

Swatara Watershed Park Rules and Regulations 2026

1. One RV (motorhome/travel trailer/popup) or tent per campsite. Trailers must be licensed and road worthy. Campsites are generally to the left of the yellow numbered tags.
2. Two (2) vehicles per campsite. Additional vehicles may park on the main lot to the west of the entrance. **No parking on grass around the office and pavilion, cars will be towed.**
3. No noise producing generators/inverters or use of a vehicle as a generator is permitted. No ATV/UTVs are allowed on the site.
4. No discharge of firearms or fireworks.
5. SWA is not responsible for informing campers of impending flood events, however, if directed by the site manager, all gear must be removed prior to a predicted flood event. RVs may be moved to higher ground as designated by the park manager. Campers are responsible for moving their own RV. Extreme flooding events will require RVs to be removed from the premises.
6. One picnic table is supplied per campsite. The camper is responsible for securing the table to a tree to avoid loss prior to a flood. Stacking of items on top of a table prior to a flood is not permitted, as the items may be washed into the creek during a flood. Campers will be charged for recovery and/or replacement.
7. The first 15 feet from the Swatara Creek is for public walkway and fishing.
8. No alteration of the site is permitted without prior approval. This includes digging ditches to divert water, cutting trees, etc. **It is never permissible to dig or cut into the stream bank or bed for creating steps or any other purpose.** Paving stones may be set on the ground for use as a path but should not be dug down into the ground or otherwise installed, such that tools are necessary to remove them. Do not add stone or sand to the site without prior approval. Using wood mulch to cover muddy areas is permitted.
9. Do not nail or screw items into trees. Straps or ropes should be used to secure necessary items to trees. All rope or straps (except those attached to picnic tables) must be removed from trees at the end of the season. Old ropes, lights and straps left in trees can cause girdling and tree death.
10. Green tubes are tree shelters protecting young saplings. Do not remove, damage, cover, attach things or otherwise disturb these tubes.
11. One fire ring is supplied per campsite. Fires must be contained in a ring.
12. No buildings or structures of any kind are permitted.
13. Under no circumstances shall wood with nails be brought onto the property. To control invasive species, imported firewood must be from within a 50-mile radius. No cutting of live trees. Downed trees may be used for firewood. Do not take wood from other campsites.
14. No discarding or planting of any non-native plant species.
15. Campers are responsible for cleaning/mowing their own campsite. No equipment is provided.
16. All units, garbage and gear must be removed from the property by November 1. If not, a nonrefundable \$50 disposal surcharge will be assessed, and must be paid in full prior to the next camping season.
17. Campers must take their garbage home weekly.
18. Pets must be leashed on your lot and all areas of the park. No more than two dogs per campsite. Excessive barking will not be tolerated. All dog waste must be picked up and disposed of in the trash.
19. Drugs and alcohol are prohibited.
20. For environmental purposes, no dishwashing detergent may be discharged onto the ground.

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21. No washing of vehicles.
22. The 5 mph speed limit must be obeyed at all times.
23. Self-contained units must use their own sewerage system. No dumping of waste in porta john.
24. Per East Hanover Township ordinance, all units must leave the premises at least once every thirty(30) days.
25. Prior to setting up a site, campers must sign the Camping Agreement and pay for the full rental price of the site.
26. No excessive noise. Quiet hours are between 11 PM and 6 AM.
27. Only official flags of the United States of America, Pennsylvania, Lebanon County, the armed forces and/or POW MIA may be flown at the campsites. All other flags will be removed.

Persons in violation of any rules and regulations may be evicted without reimbursement of their donation.