

## Stanford Backcountry Campsites FAQ's

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**Direct all inquiries to:**

Reservations Coordinator  
Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park  
1403 West Hines Hill Road  
Peninsula, OH 44264  
330-657-2909 ext. 119

***What does it cost to camp?***

The fee is \$18 per night, per campsite, 6-person limit. Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park (Conservancy) members pay a discounted fee of \$15. Groups can have exclusive use of all 5 sites for \$100.

***How do I become a member of the Conservancy?***

Please see "All About Membership" on the [www.conservancyforcvnp.org](http://www.conservancyforcvnp.org) website. In addition to a reduced camping fee, members also receive discounts on Heritage Series and Lyceum concert tickets.

***How do I get to the campsites?***

From the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail, between Red Lock and Boston Store, go east on the path that is just north of towpath milepost 21. Cross over Stanford Road and walk past the Stanford House and Barn. Take the Stanford Trail, which is located in the north end of the parking lot by the barn. The camp sites are located along the Stanford Trail, approximately 50 yards from the Trailhead.

Campsites are for Towpath Trail and backcountry trail users only. Drive-up use is not permitted.

***Can I park my vehicle by the Stanford Barn?***

Overnight parking is not allowed in the parking lot by Stanford Barn but persons may unload and load their vehicles there. This parking lot is for day users and for persons staying overnight in the Stanford House who have a permit to park there.

***Where can I park my car?***

Persons may park their vehicles in parking lots adjacent to the Towpath Trail. The distance from these parking lots to the campsites are as follows:

Lock 39 (Rockside Road) to campsites: 10 ½ miles

Canal Visitor Center to campsites: 8 ¾ miles

Station Road to campsites: 4 ¼ miles

Red Lock to campsites: 1 ¾ miles

Boston Store to campsites: ½ mile

Lock 29 to campsites: 3 miles

Hunt Farm to campsites: 6 miles

Ira Trailhead to campsites: 7 ¾ miles

Botzum Trailhead to campsites: 9 ½ miles

A vehicle description and the location where you park your car need to be provided to CVNPA when registering to camp.

\*\*\*Persons are advised to lock their vehicles and take any valuables with them.

***Can we have a campfire?***

Yes, but only in the group fire ring. This is for a warming fire or to toast marshmallows. Firewood is provided in the structure at the Stanford trailhead. Campfires are not allowed at campsites and wood gathering is prohibited in the park. Persons are encouraged to bring a camp stove to cook their meals.

***How many nights can we stay?***

No more than 10 nights per season.

***Can I bring my dog camping with me?***

Yes, dogs are permitted but must be kept under control at all times. They need to be restrained on a leash no more than six-feet long or kept in a tent. You must clean up after your pet.

***Are alcoholic beverages allowed at the campsites?***

No, the possession or consumption of a bottle, can, or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage is prohibited in the park.

***Is there access to electricity and potable water?***

There is no electricity. Drinking water is available from a water tank by the Stanford Barn.

***Are there restrooms?***

Yes, there is a portable toilet by the Stanford barn.

***Do I need a reservation?***

Yes, reservations must be made at least three days in advance by contacting the Conservancy Reservation Coordinator's Office at (330) 657-2909, ext. 119, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more details, visit [www.conservancyforcvnp.org](http://www.conservancyforcvnp.org).

***What if I did not make advance reservations?***

On weekdays from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. only, call 330-657-2909 ext 119 for campsite availability and reservations. On Saturdays and Sundays from 3 - 7 p.m., and on and weekday evenings from 4 - 7 p.m. visit the Stanford House Office for campsite availability and reservations. The Stanford House office is located next to Stanford House and near the campsite entrance (6093 Stanford Road).

***When are the campsites open?***

The campsites are open from May 27 to October 31, 2011.