

# Camping in the Peshtigo River State Forest

## Kids!

Make tracks to the nearest contact station or nature center and get ready to discover some secrets!

Ask for a *Wisconsin Explorers* book. Open the book and start exploring insects, birds, the moon, and all kinds of things! If you complete the requirements, you can earn a colorful patch.

Booklets are available for three ages (3-5, 6-8, and 9+). Get out there and start *Discovering Secrets* together!



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### Peshtigo River State Forest

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## Camping Regulations

**Registration** All campers must be registered with our office. Campers at Old Vet's campground and at the boat-in sites must check-in at our office within Gov. Thompson State Park. Backpack and canoe campers must file a permit with our office in advance of their stay. Contact our office to receive a permit.

**Noise** At no time may the noise on a campsite create a disturbance or interfere in any manner with the enjoyment of the forest by others.

**Hours** The campground is closed to non-campers between 11 PM and 6 AM. All visitors must leave the campground by 11 PM. During closed hours, campers must be in or be enroute to their registered campsite. No camping party may set up or take down a camping unit between 11 PM and 6 AM.

**Checkout time** Campsites must be vacated by 3 PM on the last day of the permit period. No refund will be given for the current night after the 3 PM checkout time.

**Camping Party** A camping party is any individual, family or non-family group occupying a campsite. A "non-family group" may not exceed 6 persons. "Family" is limited to parent(s) with their dependent children and not more than 2 guests.

**Pets** Pets must be on a leash not longer than eight feet and under control at all times. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets. Pets may not be left unattended at any time. Pets are prohibited in buildings and the beach.

**Vehicles** At Old Vet's, vehicles are restricted to the designated parking area on each campsite. No more than two motor vehicles (except as many as six motorcycles) are allowed per campsite. Extra vehicles can park in one of the overflow parking areas found in the campground. A fee is required for all vehicles entering Old Vet's Campground.

**Waste Water and Refuse** Dispose of dish and hand washing water in the campground toilets. It is against health and safety rules to dump this "gray water" on the ground. A dump station is located in Gov. Thompson State Park for Old Vet's campers to use. There are dumpsters for garbage and recycling located by the firewood shed.

**Occupying the Site** Campers who do not check in and occupy their reserved site before 3 PM the day after the scheduled arrival date and all following nights for which they have registered will forfeit the site. Any campers on first-come, first-served sites must occupy the site on the first night and all other nights for which they have registered.

**Firewood and Fires** Any firewood brought into the forest must originate from within Wisconsin and within 10 miles of the forest. You must inform the forest staff if your firewood is outside the 10-mile range. Firewood is available at Old Vet's Campground for a fee. Fires are allowed in authorized rings only. Do not leave fires unattended. Extinguish all fires before leaving camp.

The Peshtigo River State Forest offers four types of camping experiences:  
Rustic family camping, backpack and canoe camping, and boat-in camping

## Fees

	Resident	Non-Resident
<b>Vehicle Stickers</b> <i>(required at Old Vet's Campground)</i>		
Annual	\$28.00	\$38.00
Senior Citizen Annual	\$13.00	NA
Daily	\$8.00	\$11.00
Senior Citizen Daily	\$3.00	NA
<b>Camping Fees</b>		
Camping (per night)	\$16.00	\$21.00
Water view (for boat-in sites)	\$18.00	\$23.00

## Reservations:

Reservations can be made for the boat-in sites and at Old Veteran's Lake Campground. See each camping type for specifics on reservations.

## For reservations:

Call 1-888-947-2757, or online [www.wiparks.net](http://www.wiparks.net) and search for Peshtigo River State Forest.



## Old Veteran's Lake Campground

Old Vet's offers rustic, family camping on 16 sites. Swimming and canoeing / kayaking are available on Old Vet's Lake, and two small hiking trails are available at the campground. Drinking water and vault toilets are available, and campers at Old Vet's are welcome to use the shower facilities within Gov. Thompson State Park.

Reservations can be made on sites #1-#4 and #6-#13 Memorial Day-Labor Day, and reservations can be made up to 11 months in advance. All other times of the year, the sites are available on a "first come, first serve" basis. Sites #5 and #14-#16 are only first come, first serve year round.

## Canoe and Backpack Camping

The state forest has 10 canoe and 1 backpack campsite. Each site consists of a tent pad and fire ring, and some sites have picnic tables. A privy is available and there is no potable water at

the sites. The backpack site is located on the north shore of Johnson Falls Flowage, and backpackers will have to hike approximately 1 mile to the site. Vehicles can be parked on the state forest near Lands End Lane. There is no fee for the stay, but a permit must be filed with the state forest. Contact the office to receive a permit.

Three of the canoe sites are located on Johnson Falls Flowage and 7 sites are on the Peshtigo River between Johnson Falls Dam and Spring Rapids. Vehicles can be left at Boat Landing #14 on Johnson Falls Flowage. The sites are marked with a yellow sign visible from the water. The sites are accessible by watercraft users only, and stays are limited to 1 night. There is no fee for the stay, but a permit must be filed with the state forest. Contact the office to receive a permit.

## Boat-In Camping

4 boat-in campsites are available on two islands in High Falls Flowage, and 3 boat-in campsites are available on the north shore of Caldron Falls Flowage. The sites

are reservable, and open to campers from May 1-November 30 annually. Reservations can be made up to 11 months in advance. Each site has a canoe rack / boat tie up station, picnic table, fire ring, privy

and benches, and are accessible by watercraft only. There is no potable water available at the sites, and there is no motor vehicle access to these sites.



