

September 1, 2022

Hello,

Below is information pertaining to the 2023 camping season at Twin Bear and Delta Lake campgrounds.

In 2022, Bayfield County transitioned back to offering a mix of seasonal and transient camping at both Twin Bear and Delta Lake campgrounds. A mix of seasonal and transient camping will continue in 2023.

A total of 20 sites will be available for seasonal camping at Twin Bear. A total of 17 sites will be available at Delta Lake. Refer to the campground maps (on the website listed below) for a listing of campsites available for seasonal use. The remaining sites will be available for transient use. Below are details on how to apply:

1. An online application form will be available on the Bayfield County Forestry and Parks Department website at <https://www.bayfieldcounty.wi.gov/237/Parks-Campgrounds>. A map of each campground, indicating the campsites that are eligible for seasonal rental, will also be available on the website.
  - a. If interested in a seasonal site for the 2023 season, please fill out the online form. The form will contain the questions listed below. The form will contain all of the questions listed above. If you don't have access to the internet, please call the Forestry and Parks Department office at 715-373-6114, ext. 1 and we will help you fill out the form.
    - i. Name of the applicant. We will only accept one application per family/party, unless the intent is to reserve more than one campsite. Only the person paying for the site can apply.
    - ii. Primary contact phone number.
    - iii. Primary contact email address.
    - iv. Campground of interest (Twin Bear or Delta Lake). You can apply to both. However, at the time of selection, you will only be allowed to choose Twin Bear or Delta Lake. Example: if you applied to both, and selected a site at Twin Bear, your name will automatically be removed from the list at Delta Lake.
    - v. If you have interest in a seasonal boat mooring slot (yes or no).
    - vi. Camper size (approximate length, in feet).
    - vii. Number of slide-outs (if any).
    - viii. If you will be physically present during the selection process or prefer to be called.
  - b. **The deadline for application will be noon on Monday, September 26, 2022.**
    - i. After the application period, Forestry and Parks Department staff will develop a database for each campground with all of the provided information.
    - ii. From that database, we will create a list (spreadsheet) with the names of each applicant. The database (list of names) will be randomly shuffled/sorted numerous times and averaged to create a selection order. This will establish the order of seasonal campsite selection per campground.

- c. Once the selection order has been established, per campground, the Forestry and Parks Administrator will send an email summary to all applicants. The summary will list the order of seasonal site selection per campground. This summary will also be sent to the campground manager, Brenda Jones. The selection order list is expected to be distributed on **Thursday, September 29, 2022**.
    - d. If, at any point in this process you are no longer interested in a seasonal campsite, we ask that you call our office as soon as possible so that we have time to adjust the selection order.
  2. **The seasonal campsite selection will occur on Saturday, October 1, 2022, starting at 9:00 a.m.** Each person listed on the selection order can make their seasonal site selection in person or over the phone. The site selection process will be held from the cabin at Twin Bear and will be led by Brenda. Brenda will begin with Twin Bear.
    - a. At 9:00 a.m., Brenda will begin by calling the first person on the Twin Bear selection list (or speak with them directly, if physically present) for Twin Bear. The first person on the list will make a site selection. This site will then be classified as reserved and removed from the list of available campsites. When finished, Brenda will speak with or call the second person on the list, and so on. This process is expected to take about 2 or 3 minutes per person.
      - i. If you can't attend the site selection in person, but asked to be called, this should establish an approximate time to anticipate a phone call from Brenda (for example, if 10<sup>th</sup> on the list, you should expect a call sometime between 9:15 and 9:30).
      - ii. If you selected to receive a phone call, but are not available when Brenda does call, you will forfeit your place in the selection order. Brenda will not call again, nor will she accept phone calls during this period.
      - iii. The process will be repeated until all seasonal sites have been filled at Twin Bear (or all people on the list have been contacted, whichever comes first).
    - b. The selection process at Delta Lake will be held in the same manner. Brenda will also be staging the selection process for Delta Lake from the cabin at Twin Bear. The selection process is expected to begin at 10:00 a.m.
    - c. If you asked to be contacted by phone, the call will come from the landline at Twin Bear (715-372-8610). Please, do not call this number or Brenda's cell phone to check on the status. Brenda will call you based on the order of selection.
    - d. When it's your turn to select a campsite, please have numerous sites on your list. This will be especially important if further down in the selection order. The most popular sites are likely to be selected first, but Brenda will work with you to find a seasonal campsite.
      - i. You will only be allowed to reserve one campsite. Multiple selections will not be allowed. And you can't reserve a site for someone else.
      - ii. You can also reserve a boat mooring space during the same call, but only if slots are still available. Again, only one mooring site reservation will be allowed and you can't reserve a site for someone else.
    - e. If, after the reservation process has been completed, one or multiple seasonal sites were not reserved, then the remaining campsites will be available for rent on a first come, first served basis after October 14, 2022 (when the reservation deposits are due).
  3. Seasonal campsite prices will remain \$1,700.00 for regular sites and \$1,800.00 for premium. The camping season will begin on May 12, 2023, depending on site conditions, and ends on October 15, 2023.

- a. NOTE: we are planning a significant amount of work in the campgrounds next year. Including repairs to retaining walls, regrading sites, access road and parking area work, etc. An attempt will be made to accomplish as much of this work as possible before the season starts (early May) or after it's over (late October). But it's likely some work will occur during the season. As such, there may be some disruptions, as heavy equipment will be needed for most of the work. Also, there may be a need to temporarily move some campers around to gain access to sites or better secure work areas. The goal will be to keep disruptions to a minimum.
4. Seasonal mooring prices will remain \$300.00.
  - a. The mooring price does include the use of the boat launch for the watercraft that will be moored. However, it does not include boat launching associated with other watercraft owned by the renter. If the renter intends to launch other watercraft owned by the renter, they must pay for a separate boat launch.
5. A separate, fully refundable site cleaning deposit of \$100.00 will also still be required. This is an additional amount added to the total cost of the campsite. If you had a seasonal site this year and also reserved one for next year, you can choose to carry the cleaning deposit over. Please let Brenda know when making the reservation for 2023.
6. **A non-refundable seasonal campsite reservation deposit of \$300.00 will be due by noon on Friday, October 14, 2022.** This deposit will be subtracted from the total amount due. Failure to submit a reservation deposit by the due date will result in a forfeiture of your seasonal campsite.
7. **If you reserved a seasonal boat mooring spot, a non-refundable seasonal boat mooring reservation deposit of \$50.00 will also be due by noon on Friday, October 14, 2022.** This deposit will also be subtracted from the total amount due. Failure to submit a reservation deposit by the due date will result in a forfeiture of your seasonal mooring site.
8. The remaining balance will be due on **Friday, March 24, 2023.** Reminders will be sent a few months before the due date. Failure to pay in full by the due date will result in a forfeiture of your seasonal site(s), with the county retaining all non-refundable deposits.
9. The Forestry and Parks Department accepts credit card payments. If interested in paying with a credit card, please call the office at 715-373-6114, ext. 1 and speak with the office manager. Please note: a 4% service fee will be added to all credit card payments.
10. In summary, here are the important dates to remember:
  - a. September 26, 2022. Seasonal camping application is due by noon.
  - b. September 29, 2022. The selection order list will be emailed to all applicants.
  - c. October 1, 2022. The seasonal site selection process will begin at 9:00 a.m., starting with Twin Bear.
  - d. October 14, 2022. The non-refundable reservation deposits are due.
  - e. March 24, 2023. The remaining balances are due.