

DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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STAFF DIRECTIVE 99-9

TO: Superintendent of State Parks
Parks Chief Ranger
District Superintendents
Park Superintendents

FROM: Phil McKnelly

SUBJECT: State Parks and Recreation Areas Dump Stations

The division is charged with managing and protecting resources of statewide significance and using those resources to promote pride in and understanding of North Carolina's natural heritage. The need to protect the water resources of the State by appropriately disposing of sewage generated in state parks and recreation areas is an important component of that charge.

Dump stations in the State Parks System are designed to accommodate a specific number of campsites. Therefore, the station(s) in any park should be able to accommodate the demand for use by campers from that park. Use of the dump stations by non-campers, however, may over burden the septic system and cause it to fail.

Since the use of state park campgrounds varies so much from park to park, the superintendent of each park shall have the authority to determine if and when the park dump station will be made available to non-campers. If a park is located near a major highway, or the superintendent has other reasons to feel that their park's dump station may be over burdened, that superintendent may implement a policy prohibiting the use of the facility by any non-camper. If a park's campground is often not filled to capacity, the superintendent may authorize the use of the park's dump station by non-campers during times when the campground and dump station are relatively free from pressure. If a superintendent authorizes the use of the park dump station by non-campers, procedures must be established to clearly define when and how the facilities will be available to non-campers.

When dump stations are made available to non-campers, all parks shall charge the equivalent of one night's camping fee for a recreation vehicle/tent site without hook-ups.

If you have any questions about this policy, contact your district superintendent.

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