

Buckingham Trails Preserve

Trail Primitive Camping Rules

Trial Camping Season: November 1st - April 31st

Reservations: Reservations for primitive tent camping are required and can be requested by sending a completed camping application form by email to LWaller@leegov.com or mailing it to Lee Waller at 2959 Van Buren Street, Fort Myers, FL 33916.

Reservations will be limited to one per week for up to 2 nights of camping and each reservation can be for a group of up to 6 people. Exceptions will be considered for scout groups etc., if requested.

Please provide a minimum of 3 business days between sending the application and the requested camping dates.

Approved camping requests will result in an emailed confirmation and a dashboard slip to print and leave on the driver's side dashboard of the vehicle to be left overnight in the parking area. This dated slip is proof of approval.

Camping Area: While there is no designated camping spot, a tent(s) may be set up anywhere within the camping area which consists of the marked southern field (see map). This area has signs where the trails meet the camping area. All camping supplies will need to be walked in from the parking lot on Buckingham Road. Camping sites may not be set up in or across the trail.

No Facilities: There are no restrooms, showers, or sink facilities at this preserve. Use the Leave No Trace principles which include, burying human waste and packing out all supplies and trash to leave nothing but footprints.

Storage of Food, Trash, and Scented Items: Food, trash, and scented items need to be stored so that wildlife cannot get into it. Bears, mice, raccoons, squirrels, and a host of other wildlife will want access to your food. Protect yourself, your food, and the preserve's wildlife by storing these items properly. Practice the Leave No Trace principle of "Respect Wildlife." (Lnt.org)

No Camp Fires: According to Lee County ordinance, fires of any kind are strictly prohibited.

No Alcohol: Alcohol is prohibited on Lee County property.

No Pets: Pets are not allowed on this site including for camping. While equestrian use is allowed on the site during the day, horse camping is not.

Vegetation: Collection of any vegetation is not allowed on this preserve or any other Conservation 20/20 preserve.

Trash and Site Cleanup: All belongings must be packed in and all belongings as well as trash must be packed out. Conservation 20/20 staff will inspect the camping area after each camping reservation to ensure that the site has been left as it was found. If the site is not left clean, the camping party will be called back to clean the site and may not be permitted to camp on Conservation 20/20 preserves again. Keep the scene clean!

Pack It In and Pack It Out!



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Primitive Camping Permit Application



Buckingham Trails Preserve, located at 8970 Buckingham Road Fort Myers FL 33905, offers primitive tent camping each year from November 1st – April 31st. To request a camping permit please completely fill out this application and return it by sending it to either LWaller@leegov.com or Lee Waller at 2959 Van Buren Street. Fort Myers, FL 33916.

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Requested Number of Camping Nights (1-2): _____

Dates of Nights Requested: _____

Number of Campers (1-6): _____

Is this a group camping request (i.e. a Scouts group): _____

_____(Signature) I acknowledge that I have received, read, and understand the

Buckingham Trails Preserve Camping Rules document including that:

_____(Initial Here) There are no restroom, shower, or sink facilities available onsite

_____(Initial Here) Camp Fires and alcohol are prohibited

_____(Initial Here) Collection of vegetation is also prohibited