

Idema Explorers Camp – Facility Rules as of May 14, 2025

All park rules established under Ordinance 94-3 as amended by Ordinance 17-1 are in effect in addition to the following rules for Idema Explorers Camp:

**Rules are subject to change. For the most recent copy of the facility rules click [here](#).*

General Rules:

- No fireworks.
- Smoking or vaping of any substance is prohibited in yurts, treehouses, campsites, bathrooms or any other part of the Idema Explorers Camp. Smoking is permitted in the parking lot.
- Alcoholic beverages are permitted at your campsite, treehouse, or yurt only. However, excessive use or use of any illegal drugs are strictly prohibited. As solely determined by park staff, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, illegal drug use, obscene language, any disrespectful or rowdy behavior will result in immediate eviction without a refund.
- Alcohol is strictly prohibited in the shared use areas of the camp and outside of the camp area.
- Camping is limited to pre-established tent sites, yurts, or treehouses.
- Moving picnic tables from other campsites is prohibited.
- All trash must be deposited in a provided trash can or onsite dumpster. Do not leave trash bags unattended outside as they will attract animals that will make a mess of them.
- The sink in the kitchenette of the 2 or 4 person treehouses and yurts drains only to a gray-water tank. Do not dump liquids other than the provided bottled water down these drains and please clean any dirty dishes in the camp kitchen located in the front of the restroom/shower house.
- Please do not leave the camp area while doing laundry.
- For stays longer than 5 days, a fresh set of linens will be provided on day 5.

Pet Guidelines & Regulations

- Pets are prohibited in any yurt, treehouse, bathroom building, or other on-site park buildings.
- Dogs are permitted in a limited number of tent sites. Please be sure to reserve a pet-friendly site if you plan to bring your dog. There is a maximum of 2 dogs per site.
- Dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times and cannot be left unattended.
- Dog owners must pick up after their pets.
- Disability Service dogs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 are always welcome. Please note that therapy or comfort animals do not qualify for special accommodations under the ADA.

Camp Hours

- Quiet time 10 pm - 7 am.
- Check out time is at 11 am.
- Check in time is at 3 pm.
- Camp office hours are adjusted seasonally; please check the office for updated hours.
- No non-registered guests permitted past 10 pm.

Vehicles, Bicycles & Parking

- 1 vehicle overnight per tent site.
- 2 vehicles per yurt or treehouse.
- Vehicles must be registered by license plate number at check-in.
- No golf carts, ATVs, or other off-road vehicles.
- Bike riding is restricted to paved paths only.
- Bikes should be secured to the provided bike rack overnight and are not allowed at any campsite or deck.

Booking & Cancellation

Booking

- Maximum stay is 10 consecutive nights per tent site, yurt, or treehouse.
- Premium rates are charged on Holidays including Memorial Day (4 days), Independence Day (4 days), Coast Guard Festival (10 days), Labor Day (4 days), Thanksgiving (2 days), Christmas (2 days), New Year's (2 days), Valentine's (1 day), Easter (1 day).
- Weekend rates are in effect on Friday and Saturday nights.

Cancellations

- **Yurts and Tree Houses**
 - Total cancellations made 30 days or more before check-in will be charged a 10% cancellation fee. All other fees refunded. This cancellation may be done in your account online.
 - Total cancellations made less than 30 days before check-in will not receive a refund. This can be done online or by sending an email to ocparks@miottawa.org.
 - Any requests for a change that results in a reduction of the number of nights staying or any change that results in a refund must be submitted in writing to ocparks@miottawa.org.
 - If more than 30 days prior to check-in, the 10% cancellation fee will be calculated and subtracted from the amount paid for the reservation night(s) or add-on(s) that are being cancelled prior to a refund being issued.

Exceptions

- Reservation date changes that do not require a refund may be done for a \$20 rescheduling fee up to 30 days prior to your check-in date by requesting the change in writing via email to ocparks@miottawa.org.
 - Additional nights may be added to an existing reservation at any time online or at the Welcome Center.
- Exceptions will not be offered for weather, illness, death, travel issues, or other extenuating circumstances. If you are concerned about this possibility, we recommend purchasing trip insurance online or through a local agent.
- If the facility is unavailable due to a natural disaster, pandemic, government restriction, or other large-scale problem outside of the control of both Ottawa County Parks and the renter, the renter would be offered a 90% refund of the reservation fee or the reservation may be rescheduled at no additional cost.
- If there is a building maintenance issue (e.g. a fire, plumbing or HVAC issue, etc.) that makes the facility unusable or Ottawa County Parks chooses to cancel the reservation for any reason not listed above, 100% of all fees will be refunded, or the reservation may be rescheduled at no additional cost.

Firewood & Grilling

- Firewood is available for purchase at the camp store. Firewood bundles are \$4.75 each.
- Outside firewood is not allowed due to possible infestation.
- Collecting firewood from the park is prohibited. Fallen deadwood provides a home or nutrients to many plants and animals that live at the park.
- Campfires are permitted in the provided fire rings only, and fires must be completely out before leaving the site or going to bed.
- Propane grills and propane are provided for our yurt and treehouse guests.
- Yurt and Treehouse guests may not bring their own grill.
- Grills, hotplates, and camp stoves are not allowed indoors.
- Tent campers may bring their own grill.
- Hot ashes or spent coals must be deposited into a fire pit.