Motorized and Primitive Camping Guidelines and Ethics

Motorized Camping – overnight camping in or near the vehicle where the vehicle continues to be used for storage or transportation.

Primitive Camping – overnight camping where all equipment is transported manually (by non-motorized vehicle methods, including watercraft, bicycle, horse), and where a motorized vehicle is not located near or part of the camping experience.

Group Camping – more than 10 people in a unit overnight motorized or primitive camping. A Letter of Authorization must first be obtained from the District Forester. A Camping Permit and Letter of Authorization are issued to the group.

Designated Dispersed Camping – a relatively small, distinctly defined area, accessible from a State Forest road or drivable trail, to accommodate one or a maximum of two vehicles, a fire ring and space for the camping unit.

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