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Welcome

Gerald R. Freeman Campground

Sutton Lake



Sutton Lake PO Box 426 Sutton, WV 26601 Manager's Office 1-304-765-2816 FAX 1-304-765-7358 Campground 1-304-765-7756 NRRS 1-877-444-6777 Campground Open: April 25 thru December 2nd Entrance Station Open Memorial Day Weekend Thru Labor Day Weekend

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Family Camping Policies

Gerald R. Freeman Campground at Sutton Lake is operated by the Corps of Engineers as a Family Campground. The following is a summary of campground rules and policies. A complete listing is available from the Park Attendant or Campground Host.

Campsites are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, unless they are reserved through the NRRS. Sites must be reserved at least two nights prior to your arrival.

When you register, you must have your camping equipment with you, and you may only register for one campsite. Sites must be registered to an adult, who is responsible for all activities on the site. The campsite must be occupied each night. A Park Ranger must approve any exceptions to this policy. If you must leave overnight, please contact the Park Attendant, Campground Host, or Park Ranger.

Each campsite is limited to no more than 8 people. One mobile camping unit (trailer, motorhome, van) is permitted on a site. Multiple tents are allowed, so long as the total floor space does not exceed 200 square feet.

Golden Age, Golden Access Passports as well as the America the Beautiful—The National Parks and Recreational Lands Senior and Access Passes are honored at all Sutton Lake campgrounds for a 50% discount. The Senior and Access Passes may be purchased from the National Park Service or the U.S. Forest Service offices in our area. For more information on the Senior and Access Passes go to http://store.usgs.gov/pass/general.html Cardholders MUST occupy the campsite. Golden Mountaineer and other state issued cards are not accepted.

The camping day starts at 6 AM. Please check out or renew no later than 5 PM. Quiet hours are from 10 PM until 6 AM. Noise at any time, which unreasonably annoys others, is prohibited.

Visiting hours are from 6 AM until 10 PM. Visitors must register at the Entrance Station and pay a \$3 Visitor Fee.

If you leave early, you may be entitled to a refund or credit voucher. The Park Attendant will process this when you depart. If the Park Attendant is not on duty, please notify the Campground Host.

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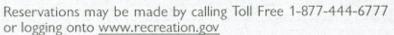
Are YOU eligible for a 50% Discount? Ask the Park Attendant or Campground Host.

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NRRS Facts

The National Recreation Reservation Service, or NRRS is designed to be a One-Stop Shop for Reservations at Corps of Engineers and Forest Service Campgrounds. All reservations at Gerald R. Freeman Campground are made using the NRRS. Approximately one third of the sites at GRF are available on a First-Come, First-Serve basis. Additional first-come, first-serve sites are available at Bakers Run or Bee Run Campground.



Reservations will be taken for visits between Memorial Day and Labor Day Weekends.

Reservations may be made 6 months in advance of your visit, but must be made at least two days before your arrival. For example, if you wish to camp Friday night, you can make a reservation as late as Wednesday.

You may make up to four reservations per call to the Reservation Center. The Resource Manager's Office and the Campground will NOT make reservations in person or by phone.

Weekend reservations must be for at least two nights. Holiday reservations must be for at least three nights.

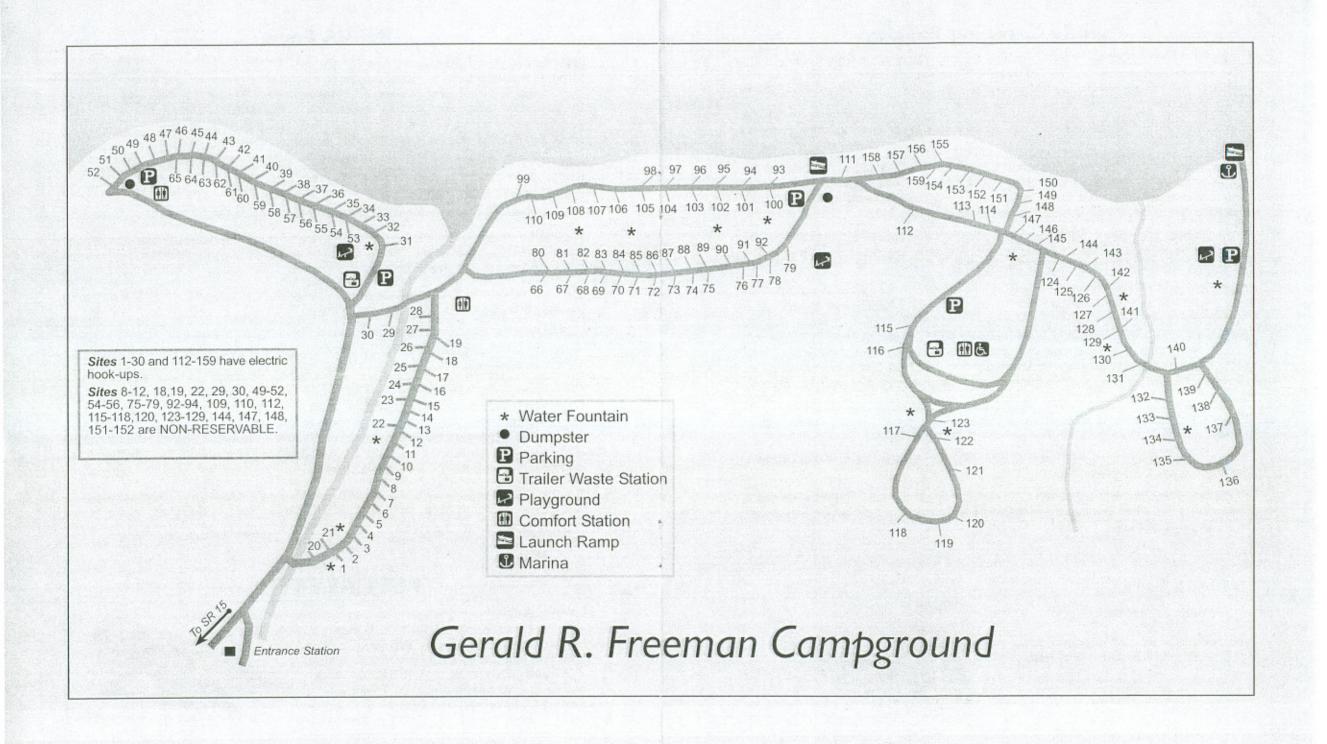
There is no charge for making a reservation. However, if you make any changes to your reservation, such as site changes or date changes, there will be a \$10 service charge. If you cancel your reservation less than 48 hours before check-in, there will be a \$10 service fee plus the first night rent. If you do not show up for a reservation, you will be charged a \$20 service fee plus first night rent. If we change your reservation, due to a flood, for example, there will not be any service charges.

