

# **GREEN MOUNTAIN COUNCIL**

## **Mt. Norris Property Use Update – Opening the Spigot\***

(Camp Sunrise Remains Closed at this Time)

Effective August 20, 2020, Mt. Norris Scout Reservation will re-open under the guidelines and restrictions listed below for the following activities:

- Overnight unit tent camping by Scouts BSA units (no Packs at this time)
- Overnight family tent camping (each family in its own site)
- Day use for outdoor unit or District activities (see also [Scouting Through COVID Top 10: Guidelines for Unit, District and Council Activities](#))

All participants must adhere to Mt. Norris rules, in addition to those listed here.

All must adhere to the guidance provided by the State of Vermont and VT Department of Health published at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/coronavirus-covid-19>.

- These guidelines require physical distancing of at least 6 feet between non-familial members.
- When physical distancing cannot be maintained, individuals shall wear a cloth mask, whether indoors or outdoors.
- Logs must be maintained of all staff, campers, volunteer work parties—everyone on property. The log must include contact information, in the event contact tracing is required by the Health Department.

### Reservations and Check-In

- Access will be restricted to Vermont residents and units.
- All wishing to use the property must reserve in advance by contacting the Council Service Center.
- Sites may be reserved for a maximum of 2 nights/3 days, not to exceed 72 hours. Requests may be made for specific sites, but these may not be honored due to safety procedures.
- There is a limit of 25 people per site.
- There will be a use fee of \$25 per site per night. This fee is nonrefundable for cancellations within 48 hours of check-in time.
- Firewood is available for purchase, and should be ordered at the time of the reservation. No outside firewood may be brought onto the property.
- A signed [Unit Activity Agreement](#) / [Family Use Agreement](#) must be on file at the Council office prior to unit use
- A designated leader must be in charge of any group. That leader must
  - Create a roster of attendees
  - Complete a [GMC Pre-Event Screening Checklist](#) for every individual coming onto camp property
  - Submit the roster and checklists to the Camp Ranger upon check-in at the property
- Once checked in, campers must remain on the property. Any who leave will not be allowed to return. [Exception is crossing the highway to access the trail.]
- No visitors will be allowed.
- All persons on-property must follow any and all directives from the Camp Ranger and/or Campmaster.

## Camp Facilities

- All buildings (including dining hall, kitchen, health lodge, guest restroom, showerhouse, camp offices) and program areas (Rifle, Shotgun, Archery, Waterfront, Climbing Wall, Econ Lodge) remain closed. [Buildings will be made available for emergency storm shelter as ordered by the Camp Ranger.]
- Tents, lean-tos, and cabins will not be available for use.
- Camp program equipment, including but not limited to watercraft and gaga pit, will not be available for use.
- Use of outdoor areas will be permitted, including the outside deck of the Camp Office and the pavilions located at Jay Peak, Handicraft, and First Class Adventure.
- NO SWIMMING allowed.
- Fishing is permitted in the designated fishing area alongside the campfire area. There is NO FISHING in the waterfront/boating areas.
- Launching personal watercraft from the shores of Mt. Norris is not permitted.
- Use of personal firearms or archery equipment is not permitted at Mt. Norris.
- Picnic tables are not to be moved between sites without permission from the Camp Ranger.
- No pets allowed. Service animals specifically trained to aid a person with a disability are welcome.

## Campsites

- All persons on property are responsible for providing and maintaining their own personal protective equipment, e.g., cloth masks.
- Campers must provide their own tents, food and food storage, cooking equipment, and program equipment.
- Tents must be set up 6 feet apart, and each person must have their own tent, unless a family unit.
- Campers must only use the latrine and wash station in their assigned campsite.
- Hand soap will be placed at each wash station by the Camp Ranger. Frequent hand washing must be encouraged.
- All cooking must be in the assigned campsite. Latrine washbasins are not to be used for cleaning cooking equipment.
- Unit leaders are responsible for providing safe and suitable storage of medications.
- Campers must remain away from campsites that are being used by other units or families.
- All trash must leave with the campers. Carry in / Carry out.