

Week of Rivers (WOR) at Smoky Mountain Meadows Campground (SMMC)

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Open Field Camping

SMMC has 2 large, multi-acre fields, the Upper and the Lower, that are First Come/First Serve. No reservations are required for Open Field Camping. You may just show up, pay the Field camping fees and pick an area. SMMC has never filled up these fields. Even if you have picked the same area for multiple years in a row, if someone else checks in before you do and chooses that area, they do NOT have to move.

Group Sites

SMMC does not offer group sites for WOR.

Seasonal Sites

SMMC has seasonal sites for the campground that are NOT IN THE ROTATION for a WOR Perm site assignment. Seasonal site guests may or may not be a CCC member or paddler. If a seasonal site happens to be empty for WOR (has never happened) then SMMC may offer it to the CCC membership for WOR use for that year only.

WOR Perm Sites

A WOR Perm Site is a designated numbered site that CCC members can maintain from one year to the next. To have the privilege of a WOR Perm Site:

- *You must remain a current CCC Member Household*
- *You commit to reserving and paying for the entire 9-day event by May 15.*
- *You commit to physically attending and using your site **at least 6 of the 9 nights of the Event***

If you are not a current member of the CCC through the end of WOR, you will lose your Right to your WOR Perm Site and SMMC will offer it to *those on the Waiting Lists per procedures below.*

NO Subletting: You may **not** decide someone else can use your WOR Perm Site while you are not in attendance. This is NOT allowed. There will be no subletting, no exceptions. If you sublet, your guests will be denied the use of the site upon check-in, they will only be allowed to camp in the open field, and you will automatically lose your WOR Perm site. SMMC retains exclusive rights to assign your empty site. Switching sites without prior approval from SMMC is not allowed and will be considered subletting with attendant consequences.

A WOR Perm Site will be in the name of one CCC member household as defined above. No more than 1 site per member household. No exceptions.

If, for 2 out of any 3 consecutive years the member whose name is assigned to the site (or an adult member of their member household) IS NOT PHYSICALLY ON IT, the member household loses their site. SMMC decides if it stays in rotation or goes into seasonal site status. **(2/3 Rule)**

WOR Only Sites: During WOR, SMMC has several numbered sites that are not on the official seasonal map. These are designated, numbered sites for tent camping that come with a picnic table and fire ring JUST FOR WOR PARTICIPANTS DURING WOR. SMMC reserves the right to add and subtract them.

Waiting Lists

- RV Full Hookup WOR Perm Site
- Cabin WOR Perm Site
- Water & Electric Only WOR Perm Site
- Primitive Tent WOR Perm Site.

These waiting lists **are only the WOR Perm sites**, not for seasonal sites or any other event or situation. You may only be on one waiting list at a time. If you want to shift from one waiting list to another, you may do so as long as there is room. You will NOT retain your place on the second list that you had on the first list, you go to the bottom of the new list if it is open. All waiting lists are limited to 20 names. You must be a current CCC member to be added to the waiting list and at the time of being offered either a temporary or permanent site for WOR. If at any point you are determined to not be a CCC member you will be arbitrarily removed from the waiting list.

Reservation Process

Every year SMMC closes all WOR Perm Sites through their online reservation system. SMMC will hand enter each WOR Perm Site Reservation after the following process occurs. **Please note: No courtesy phone call will be made after deadlines.**

You are responsible for knowing when to register, when to pay, and for follow-up if you have not received notification and/or invoices. You are responsible for paying SMMC by the deadline.

1. By March 1 of each year an invoice will be sent for confirmation of attendance, total number of guests and all names for that site, what days your guests will be attending, a fee schedule, and a deadline for response (May 15).
2. Around May 1. A follow-on invoice will be sent 10 days/9 nights of camping at WOR. You must let SMMC know in advance if you want to come in before the first Friday of camping for the event or leave after the last day of the event so SMMC may correctly invoice you and add those days to your

reservation to ensure your site will be available for the extra days. If the number and names of the people on your site changes by check in, SMMC will adjust the registration and fees accordingly.

3. Every guest on your list must also be a member of CCC through the end of WOR.

4. Payment of the invoice will be required by May 15. If you do not pay your invoice by the deadline, you will lose your spot for that year, and SMMC will fill it according to the Waiting List process outlined below. This will count towards the 2/3 Rule. You may camp in Open Field Camping.

