

## **Wildlands Camping Policy 2018**

The 4,500- acre Wildlands is owned and managed by Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust, a nonprofit land trust that conserves land, water and wildlife habitat for the communities of northwestern Hancock County. Visit us at [www.greatpondtrust.org](http://www.greatpondtrust.org)

Camping available by reservation at 2 designated campsites in the Wildlands:

**Mitchville Campsite** on Hothole Brook – max 6 people.

**Baker Brook Campsite** – groups up to 15 people. Several tent sites, lean-to.

**Fee:** (a donation that helps offset our administration and land management expenses):

**GPMCT Members:** \$5/site/night for groups of 6 and under; \$10/site/night for 7 or more people

**Non-Members:** \$10/site/night for groups of 6 and under; \$20/site/night for 7 or more people

**Groups larger than 15** must request a Special Use exemption from the Trust [see Special Use Policy]

- Reservations are first-come, first-served. Preference may be given to GPMCT members and volunteers
- Call 469-6929 or e-mail [info@greatpondtrust.org](mailto:info@greatpondtrust.org) at least a week in advance to ensure campsite is available
- Five-night limit
- Campsites are hike-in – vehicles must be left outside gates and gates will be locked
- Bring water or purification system for drinking and cooking; potable water is not available
- Leave No Trace! – pack it in; pack it out!
- Fires are allowed in fire rings only, conditions permitting. No cutting live trees or vegetation. Bring only local firewood (don't transport pests!), or collect small, dead wood from the forest floor. Burn all wood and coals to ash. Put out fires completely
- Use pit toilets unless you pack waste out. Bring TP. No trash in toilets, please
- Dogs must be leashed at all times – porcupines, moose and bears are common!

Camping is at your own risk. Camping in the Wildlands is a remote camping experience. Be prepared for emergencies; cell phone reception is spotty. The Wildlands is bear country! Hang food to be safe.

Payment and attached form is required in advance of trip. Groups part of a formal organization must provide proof of insurance. Make reservations at least a week ahead of date requested.

GPMCT reserves the right to refuse any request for camping that they deem unsafe or inappropriate for people or the resource.

**Questions? Call 469-6929 or e-mail [info@greatpondtrust.org](mailto:info@greatpondtrust.org) for more info.**

June 1, 2018

2018 GPMCT Camping Agreement

Name \_\_\_\_\_,

Additional Campers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Person in charge of group: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

Campsite:  Mitchville  Baker Brook

Date Arriving \_\_\_\_\_ Date Departing \_\_\_\_\_

Number of campers \_\_\_\_\_ Number of adult leaders for group \_\_\_\_\_

Permission granted for campfire  yes  no

Vehicle: Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Registration (State and #) \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that camping in the Wildlands is a wilderness camping experience, and that access to assistance may be delayed due to the remote location. Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust has provided me with a copy of this Camping Policy. I have read and understand it and I release and hold GPMCT harmless with respect to any accident or injury that may occur while I am in the Great Pond Mountain Wildlands. I agree to abide by Leave No Trace Principles.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail with fee to: PO Box 266, Orland, ME 04472 OR Drop off at the office at 155 Route One, Bucksport

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