



Youth Group Camp Reservation Packet

March 29, 2024

The purpose of this packet is to make it as easy as possible to reserve a campsite or the lodge at the Youth Group Camp area at Kent Park. For all reservations, it is important the renter contact our Administrative Office at Kent Park via telephone at the number listed below. This is important as the staff can inform you if the facility in question is available on the date and time requested and answer any additional questions you may have.

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To All Youth Group Leaders:

Firewood can be purchased at the park by contacting a Park Ranger or you may bring your own. We ask all park users not to cut any plant material, alive or dead, including dead fall lying on the ground.

The posting of temporary directional signs by groups using the Youth Group Camp is not allowed. Park Rangers will remove these signs. Please make members of your group aware of the event's location so they may follow our directional signs upon arriving at the park.

Vehicle and wheeled campers are not allowed in the Youth Group Camp area. Tent camping is permitted only at designated campsites. Overnight camping in the lodge is available during the winter season.

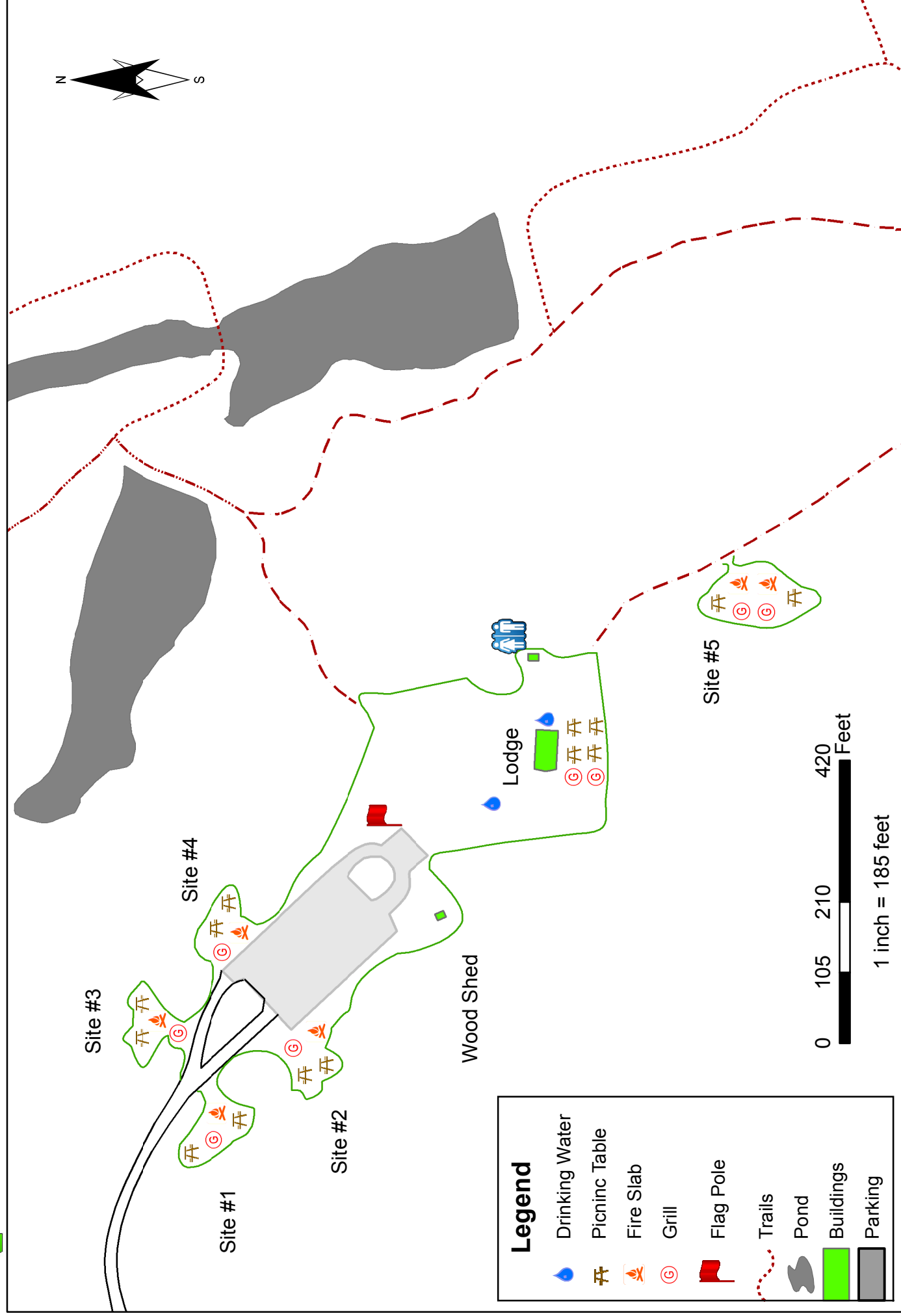
Make arrangements for an adult representative from your group to meet with the Park Ranger at the time of arrival indicated on your reservation form. Please notify our office before 4:00 pm, Friday, if there is a change in your check-in time.

