

Assateague State Park

CAMPGROUND RULES

- **Keep your distance from wild horses.** Horses kick, bite and are unpredictable. Stay at least a bus length (40 feet) away from horses. Keep a clean campsite, secure trash and properly store your food and pet food in a hard-sided lockable container in your vehicle or trailer/RV. Never store food in tents.
- **Quiet hours are from 10 pm to 7 am** and are strictly enforced. **Generator use** is permitted but must conform to quiet hours. Rangers reserve the right to prohibit loud generators.
- **Fires** are permitted only in the fire rings provided at each site. Put fires out with water, not sand upon departure. Fires are not permitted on the beach.
- **Alcohol is prohibited** in Maryland State Parks.
- **Checkout** is strictly by 11 am. No late check-outs are permitted. Drop hang tag in box as you exit the campground.
- **Campground beaches are unguarded**, always use caution when swimming. Park staff may restrict swimming or water access based on ocean and weather conditions.
- Campers with pets must sign a **Pet Policy** assuring that the pet is vaccinated and will abide by all rules in the policy. Pets must be on a leash no longer than 6ft at all times. **Owners must clean up after their pet.**
- **Campsites** must be occupied by at least one person 18 or older, and no more than 6 people may stay overnight on each site. Total daytime occupancy may not exceed 6 people. Visitors must leave the campground before quiet hours begin.
- A maximum of 3 camping units per site, only one of these may be a wheeled unit. No more than 2 vehicles per site. Vehicles (all tires) must be on paved camp pad.
- **Recycling Station** located between F & G Loops. Aluminum can bins are located at each camp host site.
- No items may be placed on dune fencing. Campers must provide their own clothesline.
- Gray water must be drained into a sealed, watertight container.

(Additional list of regulations and policies posted at each bathhouse)

Repeat violators of Campground Rules will have their camping permit revoked.

FOR YOUR SAFETY AND CONVIENENCE

- View wildlife safely, including horses, by remaining at least a bus length (40 ft) away. If horses approach your campsite, do not attempt to move them. You should move a safe distance away. Always keep food and trash secured, never leave unattended food or pet food at your campsite.
- Share the road with bicycles. Maryland Law requires all cyclists under the age of 16 to wear an approved safety helmet. Please use the bike path wherever possible.
- Follow posted speed limits; all Maryland traffic laws apply and are strictly enforced.
- **Rackliffe House** is a historic plantation house constructed in the 1740s and restored to its 18th century grandeur. Visitors can view house and grounds to step back in time learning about local area history. **The Rackliffe Trail** is approximately one mile, starting at the Assateague Island Visitor Center winding through woodlands and wetlands to the State Park Aviary.
- **Fishing and Boating** area is located on the mainland north of the bridge, offering two boat ramps for access to Sinepuxent Bay; fishing and crabbing pier; and soft launch area for kayak/canoe or stand up paddleboards (service charge applies). Surf fishing is also popular from the beach and is permitted outside of lifeguarded areas. All fishing requires a MD fishing license.



Mailing address:
7307 Stephen Decatur Hwy
Berlin, MD 21811
Worcester County

**GPS Address for
Campground office:**
6915 Stephen Decatur Hwy
Berlin, MD 21811

For information call:
Campground Office/Ranger
Station: 410-641-2918
(seasonally)
Headquarters: 410-641-2120

**Dept. of Natural Resources
Customer Service:**
1-877-620-8DNR
1-410-260-8DNR
TTY MD Relay 711

Online:
dnr.maryland.gov

**MD State Parks
Reservation Center:**
1-888-432-CAMP(2267)
International #:
1-410-500-9901
Mon - Fri 9-5
or
parkreservations.maryland.gov

**EMERGENCY
Call 9-1-1
DNR Park Watch
1-800-825-7275
1-410-260-8888**

**Avoid a horse beach or campsite raid!
Properly store your food!**



Secure your cooler with a nylon strap.



Use tote bags with zippers.



Store unattended food in your vehicle.



Avoid storing containers under picnic tables— horses know how to pull them out.



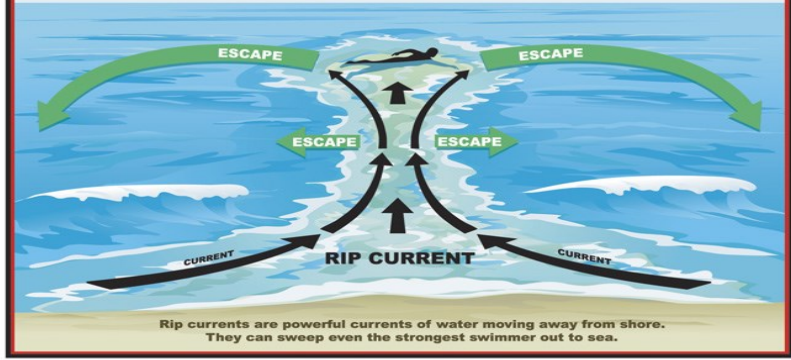
Avoid bags that do not close.



Avoid containers with snap on lids.

RIP CURRENTS

Break the Grip of the Rip!



IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT

- ◆ Don't fight the current
- ◆ Swim out of the current, then to shore
- ◆ If you can't escape, float or tread water
- ◆ If you need help, call or wave for assistance

SAFETY

- ◆ Know how to swim
- ◆ Never swim alone
- ◆ If in doubt, don't go out

More information about rip currents can be found at the following web sites:

www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov
www.usla.org

