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NPS Firewood Policy and Great Smoky Mountains National Park



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Natural Resource Stewardship and Science

Reducing Ecological Risks Associated with Pests in Firewood

Guidance for Park Managers

Natural Resource Report NPS/NRSS/BRMD/NRR—2014/817



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Federal Regulations

Plant Protection Act (2000)

Gives USDA APHIS authority to regulate interstate plant products, plant pests, noxious weeds and biological control agents.

Consolidated Natural Resource Act of 2008

Title III, Subtitle A Sec. 3 ‘National Park Service Authorizations’

Allows Secretary of Interior to enter into Cooperative agreements with other land management agencies to protect natural resources of NPS units through collaborative efforts inside and outside of NPS units

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Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)
Title 36 Parks, Forests, and Public Property
Chapter 1- National Park Service Department of the Interior
Part 1 - General Provisions

Section 1.5 – Closures and Public Use Limits (a)

‘Compendium authority’ allows superintendents authority to set unit-specific regulations regarding defined activities; Usually reserved for ‘temporary or short term actions or actions that change periodically.’

(b) If action will ‘require long-term or significant modification in resource management objectives of the unit, or is of a highly controversial nature, (action) will be published as rulemaking in the Federal Register.’”

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•4.1.5 Restoration of Natural Systems

The Service will re-establish natural functions and processes in parks unless otherwise directed by Congress.

Impacts on natural systems resulting from human disturbances include the introduction of exotic species...

The Service will use the best available technology, within available resources, to restore the biological and physical components of these systems, accelerating both their recovery and the recovery of landscape and biological community structure and function. Efforts may include, for example

- removal of exotic species**

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Section 8.8 Collecting Natural products

“The gathering of firewood will be allowed only where subsistence use is authorized by federal law or in specific areas designated by a superintendent in which dead and down wood may be collected for campfires or in small quantities for other uses within the park...”

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In Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GRSM)
superintendent's Compendium:

Firewood

The possession of any firewood originating from any location for which a federal or state firewood quarantine is in effect is prohibited. This closure prohibits the movement of firewood into the park from counties adjacent to the park for which a federal or state quarantine is in place **even if the quarantine allows for movement within the county**. See exception below. ("Buffer areas are not considered quarantined.")

Firewood in violation of the above shall be burned immediately by the camper in established fire rings. Failure to comply with this action may result in a citation and/or seizure of firewood.

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Trail Advisory
Several trails in the park are temporarily closed. Please check the "Backcountry Facilities" section of the Temporary Road and Facilities Closures page for further details. [More »](#)

Quarantined Counties Listed By State

Updated October, 2014 - The following counties have federal or state quarantines in place which prohibit moving firewood. These quarantines were issued to prevent the spread of emerald ash borer, Asian long-horn beetle, gypsy moth, and thousand cankers disease. **Federal and state regulations prohibit visitors from bringing firewood to the park from these counties.**

Arkansas - Ashley, Bradley, Calhoun, Clark, Cleveland, Columbia, Dallas, Drew, Garland, Grant, Hempstead, Hot Spring, Howard, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lincoln, Little River, Miller, Montgomery, Nevada, Ouachita, Pike, Saline, Sevier, Union

Colorado - Boulder

Connecticut - Fairfield, Hartford, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven

District of Columbia - all areas within the District are under quarantine

Georgia - Carroll, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Newton, Rockdale, Walton, Whitfield

Illinois - all counties in the state are under quarantine

Indiana - all counties in the state are under quarantine

Iowa - all counties in the state are under quarantine

Kansas - Johnson, Leavenworth, Wyandotte

Kentucky - all counties in the state are under quarantine

Maryland - Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Carroll, Charles, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's, Washington, Baltimore City

Massachusetts - Auburn, Berkshire, Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk, Worcester

