

# Don Carter State Park



5000 N. Browning Bridge Rd.  
Gainesville, GA 30506

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**Gate Codes**

**Main:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Overnight:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Legend**

- Restrooms
- Laundry
- Accessible
- Showers
- Picnic Shelter
- Dump Station
- Boat Rental (See Visitors Center)
- Cottages
- Playground
- Primitive Campsites

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Camping Check-In: 1:00 p.m.  
Camping Check-Out: 12:00 p.m.  
Cottage Check-In: 4:00 p.m.  
Cottage Check-Out: 11:00 a.m.  
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## Don Carter State Park Camping Rules and Regulations

Please read the following rules and regulations and ensure that everyone in your group understands them. As the person registering for the campsite, you will be responsible for the conduct of the people in your group. For a complete list of park rules and regulations see the park office.

**Camping Rules** — No more than 6 people per site. Sites must be occupied overnight. Camping supplies will not hold a site, only a camping unit. Sites may have ONE of the following:

- 1 RV, 1 vehicle & 1 small tent
- 1 vehicle with trailer / pop-up, 1 additional vehicle & 1 small tent
- 1 pickup truck with mounted camper, 1 additional vehicle & 1 small tent
- 1 small tent & 2 vehicles

**Quiet Hours** — Noise must be kept to a bare minimum between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Any bright lights must be lowered or turned off not to shine on neighboring sites.

**Vehicles** — A maximum of two vehicles are allowed at each site. Each vehicle MUST have a \$10 ParkPass properly displayed; this includes motorcycles. Overflow vehicles must park in the boat ramp area.

**Firewood** — Do not cut any live or standing trees for firewood. **Strictly enforced.** Firewood is available at the park office.

**Visitors** — Visitors must purchase a ParkPass BEFORE entering the Park from the Visitor Center or QR code. Vehicles must park in boat ramp area if they exceed the campsite limit. Visitors are prohibited after 10 p.m.

**ParkPass** — A parking fee is required and is valid for all parks that day. Proceeds go toward park maintenance. Frequent visitors can save money by purchasing an Annual ParkPass or membership in Friends of Georgia State Parks.

**Intoxicants** — Consumption or use of alcoholic beverages or intoxicants is unlawful in any public use area. Alcoholic beverages must be confined to campsite /camping unit and must be transferred into cups.

**RV Waste** — Dispose of low-volume grey water at the site into the provided can and all black water in the dump station.

**Off-Road Vehicles** — Off-road vehicles are not allowed in Georgia State Parks. This includes ATVs, utility vehicles, non-roadway golf carts, go-carts, scooters, electric scooters or motorized bicycles. Golf carts are permitted if they meet state standards.

**Water Activities** — Fishing is allowed throughout the park shoreline. A sandy swimming beach is open only during daylight hours.

**Pets** — Pets are welcome in the park and campground as long as they are quiet and kept on a six foot or shorter leash. Pets must be attended at all times and all pet waste must be removed. Dogs are only allowed in Cottage #1 with advance reservation.

**Weather** — In case of inclement weather please go to either of the two comfort stations located in the campground.

**Garbage** — Garbage must be placed in dumpsters only. Fish cleaning may be properly disposed at the fish cleaning station in the day-use area. Do not place household garbage in the comfort station areas.

**Smoking** — Smoking is prohibited in all state buildings, including campground comfort stations.

Please report any violation of these rules to Park Staff or Campground Host at any time day or night. It is our goal to ensure you have an enjoyable camping experience and these rules and regulations are designed for that purpose.

### Activities and Facilities

**Cottages** — 8 fully equipped cottages (some with lake views) are available for rent year-round. Reservations can be made up to 14 months in advance for GA residents. Dogs are only permitted in Cottage #1 with prior approval and pet fee.

**Camping** — The Park offers 44 RV, Trailer and Pop-up campsites with electrical, water and cable hookups. Picnic tables, lantern post and a fire ring / grill are provided. There are comfort stations with hot showers, toilets and outlets and one sanitary disposal station. Reservations may be made 14 months in advance for GA residents.

**Tent Camping** — 16 Primitive Tent / Hammock camping sites are available. Prep tables, lantern posts, picnic tables, and a fire ring/grill are provided at each site.

**Picnicking** — 4 picnic shelters are located in the day-use/beach area and may be reserved 13 months in advance. The Park offers single picnic tables with grills throughout the day-use area as well as benches and swings. They are accessible on a first-come, first-served basis and not available after dark.

**Fishing** — Lake Lanier is open to legal fishing throughout the year. Persons 16 and older must have a fishing license. A fishing pier and fish cleaning station are located in the day-use area. Unregistered guests must leave the park before closing time at 10 p.m.

**Boating and Kayaking** — A two-lane boat ramp is available in the day-use area. A small boat ramp is available in the overnight area to registered guests only. Kayaks are available for rent from the Visitor Center. All boating must comply with the Georgia Boating Safety Laws. Flotation devices must be worn.

**Swimming** — The beautiful white sandy beach offers great swimming opportunities and scenic views of the cove. No lifeguard on duty and visitors swim at their own risk. No pets. Area closes at dark.

**Trails** — More than 14 miles of trails are open to hikers. Bikers and guests with strollers can enjoy our 1.5 mile paved trail. Other trails connect the Visitor Center, beach, campground and cottages. Equestrians can explore more than 12 miles of horse trails. Trails close at dark.

**Playgrounds** — Children's playgrounds are located in the day-use area, cottage area and campground. An outdoor fitness area is located in the campground.