



Campsite Reservation System Planned

A campsite reservation system will be placed in operation for the first time on an experimental basis at three Forest Preserve campsites this season, Environmental Conservation Commissioner James L. Biggane has announced.

Commissioner Biggane said, "Campers, who have been faced with waiting lines at State campsites have asked our Department to devise a reservation system that would guarantee them a site in advance. We're conducting this pilot study at the Mescham Lake and Luzerne campsites in the Adirondacks and North Lake campsite in the Catskills to enable the Department to carefully evaluate the effectiveness of a reservation system and determine whether additional campsites should be included next year. Results of the pilot program will be shared with other State agencies, including the Office of Parks and Recreation, for possible adaptation to the Statewide Outdoor Recreation System, Commissioner Biggane said.

By making a reservation campers will be able to eliminate long delays in a waiting line, make vacation time more predictable and save energy lost in wasted trips. Although it will be to the camper's advantage to make a reservation, use of the system by campers is entirely optional. In the event that all sites are not reserved in advance they will be available to drive-in campers on a first-come first-served basis.

The pilot campsite reservation program will utilize the Ticketron organization and their network of direct sales terminal outlets in department stores, banks and other locations as well as Ticketron's mail order reservation service. All reservations for the three campsites in the pilot program must be made through Ticketron, either at sales outlets or by mail order. No reservation can be made by telephone.

Campers will be able to obtain a paid-in-advance reservation ticket that will guarantee a tent or trailer site able to handle their camping equipment for the dates they wish to camp. Reservations must be for at least four days but no longer than 14 days.

Ticketron will collect a single \$1.50 fee for each reservation and will also collect in advance for the Department the normal campsite permit fee of \$2.50 per night. A typical four-day reservation would cost the camper a \$10 campsite fee plus a \$1.50 Ticketron registration fee for a total of \$11.50.

Although a specific site cannot be reserved, a tent or trailer site to accommodate your equipment will be assigned when you arrive at the campsite.

Reservations can be made up to 60 days in advance of the start of the reservation. Reservations may be cancelled in the event circumstances prevent a camper from arriving on the date he has specified. Ticketron's 55 sales outlets in New York State started processing reservations for the 1974 camping season on Monday April 29.

The three campsites involved in the pilot program will open on Friday, May 17. The remaining Forest Preserve Campsites operated by the Department of Environmental Conservation will continue to operate on a no-reservation first-come first-served basis as in past years. These campsites will also open for the season on May 17, except for Beaverkill and Wilmington Notch which opened on May 3.

An information/reservation form is available at all Ticketron outlets.

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