

Hunter Camping



Black River State Forest



(photo credit)

Welcome hunters!

Over 68,900 acres of Black River State Forest are open to public hunting, with the following exceptions:

NO HUNTING

- In campgrounds, day use areas or any other areas that are signed and designated as closed.
- On private lands within the state forest boundary unless permission is expressly given by the landowner (exception: private tax law lands designated as “open”).

State Forest campgrounds:

A state park/forest vehicle *admission sticker* is required to camp at these facilities. A *camping fee* is charged for each night's stay.

Water, vault toilets and firewood are available at each of the three Black River State Forest campgrounds.

- Castle Mound: 35 sites, 14 with electricity
- East Fork: 24 sites
- Pigeon Creek: 38 sites

Off-site camping

(Camping outside designated campgrounds)

Allowed only during the 9-day deer gun season. A permit is required prior to setting up off-site camp.

- One permit is required for each off-site camping unit.
- Apply for your permit after Labor Day and before deer season begins.
- No camping in designated picnic areas, trail head parking lots (Wildcat and Smrekar) or at Oxbow Pond.

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- Off-site camping permits begin the Thursday prior to the opening of the 9-day deer gun season through the end of the 9-day season.
- Off-site camping permits are free and available at:
 - The DNR Black River Falls Service Center or the Castle Mound campground during normal office hours.
 - By writing:
Black River State Forest
W10325 Hwy 12
Black River Falls, WI 54615
 - On-line at: dnr.wi.gov/topic/stateforests/blackriver/documents/backpackpermit.pdf



Trails:

- Snowmobile and ATV trails are closed to vehicular traffic.
- Trails that have earthen embankments, gates, posts, fallen timber or are posted against vehicular traffic are closed.
- Logging roads or trails that are not gated or otherwise designated as closed are open for your use.

State Forest regulations

- Do not block roads, trails or gates in any manner.
- Extinguish all fires before leaving your campsite.
- Remove all garbage and temporary structures from your site (this includes: deer “hanging” poles, toilets and any campfire debris); please leave your site cleaner than when you arrived.
- Dead and downed firewood may be used for campfires, but can only be gathered in the general area of your camp.
- ATV use on trails during the 9-day deer gun season is restricted to disabled hunters holding a permit issued specifically for the Black River State Forest.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Black River State Forest at
715-284-4103 or visit the Black
River State Forest web site at:

[dnr.wi.gov/
topic/stateforests/
blackriver](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/stateforests/blackriver)

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