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DCR OPENS STATE CAMPGROUND RESERVATION WINDOW

Advanced reservations now being taken for 28 campgrounds statewide

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has opened the advance reservation window for the agency's campgrounds. Beginning Oct. 17, reservations are being accepted at 28 of DCR's 31 campgrounds across the state for the 2009 season.

DCR manages about 3,800 campsites in campgrounds across the Commonwealth, from the Berkshires to outer Cape Cod. Six of these campgrounds will open on Friday, April 17, 2009, and the remainder will open on varying dates throughout May and June 2009. A detailed schedule is attached.

"Camping is an easy and affordable way to enjoy the natural beauty of Massachusetts, and DCR's state parks are a great place to camp," said DCR Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan Jr. "Even those who have never camped before should give this a try. Massachusetts state parks and forests are beautiful, peaceful places to spend some vacation time."

Campsite fees range from \$8-\$15 per night for Massachusetts residents, and \$10-\$17 per night for out-of-state residents.

Campers should note that the campground at Massasoit State Park will be closed for the 2009 season, as the electric system servicing the campground is in need of repair. As an alternative, DCR encourages campers in southeastern Massachusetts to enjoy nearby Horseneck Beach State Reservation in Westport on the west side of Buzzards Bay, or Scusset Beach State Reservation in Sandwich, on Cape Cod Bay at the eastern end of the Cape Cod Canal.

To make a reservation for a DCR campground, call ReserveAmerica's toll-free reservation line, 877-I-CAMP-MA (877-422-6762) or 877-620-0833 (TTY), or visit www.reserveamerica.com. For more information about camping in DCR's state parks, go online to www.mass.gov/dcr/recreate/camping.htm.

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