

CAMPGROUND

All Violations for this Article are Class 1, 2, 3, 4, amount determined by Board of Directors.
(Effective 01/01/2023)

General Rules: ALL CAMPERS

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The campground is for the enjoyment of all members and their guests only.

This campground has a 30-amp electrical hookup for each trailer. (Existing 50 AMP hookups are grandfathered until the current lessee leaves, then it will revert back to a 30-amp hookup.)
(Effective 01/01/2023)

Recreational vehicles utilizing the campground at Lake Thunderbird must be registered with the Association office. By definition, a recreational vehicle is defined as one specifically designed as a recreational vehicle by a manufacturer for the sole purpose of recreational use. It must be a road licensable travel trailer or motorhome. To register a recreational vehicle, the standard registration form and lease agreements, (available from the Association office), must be filled out completely and submitted with a copy of the State certificate of title issued by the State of Illinois or the state in which the owner resides, clearly showing that the recreational vehicle is member owned. Inspection of any unit desiring permanent campground status must be authorized by the LTA Lake Manager or approved delegate. The inspection process and registration completion must be completed prior to placing the unit on a permanent camping site. (Effective 12/21/2024)

When leasing a permanent campground spot, a member must place a trailer/motorhome on that spot – no leasing a spot and not using it during the year – use it or lose it. When trailer/motorhome needs to be removed, the member must notify the office in advance when removing and returning trailer/motorhome. If removing a trailer/motorhome and replacing it with another, the new trailer/motorhome must be inspected by the Lake Manager before placing it on assigned campsite. (Effective 01/01/2023)

All LTA camping rules apply to permanent camping. Infraction of these rules will result in a violation, the loss of your permanent camping site or suspension of your camping privileges. Your fee will not be refunded. If you are unclear regarding the camping rules, please contact a Campground Commission member or the Lake Thunderbird office. (Effective 01/01/2025)

Rules are suggested by the Campground Commission, reviewed by the Rules and Regulation Commission and submitted to the Board of Directors for approval. (Effective 01/01/2023)

The Campground Commission and the Security Commission enforce the adopted rules.
(Effective 01/01/2023)

Rules

- 1) The campground lease is limited to LTA property owners only. (Effective 01/01/2025)
- 2) Camper registration and Certificate of insurance must both be in the member's name with the listed address being the member's billing address.
- 3) All members and their children need to WEAR their wristbands at all times. (Effective 01/01/2023)
- 4) Campers leaving campsites in an untidy condition will be reported to the Lake Manager and will be subject to a Class 1 violation. (Effective 01/01/2023)
- 5) Campfires will be contained in a fire pit and must not be left unattended. Rocks ringing the fire pit are not allowed. Use metal fire rings or cement blocks to contain fire. The burn area MUST be cleaned up before leaving the area. (Effective 01/01/2023)
- 6) Consumption of alcoholic beverages in moderation by adults is allowed on individual campsites. No underage drinking will be tolerated. Law enforcement officials will be notified in the event that underage drinking occurs.
- 7) Speed limits in the campground are 10 MPH. The campground road is one way in a counter-clockwise direction.
- 8) Mini bikes, go karts, golf, atv/atv or all-terrain vehicles may not be operated in the campground or any common area. (Effective 01/01/2026)
- 9) The use of electronic sound devices, portable generators, or any creation of disturbance (above 70 db within 35' of adjacent campsite) is prohibited.
- 10) Quiet hours begin at 11:00 PM and end at 8:00 AM.
- 11) The use of guns, bows and arrows, slingshots and fireworks in the campground is prohibited.
- 12) Guests must park on the same site as members. Owners are responsible for the actions AND VIOLATIONS of their guests.
- 13) Only one Association picnic table per site on a first come first-serve basis. Association picnic tables are NOT to be chained and locked to campers.
- 14) Camper size for permanent and temporary sites is restricted to the size of the Campsite it is to be placed upon, not to exceed 42 feet. Camper size is not to exceed 8 feet in width, not including slide outs. The length is determined to be from the rear bumper to the tip of the tongue. Hitches and wheels must remain attached. The placement on a site must be parallel to the road such that the doors must face the road. As of September, 2007, any new camper coming in MUST leave 2 feet on both sides of their property line to allow a 4-foot access between campers. Camper can only be placed on Campsite when the LTA Lake Manager or approved delegate are present. (Effective 03/17/2025)
- 15) There is no camping or parking near the bathhouse electric service boxes, playground electric service box, rear camping area electric service boxes, overflow area electric service box or under the pavilion.
- 16) Campers when leaving for an extended period of time may leave the electric cords connected and ONLY run a refrigerator from April 1 through November 30. If any other appliances such as air conditioners are found running, the camper loses the privilege of running a refrigerator while gone and this will be a violation. For the period of December 1st. thru March 31st, member must be occupying the camper to be plugged in. (Effective 01/01/2026)
- 17) No children under the age of 18 are allowed to camp without adult supervision at any time.

