

## CAMPGROUND HISTORY

The camp was first used as an Episcopalian Choir Camp in 1911. In 1913, Father Morrison started Camp Morrison as a private primitive tent camp on the dunes. In the camp's early years, vacationers from Chicago would travel to Pentwater by steamship or train and then be transported to the camp by water taxi on Lake Michigan where guests would walk from the beach along the Bass Lake outlet to the camp. In 1921 a road had been built along Bass Lake to the camp and an American plan family resort had evolved with sleeping cabins and a central pavilion. The Lodge, one of the only turn-of-the-century pavilions remaining, housed the dining and recreation activities. In the early 1930's the first travel trailers appeared. Many area residents attended weekly square dances. In 1966, the camp was purchased by Reg Yaple, modernized, and renamed Whispering Surf Travel Trailer Village. Whispering Surf is the oldest privately owned campground in Michigan. Jane and Andy Hathaway owned the camp from 2017 – 2022. Jeff and Lisa Hoffman and Fred Manning now own the campground and are proud to carry on the traditions and history of this beautiful property.

## PET OWNERS

All pets must be on a 6-foot leash at all times and tethered when on your campsite. No pets may be left unattended outside or in tents/pop-ups. Pets left alone in RVs must remain quiet during your absence. You must clean up after your pet anywhere on the camp property. Pet stations have been provided for your convenience. The maximum number of pets per site is 2 -- no exceptions. Obey all the rules while using the Bark Park.

## NOTICE

All property adjoining Whispering Surf Campground is privately owned. Please respect our neighbors by not trespassing. When going to the beach, please walk only on roads and designated trails.

Please do not walk or ride through other campers' sites.

## SUMMER SATURDAYS

**Memorial Day through Labor Day**

8:30 AM Coffee in the Lodge

7:30 PM Popcorn in the Lodge

8:00 PM Community Campfire (weather permitting)

## CAMPGROUND RULES

**These rules are intended to provide a safe and fun experience for ALL of our guests. If you have any questions, please contact the office. (231) 869-5050**

1. Campsite Check-In after 3 PM and before dusk - Campsite Check-Out NOON.
2. Cottage Check-In 4 PM -- Cottage Check-Out 11 AM.
3. Quiet Time 11 PM - 9 AM -- no outside music, TVs or noisy activities.
4. Generators may NOT be operated in the campground.
5. Campfires must never be left unattended.
6. Only 1 RV, 1 picnic table and 2 vehicles per site -- one immediate family or 6 unrelated adults per site. An 8' x 6' or smaller tent may be used on an RV site.
7. Firearms must remain in your camper at all times.
8. Do not cut/damage any trees or insert any hooks or nails into trees.
9. Motorcycles may be ridden to and from the campsite only.
10. Bicycles may be ridden in camp, on roads, beach area and public areas except for the hills in front and behind the lodge.
11. Alcohol may be consumed inconspicuously on your site. Use of illegal substances or misuse of alcohol are grounds for immediate ejection.
12. Electric golf carts may be operated by licensed drivers and children over 10 when accompanied by an adult. Gas-powered carts are not allowed.
13. Boats, sport utility vehicles, and utility trailers must be parked in the overflow lot -- check with the office.
14. Electric vehicles may be charged for a fee if prior arrangements are made with the office.
15. No dogs allowed on our beach.
16. Trash will be collected roadside throughout the day. Last pickup is 8 PM or must be kept in the RV or car.
17. No dishwashing permitted in restrooms.
18. All visitors must register and pay a visitor fee -- campers are responsible for the actions of their guests. All guests must depart the park by 10 PM.
19. Parents are responsible for their children's conduct. Children cannot be left alone in the park without adult supervision. All children, including teens, need to return to their campsite by 10 PM. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult in the Lodge.
20. No fireworks or Chinese lanterns allowed in the park or beach. No fires allowed on the beach.
21. No washing of RVs or vehicles.
22. No outside deliveries of firewood are allowed.
23. No political flags may be displayed anywhere on campground property.