



Backpack Camping

Backpack Campsites are located along several blue-blazed hiking trails. Backpack camping is only allowed on these designated sites, and by application only. Dispersed camping is not permitted within our parks and forests. Backpacking campsites are provided for the true backpacker only, and therefore the length of stay at any one location is limited to one night. These sites are typically available year-round, barring closures due to hazards or severe weather.

Information regarding backpack camping, including maps of campsite locations, is available online at www.ct.gov/deep/backpackcamping

Backpack Campsite Locations

Reserved through Eastern District HQ

<p>Pachaug State Forest Trail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dawley Pond Lean-to • Dry Reservoir Lean-to • Legend Wood Lean-to • Peg Mill Lean-to
<p>Natchaug State Forest Trail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Lyons Lean-to • Knowlton Brook Lean-to • Nipmuck Trail Lean-to
<p>Nipmuck State Forest Trail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakneck East Lean-to • Breakneck South Lean-to • Breakneck West Campsite

Reserved through Western District HQ

<p>Tunxis State Forest Trail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nepaug Campsite • Hurricane Brook Lean-to • Roaring Brook Campsite
<p>Mohawk Trail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housatonic State Forest (Cornwall) Wickwire Lean-to • Housatonic State Forest (Cornwall) Deans Ravine Campsite • Mohawk State Forest Lean-to (2 & 3) (Lean-to #1 is closed as of May 2023)

Applications for backpacking campsites along the Pachaug, Natchaug and Nipmuck State Forest Trails must be sent to: Eastern District Headquarters, 209 Hebron Road, Marlborough, CT 06477 or deep.eastdistrict@ct.gov. Eastern District Office Phone: 860-295-9523 x1

Applications for backpacking campsites along the Tunxis and Mohawk Trails must be sent to: Western District Headquarters, 1065 Thomaston Road, Watertown, CT 06795 or tamera.procko@ct.gov. Western District Office Phone: 860-485-0226

Backpack Camping Application

Applicants are required to secure a permit for all overnight backpack campsites. Prior to sending your application to the appropriate District Headquarters office via mail or e-mail, please call to confirm availability of the site and date you are requesting. All applications must be received no later than 14 days prior to requested camping date(s). Please type or print all information.

Part I: Applicant (must be 18 years of age or older)

Name:		
Mailing Address:		
City/Town:	State:	Zip Code:
Daytime Phone:	Evening Phone:	
E-mail Address:		

Part II: Camper Information

Name of Group (if applicable):		
Total Number of Campers:	Under 18:	Adults:
License Plate Number(s) for all vehicles to be left in parking area(s):		

Part III: Name of Campsite(s)/Lean-to(s) Requested (Refer to list of locations) Attach additional sheets if requesting reservations for more than 3 nights. **Length of stay at any one site is limited to one night.** You must then hike to your next permitted overnight area or complete your hike and vacate the trail before sundown.

1. Name of campsite/lean-to:				
Arrival Date:	Departure Date:	Est. Arrival Time:	Est. Departure Time:	
2. Name of campsite/lean-to:				
Arrival Date:	Departure Date:	Est. Arrival Time:	Est. Departure Time:	
3. Name of campsite/lean-to:				
Arrival Date:	Departure Date:	Est. Arrival Time:	Est. Departure Time:	

Part IV: Certification

I hereby certify that I accept responsibility for myself/ my group and that I will be present during the entire camping stay. I will notify all campers of hunting safety precautions. I / my group will adhere to all applicable rules, including not burying refuse, carry out what we carry in and kindling fires only in designated areas.

Signature of Applicant:	Date:
Name of Applicant (print or type):	Title (if applicable):