You must pay for your entire stay when you make your reservation. The Reservation Call Center and Internet site will only take bankcards (credit or debit) for reservation.

For more information, please contact the Manager's Office or Park Attendant.

PEST ALERT!

Emerald Ash Borer is the latest insect to threaten our forests. You can help by not bringing FIREWOOD into our park, especially if it's from an INFESTED area. Parts of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and FAYETTE Co. WV are known to be infested. For more information, see a Ranger or check out www.emeraldashborer.info. Thank you for helping us protect our forests.



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We are delighted that you have chosen to visit SUTTON LAKE! Sutton Lake is a US Army Corps of Engineers project, built for flood control, recreation, fish and wildlife management, and water quality. The Corps operates three campgrounds at Sutton Lake, including Freeman Campground. There are also day use areas at Bee Run and the Damsite. These offer picnic shelters, beaches, playgrounds, restrooms, and launch ramps. The Corps also leases 12,000 acres to the DNR as a part of the Elk River Wildlife Management Area. We have plenty of places to picnic, fish, swim, boat, hike, hunt, and just plain have fun!

In Freeman Campground, there are volleyball and basketball nets, horseshoe pits and playgrounds. The Snak Shak located in Lower Freeman, offers boat rentals, laundry machines, a snack bar and game room. During the summer, a variety of special programs and activities are scheduled for most weekends and holidays.

If you want to explore, there are many interesting places in Central West Virginia. The Corps of Engineers has three other lakes – Burnsville, Summersville, and Stonewall Jackson. There are several state and national parks, including Holly River State Park, New River Gorge National Recreation Area, and Monongahela National Forest. Braxton County also has an interesting assortment of shops and restaurants for your enjoyment.

If you have any questions, need directions or additional information, please do not hesitate to check with the Manager's Office, Park Ranger, Park Attendant, or Campground Host. Again, welcome to SUTTON LAKE and HURRY BACK!



PLEASE EXCUSE OUR MESS! We are excited about several improvements that will be coming to Gerald Freeman Campground in the coming months. We apologize for any inconvenience - but we think you will agree that it is worth it! If you make Reservations, please note that CAMPSITE NUMBERS may be DIFFERENT next year - Check the MAP when you make your reservations.

Rules To Keep Things Running Smoothly!

- 1. Motor vehicle operation within the campground is limited to what is necessary for transportation to and from the campsite. Vehicles must be parked on the camping pad or in designated areas. Vehicles must be operated in accordance with posted restrictions and state laws.
- 2. Campers are responsible for their trash and keeping their campsite clean at all times. Trash must be deposited in a dumpster upon departure. Additional trash bags are available from the Park Attendant or Campground Host.
- 3. Pets must be kept on a leash and be physically restrained at all times. Owners are responsible for proper disposal of their pet's waste.
- 4. Campfires are only permitted in fire rings. Wood that is dead and on the ground may be collected for campfires.
- 5. Cutting trees, destruction, defacement, or alteration of public property, including digging or leveling of any ground, is prohibited. Trees are particularly susceptible to damage. Do not cut or break tree branches or drive nails into them. Do not hang lanterns against trees.
- 6. Wastewater not held in holding tanks must be disposed of in the trailer waste dump station.
- 7. Boats must be operated in accordance with all boating safety regulations. The lake at Freeman campground is a NO WAKE ZONE. Do not make WAVES as you motor past the campground. Wear your PFD (Lifejacket)!
- 8. Fishing and Hunting are permitted in accordance with State law. You must be AT LEAST 500 feet from the Campground before you can hunt. Target practice in the campground is prohibited.
- 9. State law requires that anyone UNDER 15 must wear a helmet when riding a bike.
- 10. Possession of loaded firearms is prohibited. Possession of fireworks, including firecrackers is prohibited.
- 11. Possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited at Sutton Lake.



