

115-8-9. Camping. (a) Camping shall be allowed only in designated areas on department lands and waters and shall be subject to provisions or restrictions as established by posted notice.

(b) All campers and camping units, as defined in K.A.R. 115-1-1, in state parks shall be limited to a stay of not more than 14 consecutive days in a campground unless otherwise established by posted notice or as otherwise authorized by written permit from the department, as follows:

(1) Upon completing 14 consecutive days in a campground, each person and all property of each person shall be absent from that campground for at least five days.

(2) One extended camping stay of not more than 14 additional consecutive days at the same campground may be granted through a written permit issued by the department if vacant camping sites are available. Upon completing 28 consecutive days at the same campground, each person and all property of each person shall be absent from the department-managed area for at least five days, except as authorized in paragraph (b)(3).

(3) Long-term camping in state parks shall be allowed on designated camping sites for six consecutive months through a written permit issued by the department if vacant long-term camping sites are available. Upon completing six consecutive months at the same state park, each person and all property of each person shall be absent from the state park for at least five days.

(c) All campers and camping units at a state fishing lake or wildlife area shall be limited to a stay of not more than seven consecutive days on that department managed land unless otherwise established by posted notice or authorized by written permit from the department. Upon completing seven consecutive days on the same campsite, each person and all property of each person shall be absent from the department-managed area for at least five days.

An extended camping stay of not more than seven additional consecutive days at the state fishing lake or wildlife area may be granted by written permit from the department if vacant camping sites are available. All property of each person shall be removed and remain absent from the department managed area and campsite for a period of at least five days before beginning another stay.

(d) Unless authorized by the department or located on a prepaid state park campsite reserved through the department's electronic reservation system, camping units shall not be left unoccupied in a campground for more than 24 hours.

(e) Unless authorized by the department or located on a prepaid state park campsite reserved through the department's electronic reservation system, vehicles or other property shall not be left unattended upon department lands or waters for more than 24 hours.

(f) Except as authorized by the department, all property unoccupied or unattended for more than 48 hours, unless the property is on a prepaid state park campsite reserved through the department's electronic reservation system, and all property abandoned upon department lands or waters shall be subject to removal by the department. Any unoccupied, unattended, or abandoned property may be reclaimed by the owner upon contacting the department.

(g) A campsite shall not be left unoccupied in a campground for more than 24 hours, unless the department so authorizes, or the campsite is a prepaid state park campsite reserved through the department's electronic reservation system. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 32-807; effective March 19, 1990; amended Feb. 10, 1992; amended Oct. 12, 1992; amended Sept. 12, 2008; amended Nov. 14, 2011; amended April 21, 2023.)