

# Great American Backyard Campout

*at Detroit River Days*

**Welcome to Your Camping Adventure!** Get ready to learn about the amazing recreational opportunities found in Michigan State Parks and Recreation Areas. The following is information you will need to get packed, get excited and get outdoors.

You will be rustic camping, which means water will be available in bottles, and the restrooms are portable. There are no showers or electricity, but you will have a campfire to keep you warm.

## **Camping Information**

Check in: 4-6 pm, June 22

Check out: 10 am, June 23

## **Before You Leave for Your Trip**

Michigan is known for its unpredictable weather. Check the weather forecast for the area before you leave to be sure you have the right clothing for the conditions. We will be camping rain or shine (but not if there is lightening) so bring rain gear just in case.

## **The Fun is Waiting**

During your camping adventure, there will be lawn games and archery for you to experience, as well as nature education programs about urban wildlife and the night sky. These are a great introduction to the nature education and Rec 101 programs - available at state parks all around Michigan. Get this summer's complete list of Rec 101 events by visiting [www.michigan.gov/rec101](http://www.michigan.gov/rec101) and list of nature education opportunities at [www.michigan.gov/natureprograms](http://www.michigan.gov/natureprograms).

## **Parking**

The Parking Area, for overnight campers ONLY will be next to the berm across from the Globe Building on Atwater. If you need additional directions, call the park directly at 313-396-0217.

## **Eat, Sleep and Be Merry**

As part of the Camping 101 experience, The North Face and REI have provided a tent for your use during your stay. This will be lent to you and must be left at the park upon departure.

As part of the campout, you will also have dinner provided from Chef Johnny Prep and Holiday Market in Royal Oak. Milk is provided by the United Dairy Industries of Michigan and bottled water will be available from Mountain Valley Spring Water.

Breakfast will be provided by McDonald's of southeast Michigan with a focus on their new healthy menu options.

## **Camping Gear Packing List**

### **Sleeping**

- Pillow
- Blanket / sleeping Bag
- Blow-up mattress or something to soften your sleep area (in a tent you will be sleeping on the ground)
- Air pump for blow-up mattress

### **Recreation**

- Comfortable clothes to play in the park
- Comfortable shoes for walking or hiking
- Rain gear and umbrella just in case

### **Miscellaneous**

- Hand sanitizer\*
- Bug spray\*
- Sun screen\*
- Lantern/Flashlights
- Snacks\*
- Basic First Aid Supplies\*
- Camp Chairs\*

*\*Optional, but very helpful*

## **Camping 101 Pledge**

*Make the pledge to enjoy your very first camping adventure, and encourage your family and friends to do the same!*

“I will be open-minded during my entire Camping 101 experience, and I’ll give one educational experience, such as Rec-101, a try during my stay. I’ll eat one s’more (or more!), I’ll take good care of the equipment I use, I’ll ask questions when I have them and I’ll be cautious around the campfire. Most importantly, I’ll have fun!”