

**POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE ASSOCIATION
CLEM MILLER ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER**

CAMPFIRE PIT USE PROCEDURES

If you wish to use the CMEEC fire pit, please follow these procedures. If you wish to have a beach campfire, you are legally required to obtain a fire permit from the Bear Valley Visitor Center.

Please Note: You may be held liable for escaped fires and/or any damage or injury incurred.

How to Use the CMEEC Fire Pit

On the day you wish to use the fire pit: contact the Bear Valley Visitor Center at 464-5137 between 9 am to 5 pm and ask if fire permits are being issued.

IF NOT, you may **not** make a fire in the fire pit.

IF SO, please follow these procedures:

1. Assign one responsible adult to be in charge of preparation, monitoring and extinguishing the fire.
2. Use wheelbarrow to transport wood, kindling, shovel and a 5 gallon water jug FULL OF WATER to campfire pit.
3. Build and maintain a small camp fire using paper, kindling and wood only.
4. PLEASE NOTE: Kerosene and other flammable liquids are prohibited. Large bonfires are dangerous; please do not build one.
5. Station a responsible adult near campfire at all time. Keep shovel and water at hand.
6. Set clear ground rules and expectations for all participants regarding safe conduct near fire.
7. When finished, assign at least one responsible adult to extinguish the fire completely by drowning it with water as follows: **Slowly** pour water over the hot coals and stir with shovel. Keep face turned away from the rising steam while pouring. Do not leave the area until fire is completely extinguished.
8. Pack shovel, empty water jug and leftover wood into wheel barrow. Return everything to its proper location.

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE**

CAMPFIRE REGULATIONS

1. During very hot, dry weather conditions, strong winds over 30 mph, or extreme fire danger days, or by order of the Superintendent, fires of any type may not be allowed anywhere in the park. Check at visitor centers for current conditions.
2. Wood fires are allowed only on the beaches within Point Reyes National Seashore. Charcoal fires are allowed in grills provided at the Bear Valley Picnic Area, Drakes Beach, and at backcountry campground sites for permitted campers.
3. Fires must be a minimum of 20 feet in all directions from flammable material, including vegetation, to prevent escape of the fire. Please build the fire below the high tide line. This will reduce the visual impact of your fire after the next tide comes in.
4. No fire shall exceed 36 inches in diameter at its base.
5. The gathering of wood is not allowed anywhere in the park except for natural driftwood (no creosote) found on beaches. All other wood must be brought in from outside the park.
6. Wooden pallets, tires or flammable liquid such as gasoline may not be burned. All metal, such as nails or screws, must be removed from wood before it is brought to the beach.
7. Small portable barbecue grills are allowed on the beach, however, used charcoal should be extinguished with water and transported out of the area for proper disposal.
8. The fire shall be attended at all times by a responsible person until the fire is completely out and the coals are cold.
9. Extinguish your fire completely with water. Slowly pour water onto hot coals and stir with a long stick. Keep your face turned away from the rising steam as you pour. Continue cooling with water until you can feel no heat from the coals with the back of your hand. **Do not cover coals with sand** as it will only insulate the heat and be an unseen danger to visitors and wildlife.