**2024 Spring Camping Schedule**

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|  | **Thursday (5/2/2024)** | **Friday (5/3/2024)** | **Saturday (5/4/24)** | **Sunday (5/5/24)** |
| **Sunrise** |  | Meditation | Optional Quiet Worship Service | Optional Quiet Worship Service |
| **Breakfast** |  | Coffee, tea, juice, eggs, oatmeal | Coffee, tea, juice, eggs, oatmeal, fruit, bacon | Coffee, tea, juice, eggs, oatmeal, fruit |
| **Mid-Morning** |  | Harris sets up shared camping equipment | Yoga  Hike  Games, crafts, etc. | Watch Online Church Together  Pack up camp  Quick gratitude to the land for hosting us and blessings for safe travels |
| **Lunch** |  | PB & Jelly sandwiches, fruit, chips. | BLTs, other sandwiches, fruit, chips.  *Feel free to bring a side or dessert to share* | Leftovers  Final sweep of camp and check out |
| **Afternoon** | Harris arrives and sets up sites 27 & 50 | Arrivals – help people set up their tents, etc | Group building activity  Free Time: Games, crafts, etc |  |
| **Dinner** | Gluten free soup | Hot dogs, baked potatoes, plant based protein, fruit, chips.  *Feel free to bring a side or dessert to share*  Free Time: Games, crafts, etc | Bean soup, baked potatoes, plant based protein, fruit, chips.  *Feel free to bring a side or dessert to share*  Free Time: Games, crafts, etc |  |
| **Sunset** | Campfire & star gazing | Abby leads campfire worship  Snacks/S’mores  Star gazing | Abby leads campfire worship  Snacks/S’mores  Star gazing |  |

**Where:**

Washington State Park

13041 State Highway 104

De Soto, MO 63020

636-586-5768

Take I-55 to Exit 174/U.S. Hwy 61/67 South to Park Hills/Leadington. Continue approximately six miles to the exit for Hwy. 110/DeSoto. Turn west and travel approximately six miles to the intersection with Hwy. 21. Turn south onto Hwy. 21 and continue approximately 12 miles to the park entrance. Remember to check the Park and Site Status Map on mostateparks.com prior to heading to the park for the most up-to-date information on closures and advisories.

Camp Sites:

#26, #27, #28, #50, #51 – see map attached to email

**When:**

The official campout starts Friday, May 3rd in the early evening. People will start arriving in the afternoon to evening. We’ll be departing camp in the afternoon on Sunday, May 5th.

**What to Expect**

* A weekend in the woods full of worship, quiet reflection, and fellowship. We will have the opportunity to sing praise songs around the campfire, do yoga under the trees, walk through the woods, and watch the meteor shower at night.
* We’ll have fresh water on site. We will attach an RV water filter to use for drinking and washing
  + Bottled water will be available
  + Feel free to bring your own water supply
* Facilities
  + We’ll have a handwashing station set up at camp.
  + You’re welcome to walk to the bathhouse.
    - Harris will set up an outhouse near camp
    - If needed, can also set up a shower situation
* Camp Kitchen
  + If you have kitchen equipment you’d like to share, please do!
  + We’ll have the following:
    - Propane Stove
    - Kettle
    - Coffee percolator
    - A few pots and pans
    - Sink, pot scrubber, leave no trace soap
* Leave No Trace
  + Like the Scouts, we will leave no trace of us behind. This means we’ll each clean up after ourselves and not leave trash, cigarette butts, etc behind. After each meal everyone is expected to wash their own items to keep a tidy camp. There will be a dry line and a few dunk bags.
  + Recycling and trash bags will be provided.