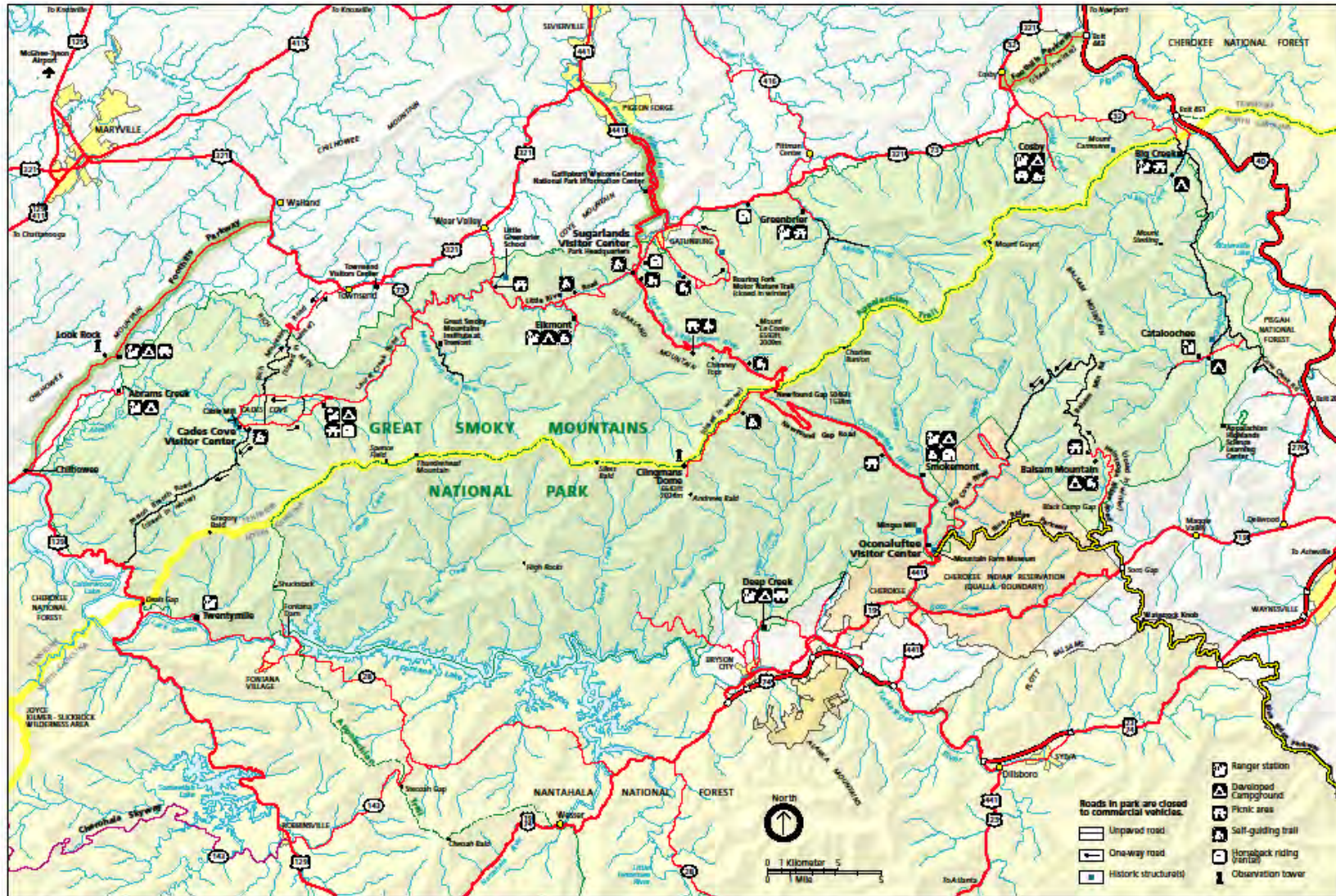
Michigan - All counties are quarantined **except** Baraga, Dickinson, Gogebic, Iron, Marquette, Menominee and Ontonagon

Missouri - all counties in the state are under quarantine

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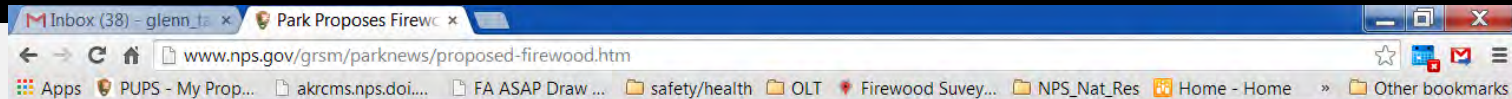
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Park Proposes Firewood Changes

Date: June 30, 2014

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Great Smoky Mountains National Park officials are proposing changes that will help protect park forests by further limiting the type of firewood brought into the park. Non-native, tree-killing insects and diseases can unknowingly be introduced into the park through firewood transported from infested areas. New infestations threaten our forests with widespread tree mortality that could devastate wildlife habitat, park biodiversity, and scenic views.

The park is proposing to reduce this threat by changing park regulations to allow only heat-treated wood to be brought into the park for campground fires. If the proposal is adopted, beginning in March 2015, it would ban the importation of firewood that is not bundled and certified by the USDA or a state agency. Heat-treated wood will be available to purchase from concessioners in many of the campgrounds as well as from private businesses in the communities around the park. In addition, visitors may still collect dead and down wood in the park for campfires.

