



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers®**

**MILL CREEK RECREATION AREA  
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**PITTSBURGH DISTRICT**



**BUILDING STRONG®**

**In addition to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Rules and Regulations (36 Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter III, Part 327), the following rules and regulations apply at Berlin Lake.**

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages is PROHIBITED on all Corps lake lands and water.

Overnight occupancy is required at all campsites. Placing camping equipment at a campsite for the purpose of reserving the site for future occupancy is prohibited.

Fires may only be built in designated fire rings and must not be left unattended. Fires must be completely extinguished when vacating the campsite.

Pets are permitted provided they are caged, penned, on a leash no longer than six feet or otherwise physically restrained at all times. Pets must be restrained on the site itself, not on the outer edges of the site. Leashes may only be attached to the camper's own equipment, not trees or other vegetation, site posts, tables, or fire rings. Owners are required to cleanup after their pets and may not leave them unattended.

Vehicle passes shall be displayed on the rear-view mirror of the vehicle to which it is permitted. The pass shall be returned upon departure.

Two sleeping units are allowed per site, one must be a tent. In addition to two sleeping units, a screen tent is allowed. Units must be on the site to which they are registered. A maximum of eight people are permitted to occupy a campsite.

Only two vehicles, including visitor vehicles, are permitted at any campsite (motorcycles are considered vehicles). All vehicles will be kept on the gravel spur or parking areas provided. Extra vehicles must park outside of the campground. Overnight parking in the Day Use parking lot is by permit only. All posted traffic signs must be followed.

Registered campers are responsible for the conduct of their visitors. Visitors must depart by 10 pm. Visitor Passes will not be issued after 9:30 pm.

Quiet shall be maintained between 10 pm and 6 am. Generators may not be operated during these hours.

Bicycles are permitted in the campgrounds. Operators must ride on the road with traffic and obey all signs including one way, yield and stop. Bicycles, skateboards, scooters, etc. without safety markings may not be used after sunset.

All motorized recreational vehicles, including motorcycles, motorbikes, mopeds, scooters and ATVs, that are not legally road licensed are prohibited in the campground with the exception of ADA transport.

The destruction, injury, defacement, or removal of public property, including vegetation, trees, rocks, or minerals, is prohibited. The hanging lanterns, trash bags, hammocks, clotheslines, tools, etc. from trees is prohibited. No foreign objects such as nails or spikes may be driven into trees. Cutting standing trees is prohibited. Firewood may be gathered only from trees that are dead and fallen. Do not remove logs that delineate trails.

All fireworks, including sparklers, are prohibited. The possession of loaded firearms, ammunition, loaded projectile firing devices, bows/arrows, crossbows or other weapons/explosives is prohibited.

Swimming is allowed at your own risk. No swimming is allowed at launch ramps or other prohibited areas. **JUMPING OR DIVING OFF ROCK FORMATIONS OR ROPE SWINGS IS DANGEROUS AND PROHIBITED.**

Campers and visitors must register at the Entrance Station. Individuals registering must be at least 18 years old and have a valid driver's license or photo ID. No one may register for more than one site or save/hold a site for someone else. The primary camping unit must be setup at the time of initial registration.

Camping equipment must be placed and kept on the designated campsite. If necessary, camping equipment may be required to be relocated. **IF UNSURE OF DESIGNATED CAMPSITE, PLEASE CONTACT A PARK RANGER.**

Individuals wishing to walk, jog, or bike during the campground recreation season in Mill Creek Campground must register and obtain a permit at the Contact Station prior to entering the campground. The permit must be visible while participating in the activities in the campground. Parking for walkers, joggers, and bicyclists is in the campground's Day Use parking lot. These activities are limited to two hours per day, between the hours of 6 am and 9 pm. Violators of the Mill Creek Campground Day Use Policy will be denied future access to the campground for day use activities.

America the Beautiful Senior/ Access Passes and Golden Age/ Access Passports are honored for half price. The pass holder must present the pass in person when registering and renewing, and must be an occupant of the site.

Campsites must be vacated or renewed prior to 3 pm on the day the permit expires.

Length of stay is limited to 14 days in a 30-day period. Campers wishing to stay more than 14 days must obtain the approval of Park Management and are subject to the availability of sites. Maximum extension will be no more than 7 days. After 14 days, and any extensions, the camper must leave Mill Creek Campground and may not relocate to another Mill Creek campsite to extend their stay.

Sites may not be held for or passed along to relatives, friends, or others to bypass the 14-day rule.

Campsite must be completely cleaned before departure. Campsites will be free of litter, and refuse shall be disposed of in centrally located dumpsters. Fire rings may not be moved, relocated, or used for disposal of litter and refuse.

Violators of these rules and regulations may be evicted and issued citations.

**Thank you for your cooperation!**



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**Daily Lake Information:**  
(330) 547-5445

**Campground Entrance Station**  
(330) 547-8180

**Mahoning County Sheriff**  
911

**Rescue Squad**  
911

[www.lrp.usace.army.mil/rec/rec.html](http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/rec/rec.html)

**Enjoy a safe outing.  
Observe these safety tips!**

**Water Hazards**

Boat with caution! Be especially aware of the existence of underwater obstructions. In addition, floating debris may be at or near the lake surface as a result of fluctuating lake levels. Boaters and skiers should be watchful for these hazards; because of these floating and underwater hazards, diving is discouraged.

**Life Jackets**

When boating, the best protection against drowning is to wear your life jacket. U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets are required if you are less than 13 years of age, a non-swimmer, are on a boat less than 16 feet in length, or are in a canoe or kayak. Know the rules before you go out on the water.

**Fire Protection**

The fire potential is generally high during the recreation season. Help prevent forest fires by obeying the No Open Fire regulation.

**Boaters**

Be considerate of those in canoes or fishing at anchor.

**Alcohol and Boating Don't Mix**

Don't drink while operating a boat. Alcohol is involved in at least 50 percent of all drownings and a major cause of death in recreational boating accidents.

**Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on all Corps of Engineers lake lands and waters!**

**Be alert to changing weather/lake conditions**

Storms can come on very quickly. If lightning is spotted, head for shore immediately and seek out a safe location.

**Play it Safe**

NEVER SWIM ALONE! Children should remain under close supervision at all times, especially when playing in or around the water.

**Firearms and ammunition**

The US Army Corps of Engineers does not honor State-issued concealed weapon permits, prohibits loaded concealed weapons, the possession of loaded firearms or ammunition on lands and waters administered by the US Army Corps of Engineers per 36 C.F.R. § 327.13(a).

**Anglers**

Use a wading stick to check for sudden drop-offs in the water and for extra balance.

**Mill Creek Recreation Area**



Federal rules and regulations concerning the use of this lake are set forth in Title 36, Chapter III, of the Code of Federal Regulations and are on display in public areas of this lake.