No un-chaperoned children under the age of 18 in the campground after 11:00 PM.
(Effective 01/01/2023)

- 18) At no such time shall children under the age of six (6) be allowed in the restrooms without adult supervision. Parents are responsible for their children at all times. (Effective 10/16/2004)
- 19) Waste from campers must be disposed of at the dumping station only. Any dumping of “gray and/or black water” on the ground and/or in the creek, the lessee will be fined \$200.00, be evicted from the campground and will be barred from any future campground lease. The lessee’s campground lease fee and deposit will not be refunded. Any IDNR and/or EPA fines and any restoration costs as the result of the dumping will be the lessee’s responsibility. Drinking of water from the hose at the dump station is not permitted. (Effective 4/20/2019)
- 20) Pots and pans, dishes or clothes are not to be washed in the bathhouse or at the water hydrants.
- 21) Hot water is not to be taken from the bathhouse.
- 22) There is a ten (10) minute limit on showers on a first come first serve basis. All shower stalls and wash basins are to be cleaned after each use.
- 23) Rubbish must be in containers and raw garbage must be in plastic or foil and placed in designated containers. No raw garbage is to be placed in the bathhouse container.
- 24) Do not leave pets unattended outside. Pets must be on a 6 ft. leash when walking the pet, with the leash in the handler’s possession. Handler must be always in control of the dog. No dogs are to be allowed to roam free. Pet must not annoy other campers. When pets are outside, pets must be contained within the perimeter of your Campsite. Owners of pets are required to clean up after their pet. Pets are not allowed in the bathhouse. Effective 01/01/2023)
- 25) Cutting of or driving nails into live trees is prohibited. (Effective 01/01/2023)
- 26) A removable stairway of one or more flights of stairs with landing to pass from one level to another is limited to 72” wide (6 feet) and 96” (8 feet) from the camper to the end of the last step from main entrance into the camper is allowed, 48 sq. feet in all. A removable 4 ft. x 4 ft. (48” x 48”) stairway with one or more flights of stairs with landing to pass from one level to the other for the second entry in to the camper is allowed. Before installation a ¼” to the foot scale plan must be submitted to the Architectural Control Committee for approval before a signed ACC Building Approval Form will be issued, which is necessary to obtain a required Putnam County Permit. (Effective 3/20/2010)
- 27) Wood mulch is allowed. No rock or other landscape/ground cover is allowed. (Effective 03/17/2025)
- 28) One removable deck/platform measuring 8 feet wide, 6 inches high and only as long as your trailer body living space is allowed, provided it meets the following construction criteria: It must be constructed of either a decking material, patio block or patio brick. It cannot be enclosed. Posts, rails, loose stone and gravel are prohibited. Camper, Leaseholder, is responsible for the labor costs in moving deck/platform should the camper need to be removed from the site by the Association. The Association is not responsible for any damage to the deck/platform while performing their normal and routine functions. Before installation, a one quarter inch, (1/4), to the foot scale plan must be submitted to the Architectural Control Committee for approval before a approved ACC Building Approval