"We are asking visitors to help us protect park forests by ensuring they are using heat-treated firewood," said Acting Superintendent Cynthia MacLeod. "The Smokies have already lost magnificent stands of chestnut, Fraser fir, and hemlock. We need to do all we can to protect the park from further threats."

A variety of destructive pests lay eggs or stowaway in firewood. These insects from Asia and Europe have the potential to devastate over 30 species of hardwood trees native to the park. Movement of firewood has been implicated in the spread of gypsy moth, Dutch elm disease, emerald ash borer, thousand canker disease, Asian longhorned beetle, Sirex woodwasp, golden spotted oak borer, and other native and non-native insect and disease complexes.

Numerous stakeholders representing federal and state agencies, conservation organizations, and universities are joining together to develop a national strategy to mitigate the risks associated with movement of firewood, including a public education campaign. National parks throughout the Appalachian region have taken action to limit the spread of insect pests in firewood including, in many cases, the banning of imported

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Camping on the Parkway

Camping is a traditional and enjoyable way to enjoy National Parks. On the Blue Ridge Parkway, seven campgrounds serve the visitor from early May through the fall color season. For the current schedule of campground seasonal dates, [click here](#).

Camping is permitted only in designated campsites.



Note: Firewood from the states of Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Missouri, Ohio, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Quebec, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin should not be brought onto Parkway lands. The US Department of Agriculture has quarantined firewood from these states to prevent the spread of highly destructive insects that may be in the wood.

Parkway Campgrounds:

Otter Creek (MP 61): This campground has sites for 45 tents and 24 RV trailers. Facilities currently include water, comfort stations with flush toilets and sinks but no showers or hook-ups. **For map of campground and more info, [click here](#).**

- **Area hikes include:** Trail of Trees, Otter Creek, Otter Lake Loop and James River Canal Trails.

Peaks of Otter (MP 86): This campground has sites for 90 tents and 53 trailers or RV's, water, comfort stations with flush toilets and cold water sinks but no showers or hook-ups. **For map of campground and more info, [click here](#).**

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Firewood Ban


Visitors to Shenandoah National Park may not bring firewood or wood scraps. Visitors must gather or purchase firewood within the park.

Why can't I bring my firewood into the park?
The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a destructive invasive exotic beetle that feeds on ash trees. As of 2009, the EAB is responsible for the deaths of tens of millions of ash trees throughout the Midwest and in some eastern states. Foresters across the state are working to control the spread of this devastating insect through quarantines, bans, and public education. The EAB is often spread by the movement of infested firewood. The park's campgrounds and picnic areas are the most likely areas for EAB introduction into Shenandoah National Park. Because of the seriousness of a potential infestation, park managers implemented a firewood ban March 1, 2010.



Wood for campfires must be gathered or purchased within the park.

What are the details of the ban?
The ban requires that visitors not bring any firewood (or wood scraps) into the park. Visitors may gather dead and down firewood in the park or purchase wood at park camp stores. The park's vendor's sources have been approved. As always, visitors are encouraged to use charcoal for their cooking fires.



Why are we placing so much emphasis on preventing the EAB's introduction?
The Outside Firewood Ban will help delay the arrival of EAB - perhaps as much as 10 years and help preserve an ecologically important tree species. Slowing the spread of EAB will give researchers more time to discover effective control and refine treatment options. And, it will allow time for the park's forest to recover from the impacts of the Gypsy Moth and Hemlock Woolly Adelgid.

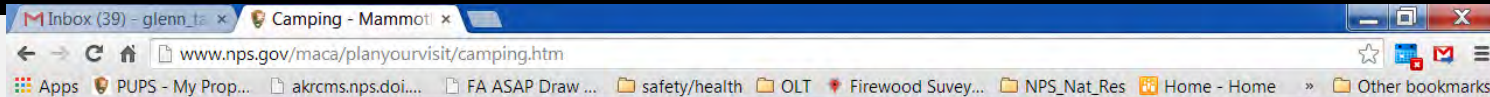
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Camping at Mammoth Cave Campground.

There are few better ways to discover the pleasures and curiosities of the sunlit side of Mammoth Cave National Park than to camp among the trees or by the waters. The park offers camping in three developed campgrounds and in more than a dozen primitive sites in the backcountry and along the Green and Nolin Rivers. Use the links to find out about the different campgrounds. The table below will help you choose the one that's best for you. Also be sure to check out the **Campground Regulations**.

FIREWOOD QUARANTINE: Firewood from a number of states is quarantined due to an insect infestation by one or more insect pests (e.g. the Emerald Ash Borer) that is devastating certain tree species. **To prevent infestation of trees in the park, transport of firewood into the park is prohibited.** You may pick up any dead or downed wood inside the park or purchase wood from the Caver's Camp Store located at the Service Center. Store hours vary with season; check bulletin board at kiosk for current hours. Please help protect our forests from these destructive pests and do not bring firewood into the Park.



