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DCR Recreational Advisory: Extended Camping Season

WHAT: The Department of Conservation and Recreation will be offering off-season camping at several locations throughout the Commonwealth. Visitors are encouraged to make a reservation at least one day before they plan to arrive. To check availability or to make a reservation, please visit Reserve America's [website](#) or call 877-422-6762. Walk-in campsites may be available at some locations, but to guarantee a site, reservations should be made in advance.

WHERE: **Nickerson State Park, Brewster, 508-896-3491**
Weekend camping in Area 4 is available for campsites and yurts for the nights of October 19, 20 and 21, 2017, by reservation or walk-ins may be available. Bathrooms and showers available.

Salisbury Beach State Reservation, Salisbury, 978-462-4481
Campsites with electric hookups (no water) are available at Roads A – H, for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights only through and including the night of November 25, 2017. Bathrooms and showers are available. There are no water hookups, nor is the dumping station available during this off-season period.

Camp Nihan Environmental Education Camp, Saugus, 781-231-1203
Campsites and group cabins are available for reservation for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights only through and including March 10, 2018.

Camping at this facility is by reservation only; walk-ins prohibited; showers and flush toilets available.

Scusset Beach State Reservation, Sandwich, 508-888-0859

RV camping is available through March 10, 2018, for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Camping is for self-contained units only and tent camping is not permitted. No bathrooms, no dumping station and no water hookups will be available during this timeframe. Electric hookups will be available.

Mohawk Trail State Forest, Charlemont, 413-339-5504

Cabins only are available for reservation for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, through March 10, 2018. Camping at this facility is by reservation only; walk-ins prohibited. Showers and flush toilets available; no dumping station.

Savoy Mountain State Forest, Florida, 413-663-8469

Cabins only are available for reservation for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, through March 10, 2018. Camping at this facility is by reservation only; walk-ins prohibited. Composting toilets only; there is no access to water, showers or dumping.

Rustic Camping Opportunities

For those seeking a rustic camping experience, limited service camping is available at select locations in Western Massachusetts. Please note most of these sites involve strenuous hikes and are frequently used by hunters. The amenities are limited, staffing and cell phone coverage may not be available.

Beartown State Forest, Monterey, 413-528-0904

Popular with hunters, this campground offers 12 campsites that are accessible by car. There is no drinking water on site and composting toilets only are available.

Mount Greylock State Reservation, Lanesborough, 413-499-4262

Off-season camping at this location is for backpackers accustomed to strenuous hiking. The hike from the Rockwell Road parking lot is approximately 1 ½ miles. There is no drinking water on site and composting toilet only. This is not a novice camping experience.

Mount Washington State Forest, Mt. Washington, 413-528-0330

This camping experience is for backpackers who are capable of hiking

1 ½ strenuous miles. Access the trail to the camping area from the headquarters parking lot. This is not a novice camping experience. Please call the park if you would like to camp at this facility. There is no drinking water on site and composting toilet only.

DAR State Forest – Group Site Only, Goshen, 413-268-7098

Off-season camping is available at the group site and must be reserved by calling the park. It is one mile on unplowed surface to the site, and is recommended for experienced hikers only. The site may also be reached by snowmobile, snowshoe and skis. There is no drinking water on site and composting toilet only.

IMPORTANT TO KNOW, BEFORE YOU GO RUSTIC CAMPING:

- Campers must contact park prior to travelling;
- Composting toilets only, no running water, no showers, no hookups;
- Walk-ins only, but call ahead to speak with staff;
- Cell phone coverage is limited and pay phones may not be available;
- Due to the possibility of inclement weather and/or possible closures, please call park prior to traveling during the off-season months; and,
- Campers must be prepared for harsh weather conditions.

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