



2021 WILDLANDS CAMPING POLICY

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.

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

MITCHVILLE CAMPSITE on Hothole Brook – max 6 people.

Tent site, pit toilet, non-potable water available from stream. 1.4 mile walk from South Gate

BAKER BROOK CAMPSITE – groups up to 15 people.

Tent sites, lean-to, pit toilet, non-potable water available from stream. ¾ mile walk from North Gate

FEES: Usage fees help offset our administration and land management expenses:

GPMCT Members: \$15/site/night for groups of 6 and under; \$25/site/night for 7 or more people

Non-Members: \$25/site/night for groups of 6 and under; \$35/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.
- If you must cancel, email info@greatpondtrust.org at least a week in advance.
- Five-night limit.
- Campsites are hike-in – vehicles must be left outside gates.
- Bring water or a 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 – much of our wildlife is sensitive to dogs, and porcupines, moose and bears are common.
- Camping is at your own risk. The Wildlands is a remote camping experience. Be prepared for emergencies; cellphone reception is spotty. The Wildlands is bear country! **Hang food to be safe.**
- Payment is required in advance of your trip. Groups part of a formal organization must provide proof of insurance. Make reservations at least a week ahead of the date requested.

GPMCT reserves the right to refuse any request for camping that is deemed unsafe or inappropriate.

Questions? Email info@greatpondtrust.org.