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Revised Firewood Policy


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Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore (National Lakeshore) is announcing a revision of their current campground firewood policy. To prevent and slow the spread of forest pests and diseases, the revised policy states that campers may use only firewood acquired from vendors approved by the National Lakeshore. Campers are urged to refrain from bringing firewood with them on their trip.

Movement of firewood from one area to another can rapidly spread destructive pests such as hemlock woolly adelgid, beech bark disease, Asian longhorn beetle, and oak wilt; just as it did the emerald ash borer. Many local firewood vendors, including the vendor selling firewood in the campgrounds themselves, are working with the National Lakeshore to provide visitors with reasonably priced, quality firewood that does not pose the risk of importing or spreading forest pests. Firewood sold by these approved vendors will be marked as approved for use in National Lakeshore campgrounds. This firewood has either been treated for pests and disease, or is of tree species that do not pose the risk of their importation or spread.

A list of approved vendors will be available at the National Lakeshore visitor center, campground offices, and on the park website at www.nps.gov/slbe. Superintendent Dusty Shultz explains, "Unfortunately, these pests are a significant threat to the health of the National Lakeshore's forests. The steps we are taking strike a balance between continuing the treasured visitor activity of gathering around a campfire and protecting the resources that people come to experience."

Did You Know?



Where can you go to climb sand dunes over 200 feet high? The Dune Climb at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore also gives you a great view of Glen Lake. The hike to Lake Michigan is over 1.5 miles through the dunes from here. Take some water and wear good shoes! [More...](#)

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Counties surrounding Big South Fork NRA. NPS

Certain states have non-native insects that can cause damage to our native trees. Due to this, **firewood brought in from outside of the five counties (McCreary, Scott, Morgan, Fentress, and Pickett) surrounding the park is prohibited.** Be prepared to buy or collect your wood once you arrive at the campground. To find more information on non-native species [click here.](#)

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FIREWOOD ALERT!
Please purchase or gather firewood in the campground to avoid bringing in the exotic Emerald Ash Borer or the Asian Long Horned Beetle. These exotic insects can be easily spread by bringing in infested firewood from outside the area.
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Campsite with electricity
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Wilderness Road Campground
The Wilderness Road Campground is located approximately 3 miles from the park visitor center off of Highway 58 in Virginia. It has 160 sites in a beautiful wooded setting.

20, 30 and 50 amp electrical hookups are available at 41 of the sites. Hot showers and potable water are located in the comfort stations. A dump station is located near the campground entrance.

Campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Campground is open year around. Eight people, four tents, and two cars maximum per site.

Camping fees:
\$14.00 per night per site for tent sites with no electricity.
\$20.00 per night per site for electrical hookup.

All sites are one-half price for Senior Pass and Access Pass holders.

Be Educated and Responsible Stewards
Support the bears in your national park and your area, check out the "Back the Bears" campaign at Cumberland Gap National Historical Park! [Read More >](#)



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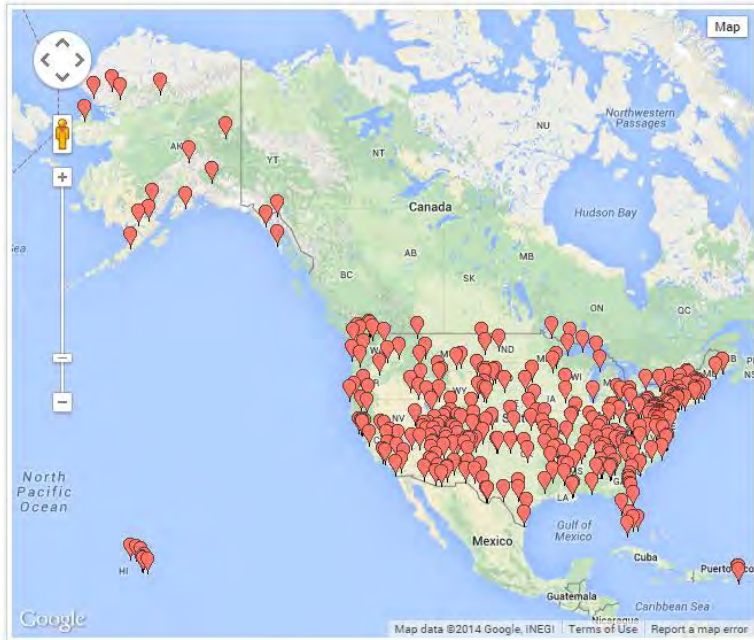


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