**What to Pack**

* Clothing
  + We will be outdoors and in nature so please pack clothes for the weather. Rain gear is encouraged along with shoes you won’t mind getting muddy.
* Shelter
  + We will be camping in tents. If you do not have a tent, please let us know. If needed, we will set up a large group tent that sleeps 8 and can be divided into two rooms.
* Bedding
  + You will need to bring a sleeping bag or some sort of bedding.
    - Some people bring a cot and/or air mattresses to sleep off the ground.
* Food
  + Bring your own mess kit (plate, utensils, cup, mug, etc).
  + The food items listed in the schedule will be provided. All meals will have a gluten free and vegetarian option. Please let us know if you have any other dietary needs like vegan, soy free or nut free, etc.
  + Feel free to bring something to share and add to the bounty, like a side dish or dessert.
  + We recognize some people have different tastes and needs. Feel free to bring and prepare your own food too if that’s your jam. We’ll have a propane stove and campfire (weather permitting).
* Items
  + Please pack a portable charger for your power needs.
    - Harris will have a few tactical batteries for people to recharge phones, if needed.
    - We’ll have our vehicles in case of emergency
  + Flashlight
  + Umbrella
  + Extra socks
  + Bug spray
  + *Optional*: book to read or a craft you’re working on
    - *There will be craft items provided*

**CAMPING RULES AND REGULATIONS**

To ensure a quality camping experience and to protect the park’s natural resources, visitors are asked to abide by the following rules. For more information or assistance, please contact park staff.

* Camp only in designated campsites. Select an unoccupied campsite and verify availability with park staff before setting up camp. Check-in procedures are outlined on the campground entrance sign.
* Maximum typical campsite capacity is limited to two sleeping units (only one of which can be wheeled), two vehicles (non-sleeping units), and six people; capacity is doubled for a family campsite. Exceeding the physical design of the campsite will result in additional fees.
* Campsites designed for people with disabilities may be occupied by other campers only with permission from the park staff.
* All wheeled vehicles and trailers must be kept on roads and parking pads except as otherwise permitted by special management rules.
* **Excessive volumes on radios, televisions, musical instruments, etc., are not permitted. Shutdown of these items may be necessary depending on your proximity to other campers. Quiet hours are from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Generators are prohibited during these hours, and some parks do not allow generators at any time. Non-camping visitors must leave by 10 p.m.**
* Checkout time is 2 p.m. Check-in time is 3 p.m. Please remove all trash from your campsite.
* No personal property may be left unattended longer than 24 hours.
* All plants and animals are protected in Missouri state parks and historic sites. Please help protect the natural resources by not gathering or cutting firewood, digging holes, using insect-killing devices, collecting plants or animals, discharging sewage or gray water on the ground, or performing any other act that may harm the natural resources.
* Please do not hang lanterns or tie ropes, dog leashes, clotheslines, bungee cords, etc., to trees. Hammocks are allowed to be attached to trees only with a 2-inch nylon strap and at an appropriate height per code of state regulations.
* It is recommended to have no more than two dogs per campsite. Pets must be kept on leashes no longer than 10 feet and be supervised at all times. Shock collars and other electronic devices do not meet these requirements. Pet waste bags are available in most locations for your use. Other than service dogs, pets are not allowed inside any building or in public swimming areas or waters reserved for fishing.
* Solicitation and selling of any item (including the resale of a campsite) are strictly prohibited.
* Campfires are the responsibility of the camper and are restricted to the fire rings and grills provided. Large fires and the burning of trash are strictly prohibited. Please put out your fire completely before leaving.
* The discharging of firearms, BB guns, paintball guns, bows, slingshots, or any devices that use burning powder, explosives (including fireworks), compressed gases, etc., is prohibited.
* The use of ATVs/UTVs, golf carts, go-karts, etc., is generally not allowed. Low-speed vehicles (maximum of 25 mph from the factory) are allowed if they meet the proper requirements (check with park staff). Allowable motorized vehicles (gas- or battery-powered), such as scooters, Segways, motorized bicycles, hoverboards, etc., can only be operated by a licensed driver. Personal mobility devices used by people with disabilities are allowed.
* Water toys, such as Slip 'N Slides, and pools of any kind are not allowed. They can pose a safety hazard and damage the natural resources. Bounce houses are not allowed without a public assembly and event contract (see park staff).
* Bicyclists, backpackers and others with limited ability to travel will be assured a camping space for the night of their arrival. Accommodations other than those available on a designated site may be arranged through the facility manager.
* Please check the information board for a listing of rules and regulations, as well as special management regulations specific to the facility.