5. When SMMC is notified that a member will not be using their site for the current year, as a courtesy to those on the waiting list, SMMC will send out a mass emailing to the entire list for that kind of site alerting there is a temporary one-year availability. (For example: only those on the waiting list for an RV WOR Perm Site will be sent the notice of temp availability for an RV site). First person to respond by the deadline gets it. This will not affect your standing on the Waiting List for a WOR Perm Site. If no one responds by the deadline, the CCC Cruise chair will post site availability on the CCC website. First to respond gets it. No group emailing or phone calls will be done at this point by SMMC staff to fill the vacancy. **Please do not call about cancellations, you will be referred to this document.**

6. When someone gives up or loses the right to their assigned WOR Perm Site, SMMC will call those on the waiting list starting with number 1 until a member takes the site offered. If a member passes on the site, they will move to the bottom of the waiting list. SMMC will alert CCC to announce on their webpage any and all openings when they occur within 48 hours on any and all waiting lists. First come/first serve for filling openings on waiting lists.

Check-in

Reservation check-in will be at the SMMC office. Check-in at SMMC for WOR Perm Sites will be no earlier, without prior arrangement with SMMC, than Noon for everything but the cabins which is 2 pm. After checking IDs, you will be given a Welcome Packet after signing your reservation registration card which will include but is not limited to:

- a checklist on the front of your reservation (site, # of cars, names of people paid for, etc.)
- # of car tags requested at time of payment.

You must display your car tags at all times you are in the campground.

You will then proceed to your site. If you need more car tags or the names/numbers of people registered to your site has changed since May 15, only then will you need to go to the office to adjust your reservation, fees, and car tags.

If you have guests coming in after the first day of WOR, not on the original Pre- Registration Form, you will be responsible for: letting SMMC know, collecting their fees and car tags from the office. Please do not send your guests alone to the office to take care of this.

Check-out

Check-out is noon of the last day of your reservation. If you need or want to have a late check out, **YOU MUST GET PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE OFFICE FIRST**. SMMC does have sites that have reservations coming in on the same day the event ends. ALL guests must check out at the office.

If you leave before the end of your reservation, there will be no refunds. To have the privilege of being assigned a Perm WOR Site, you have committed to reserving and paying for the entire event.

Parking

Only **paying overnight guests** may park at a designated site or in open camping fields. If you have a Day Parking Pass, you **MUST** park in the Day Parking Area at all times unless loading or unloading for your paddling trip.

No more than two cars/trucks per numbered site, any extras need to park in the day parking/overflow area for overnight. There will be a day parking/overflow area at bottom of Upper Field and an overflow area right inside the opening for the Lower Field.

You may load and unload for your paddling trips as needed at your site. Please be respectful of those around by not leaving your trip vehicles in the road or on the site if it exceeds the allowed number per site for longer than needed to load or unload.

Pets

Do not leave pets unattended at tent camping sites while you are off site. If you are in an RV or cabin, you may leave your pet inside and the campground is NOT responsible or liable for the health and safety of your pet. You will be charged for any and all repairs for parts and labor for damages to cabins. All dogs need to remain on a leash while on-site, and you are responsible for picking up after them.

If you leave your pet unattended either outside or inside a tent while you are off campground property, you will be asked to leave immediately and forfeit your WOR Perm Site if you are assigned one. If you don't have a Perm WOR Site, you will be asked to leave immediately and be banned from camping at SMMC for one calendar year. You may come onto SMMC property at the next WOR as a Day Parker.

Other General Information

The campground will use the CCC Cruise Chair (or their designated alternate) as their primary CCC contact.

By attending WOR, you have agreed to be a CCC member, and comply with all campground rules and regulations above and posted on the premises.

DO NOT Hammock or Tent Camp in/at the Pavilion. You **will** be asked to move.

If you lose your car tag, SMMC will provide another one at no charge after checking your ID against the list of persons assigned to your site. SMMC has a master list to check against for those who are Open Field Campers.

Do not walk BETWEEN RV sites if you are not a guest at those sites, to get around the campground. Respect the personal space of those who have a designated or seasonal RV site.

Do not run electric cords if you are not in a designated site that has electric unless prior approval from management is obtained. They **will** be unplugged.

Due to the increase in attendees, please try to take short showers, and have patience when the hot water runs out. SMMC added another hot water heater to the system for this event. Our cleaning schedule for the bathhouse is posted in the bathhouse. No one may use the facility while staff is cleaning. **Plan accordingly.**

SMMC offers ice at the office. You must pay for the ice at the time you pick up ice.

SMMC is NOT responsible for accidents or injury to guests or for loss of money, jewelry, or valuables or belongings of any kind. Lock items in your vehicle if possible if you are concerned.

SMMC reserves the right to refuse service to anyone and/or ask them to leave if they do not comply with the rules and regulations as posted and agreed to.

SMMC reserves the right to make any changes it deems and has final say so on all campground guidelines, protocols and rules for WOR.

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