Thank you,

Brad Freidhof

F.W. Kent Park Youth Group Camp

(319) 645-2315



JOHNSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD YOUTH GROUP CAMP – RULES & REGULATIONS

All the laws of the State of Iowa and the Johnson County Conservation Board General Rules and Regulations apply to the Youth Group Camp area.

1. **USE BY PERMIT:** Youth Group Camp is for organized youth groups for the purpose of environmental education, day or overnight camping, or organizational crafts. Permits will only be issued to an adult representing the youth group. A fee will be charged for the permit plus a deposit will be charged for building use.
2. **CAPACITY:** Only one permit will be issued per campsite and building.
3. **USE BY ADULTS:** Use by adults is restricted to events relating to youth and environment.
4. **CAMPING AT CAMPSITES:** Camping will be allowed only within the mowed portions of campsites. Before departing, the youth group will return there campsite or building to the same condition in which they found it.
5. **FIRES AND FIREWOOD:** All fires will be on fire-pads, fireplaces or grills. Fires will be attended at all times. Fires will be extinguished before leaving the area. All firewood will be obtained at a designated area and unused firewood must be returned to the designated area. Cutting of trees, dead or alive, is prohibited.
6. **BEER AND ALCOHOL:** Beer and alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the Youth Group Camp area.
7. **HOURS OF QUIET:** Quiet will be observed between 10:00 pm and sunrise. No one is permitted outside the Youth Group Camp between 10:30 pm and sunrise.
8. **HOLES:** Digging of holes is prohibited.
9. **VEHICLES:** Vehicles are prohibited beyond the parking lot area.
10. **PETS:** Pets are not allowed in Youth Group Camp area.
11. **INJURY:** Group leaders are should contact the Park Ranger in the event of serious personal injuries.

NOTICE – TORNADO EVENT

F. W. Kent Park is now equipped with a solar powered **Tornado Alert Siren**. It is located in the Visitor's Parking Lot near the campground. The **siren will not activate** in the case of a **TORNADO WATCH**. A watch simply means that weather conditions are such that a tornado is a possibility.

1. Watch for funnel clouds
2. Keep an eye on the sky
3. Listen for sirens
4. If available tune in your local radio station AM 600 or AM 800 in this location. If television is available turn to Channel 2, 7 or 9.

WHAT TO DO WHEN THE SIREN SOUNDS:

This **SIREN WILL ACTIVATE** only in the event of a **TORNADO WARNING**. This activation will come through the Joint Emergency Communications Center dispatchers. *

If the tornado siren sounds, *do not panic* - there will be a solid blast lasting 3 minutes.

DO:

SEEK SHELTER IMMEDIATELY!

If you are trapped outside and there is no basement or building to get into, your best chance for survival is to **GET AWAY FROM THE FATAL WINDS**.

SEEK SHELTER in a ditch, gully, ravine or the Tornado Shelter in the campground. Even just a low spot in the ground will provide you some protection. **LIE FACE DOWN** and **COVER YOUR HEAD. REMEMBER TO PROTECT YOUR HEAD!**

DO NOT:

Do not stand and watch the tornado.
Do not get into a grove of trees.
Do not get into automobiles or campers.

Park Rangers are trained weather spotters who know how to react and provide immediate assistance.

* Activation will take place within seconds after the county receives either a NWS Warning or when an actual tornado or funnel cloud is reported in Johnson County by Public Safety Personnel or Trained Civilian Weather Spotters.

New upgrades allow outdoor sirens to be activated in a pattern of zones, or as a countywide alert as has occurred in the past, depending on the warning issued by the National Weather Service (NWS). This new zone system means that a warning issued by the NWS, which only affects far northern or far southern Johnson County will allow dispatchers to set off sirens in the affected areas rather than for the entire county.