- will be issued. (Effective 03/17/2025)
- 29) Removable lattice type material around the camper but not around the tongue will be allowed. Before installation, a one-quarter inch, (1/4), to the foot scale plan must be submitted to the Architectural Control Committee for approval before a signed ACC Building Approval will be issued. (Effective 01/01/2023)
 - 30) Any planting of trees and shrubs needs to be approved by the Lake Manager. See item #30. (Effective 01/01/2023)
 - 31) Campsite curb Appeal
 - a) Grass: The campsite must be kept mowed to a height not to exceed 8 inches. If your campsite is found to have grass in excess of 8 inches, you will be notified by letter one time only. If after two weeks of receipt of letter and grass has not been mowed, the Association will mow the grass and charge a fee of \$100.00. For each additional mowing, the fee will be \$100.00. This fee must be paid before camping privileges are restored. (Effective 12/21/2024)
 - b) Exterior structures: All structures, including campers and sheds, must be clean and maintained. (Effective 12/21/2024)
 - 32) No refrigerators, freezers will be allowed outside the camper. (Effective 01/01/2023)
 - 33) Before digging anywhere in the campground, you MUST call the Lake Manager for approval. Water, phone and electrical lines run throughout the campground and could be damaged when digging. Any repairs are the member's responsibility to pay. Depending on your Campsite location, JULIE, call 811, may need to be contacted for Ameren power cable or Frontier phone cable locations. (Effective 01/01/2023)
 - 34) A boat and trailer may be temporarily stored on your campsite only when you are staying at your campsite. No boat or trailer is to be permanently stored on your campsite. If it is, it will be towed to the storage area and a fee will be assessed. After 30 days, a storage area fee will be assessed if the boat remains in the storage area.
 - 35) To purposely leave campground roads to avoid driving over Association installed speed bumps is a fine-able offense. Any attempt to avoid will be a Class 1 violation. If damage to Association property is done there will be a Class 1 violation. If not a member of Lake Thunderbird Association, a Putnam County charge will be filed for trespassing. (Effective 01/01/2023)
 - 36) Any camper wanting a shed must submit to the ACC Committee a drawing of the campsite with the shed location, material to be used and the dimensions of the shed. Sheds made from resin or wood may be allowed only if approved by the ACC Committee. The Sheds must be portable or removeable by forklift. They will be allowed in back of your camper for storage purposes. In addition, a campsite is limited to one, (1), unit in size up to 80 square feet and 8 ½ feet in maximum height. The shed must be removed if, for any reason the trailer is removed. (Effective 06/20/2026)
 - 37) I certify that I have and will maintain a Certificate of Insurance qualifying Bodily Injury & Property Damage while the unit is parked and/or stored on Association property (\$100,000 minimum) valid through the term of the lease agreement. (Effective 12/15/2018)
 - 38) Member has 30 days after selling their property at Lake Thunderbird to remove their camper. No portion of the fee will be refunded if a campsite is vacated before a lease term ends. (Effective 01/01/2025)
 - 39) 100 # TANKS ARE THE LARGEST PROPANE TANKS ALLOWED IN THE LAKE THUNDERBIRD CAMPGROUND. (Effective 06/20/2026)
For trailers with propane covers, you may put as large a tank, 20, 30 or 40 lb. tanks, as

will fit inside the cover and they are strapped in. There are safety concerns with 60 or 100 lb. vertical tanks falling over. For those campers who wish to have a 60 or 100 lb. tank must follow the following: (Effective 06/20/2026)

- a) The tank must sit vertical on a base/pad made of concrete or pressure treated wood. (Effective 06/20/2026)
- b) The tank must be securely strapped to the trailer or to a steel post/pipe driven into the ground at least 18 inches. (Effective 06/20/2026)
- c) The tank must be strapped to the trailer or to the post/pipe in two places with ratchet straps or similar devices. (Effective 06/20/2026)
- d) Contact the office to have maintenance locate the routing of water and electric lines before installing the steel pipe or post. (Effective 06/20/2026)

