites.
- Campers must be 18 years of age or older to register for a campsite and must be a resident during the rental period.
- Campers may not register for more than 2 campsites or cabins during a single camping stay.
 - Each site must have a designated primary occupant. An individual is only permitted to be the primary occupant for one site.
 - The primary occupant is responsible for ensuring all rules and regulations are followed by the campers and guests in their site.

Booking Requirements – Cabins

- Reservations require full payment at time of booking.
- Deluxe Cabin minimum stay:
 - 3-night minimum on holiday weekends and during peak season, April 1st-October 31st.
 - 2-night minimum between November 1st-March 31st
- Rustic Cabin minimum stay:
 - 3-night minimum on holiday weekends and anytime Memorial Day-Labor Day
 - 2-night minimum September-May, excluding Memorial Day and Labor Day holidays
- Campers may stay at one or both NOVA Parks camping facilities for a maximum of 7 days in a 28-day period.
- Campers must be 21 years of age or older to register for a cabin and must be a resident during the rental period.
- Campers may not register for more than 2 cabins or campsites during a single camping stay.
 - Each site must have a designated primary occupant. An individual is only permitted to be the primary occupant of one site.
 - The primary occupant is responsible for ensuring all rules and regulations are followed by the campers and guests in their site.

Cancellation and Date Change Policy – Family Campsites (RVs, Tents and Cabins)

- In the event you change your dates or cancel your reservation, once confirmed, the following policies apply:
 - 14 days or more outside of reservation date: full refund minus a \$10 cancellation/change fee.
 - 13 days or less from reservation date: full refund minus 1-night stay, 2-night stay on holiday weekends.
 - 48 hours from reservation date: no refund or changes accepted.
- If you are attempting to add a date to your stay, change the site number, upgrade your site, adjust amount of guests, pets and any other modification not resulting in changes to the original reservation arrival date, you will be able to do so through the call center at (866) 881-0809 or online at www.reservepohickbay.com prior to your stay for no additional change fee.

NOVA Parks reserves the right to inspect any site under reasonable circumstances for the purpose of ensuring public safety and protecting and maintaining park property. Park Personnel reserves the right to remove registered campers at any time who do not follow the above listed rules and regulations. NOVA Parks assumes no responsibility for personal property.