

What campers need to know for 2020....

- **Existing** sites will reopen at noon on **Tuesday, June 16th**. Capacity limits remain at 10 people per site. Cost is \$15/night for vehicle access site and \$10/night for hike in. Self-registration/iron rangers will be reopened throughout the property. Pay for camping by cash or check at one of those stations as the Visitor Center is not open to the public for credit card payment. (Existing include: A, AA, B, C, D, E, F, H*, I*, J, K, KK, L, N, O, OO, P, PP, Q, T*, U) *new location.
- **New** river sites (X, V, W, S, M) **remain closed until Friday, June 26th** to allow the construction impact to settle and stabilize.
- River access sites are challenging and difficult to get to with full camping gear; banks can be steep and muddy as the Kickapoo River fluctuates regularly. Sites are primitive with low maintenance. All riverbank camping has been eliminated due to dangers of flash floods. Please plan accordingly and expect that you may have to haul your gear up to 75 yards up hill from the river to a campsite.
- Sites along the river have been moved to higher ground - out of the floodplain - for the safety of visitors, emergency response and in accordance with State and County floodplain laws. Please be sure to use the 2020 Visitor Guide Map for updated locations of campsites.
- Relocating the sites was a lengthy process which included designating them in locations that did not impact culturally or environmentally sensitive areas in addition to having an emergency evacuation route. In addition to compliance of the above mention regulations, the sites were chosen to fit the criterial for protecting the Reserve.
- A variance for the KVR Campground license was only achieved with a promise to emphasize to users of Rustic/Primitive the importance of **burying** human waste at least 200 feet from campsite, trailhead, and water. **Bring a shovel** or plan ahead and use the bathrooms at the Visitor Center parking lot or Village of La Farge Park. In the event violations of this Health Standard occur, the sites will be shut down for rest periods or permanently. Rules also require packing out all trash; do not burn garbage.
- There are a limited number of river access sites available. From North heading South, sites V, W, S, X, M and L. All sites have a limit of 10 people per site. All are first come, first served. There are no river sites downstream from Landing 14, so plan accordingly. Utilize one of the neighboring villages or private campgrounds. Or, set up at a vehicle access or hike-in site prior to getting on the river so you know you will have a spot. If you have a flexible schedule, come during the week when you are more likely to find an available site. Canoe rentals or other businesses cannot guarantee a campsite within the KVR. **DO NOT** establish a new site, as this contradicts the protection of the Reserve and violates State rules.
- Campsite D – Willow Camp is now designated as four separate sites within the four-acre area. Each site has a capacity of 10 people. Please practice social distancing and adhere to the mowed areas as designated. Per the State license agreement, potable water is available at the Visitor Center garage. The Water Buffalo will not be provided this summer due to the pandemic. **Beginning August 1st Willow Camp is limited to self-contained units only.**
- Tent campers using the vehicle accessible sites are also required to **bury** all human waste at least 200 ft from campsite, trailhead, and water or utilize the Visitor Center bathrooms.
- Self-contained campers/trailers/motor homes, please note there is a dump station at the Village of La Farge Park adjacent to the Village campground & labeled on the KVR map. Through a mutual agreement, KVR campers are permitted to use that dump station.
- Rustic camping is not for everyone. The Memorandum of Understanding and Joint Management Plan, the formal agreement signed between the Ho-Chunk Nation and State of Wisconsin for the creation of the KVR (1999), in addition to State Statutes and Administrative rules, is based on protecting the property for its environmental and cultural significance, in balance with outdoor recreation and education. If you prefer facilities and services, there are other camping options in the area including Wildcat Mountain State Park, the Villages of Wilton, La Farge and Viola and private businesses. More information for lodging in the region can be found at: www.driftlesswisconsin.com