PROCEDURES

- 1) All temporary campsites must be reserved and paid through www.campspot.com, (Location = Lake Thunderbird Association, Putnam, IL) prior to arrival at the campground. For guest camping, reservations must be made by the property owner for their guest. Temporary campsites may be rented for more than one night. (See List of Fees.) (Effective 03/17/2025)
- 2) Children's names need to be on the lease agreement form and returned with payment to the office. If no names are listed, only you can stay in the camper. Your immediate children, 18 years of age and over will be allowed to use your permanent campsite when you are not at Lake Thunderbird. Children OLDER THAN 16 must have a temporary or permanent car sticker for their car. Effective 03/17/2025)
- 3) Campers and Tents in campground
 - a) The permanent lease agreement allows you to keep one camper on your campsite. One tent is allowed at no additional cost, a second tent is allowed with a fee charged accordingly. No more than two tents are allowed on any site. Additional tents cannot plugin to neighbor's outlet. (Effective 03/17/2025)
 - b) Temporary campsites do not have a limit on the number of tents allowed on each site. Any tents in addition to the primary tent or camper will be charged a fee accordingly. (Effective 03/17/2025)
- 4) The payment is due in the Lake Thunderbird Office by February 15th, (post mark accepted) of each year.
- 5) Failure to mail payment by this time result in the loss of your permanent campsite and your camper will need to be removed by March 31 or it will be removed by LTA.
- 6) There will be no exceptions made for the date payment is due.
- 7) Failure to pay annual assessments by June 1 (post mark accepted) each year will result in the loss of your permanent campsite and your camper will be removed by LTA.
- 8) Must have camper to lease site, (No camper-No site) Camper must be placed on leased site. If camper needs to be removed for extended period, member must notify office before removing and again when returning.
- 9) When a permanent camper sells his/her travel trailer/motorhome, the permanent campsite assigned to the seller does not go to the purchaser. The new travel trailer/motorhome owner must remove the travel trailer/motorhome. The new travel trailer/motorhome owner can be put on a waiting list for a permanent campsite, if they are LTA members. (Effective 01/01/2025)

10) When a permanent camper sells his/her Lake Thunderbird property, the travel

trailer/motorhome must be removed within 30 days from property sale date or be in violation. (Effective 01/01/2025)

- 11) Property owners must remain on Lake Thunderbird property for the duration of their guest campers' stay and accompany their guests on all common property. The guest must follow all LTA and camping rules. Guest camping fees include one car pass and guest wristbands which can be picked up at the Lake Thunderbird Office (Effective 07/21/2025)
- 12) The campground is part of the common areas of Lake Thunderbird. Owners shall be required to have proper identification such as LTA Membership ID and/or wear Wristbands when on Common Property. Owners are responsible for providing their guests with temporary wristbands. (Effective 01/01/2023)
- 13) Campsites numbered 42 through 52 are designated for temporary camping only. Trailer/motorhome doors must face the roadway. (Effective 01/01/2023)
- 14) Three blasts on a car horn signify an emergency and is a call for help.
- 15) Temporary camping check in time is 1:00 PM and the check-out time is 12:00 PM. (Effective 03/17/2025)
- 16) Winter camping shall be allowed for no more than seven (7) consecutive days in the months of December, January, February and March.
- 17) Summer camping will be from April 1st until November 30th. (Effective 11/16/2010)
- 18) Temporary
- 19) Campsites: Any and all trailers, tents, boats, lawn chairs, etc., must be removed when unoccupied or at end of camping session. (Effective 3/17/2025)
- 20) WAITING LIST RULES: When a campsite becomes available, the first property owner on the list will be offered the site. If the first person on the list does not want the open site, the site will be offered to the next property owner on the list. (Effective 12/21/2024)