

**571—61.8(461A) Rental facilities.****61.8(1) Procedures for rental facility registration.**

a. Registrations for all rental facilities must be in the name of a person 18 years of age or older who will be present at the facility for the full term of the reservation.

b. Rental stay requirements for cabins and yurts.

(1) Except as provided in subparagraphs 61.8(1)“b”(2) and 61.8(1)“b”(3), cabins and yurts may be reserved for a minimum of two nights throughout the entire season.

(2) Cabins and yurts must be reserved for a minimum of three nights (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights) for the national Memorial Day holiday weekend, the Fourth of July holiday weekend when the Fourth of July occurs on a Monday, and the national Labor Day holiday weekend.

(3) The department may require cabins with restroom and kitchen facilities to be reserved for a minimum stay of one week (Friday p.m. to Friday a.m.) during the time period beginning with the Friday of the national Memorial Day holiday weekend and ending with the Thursday after the national Labor Day holiday.

(4) All unreserved cabins, all unreserved yurts and the group camp must be rented for a minimum of two nights on a walk-in first-come, first-served basis. No walk-in rentals will be permitted after 6 p.m.

(5) Reservations or walk-in rentals for more than a two-week stay will not be accepted for any facility.

c. Persons renting cabins, yurts or the group camp facility must check in at or after 4 p.m. on the first day of the rental period. Check-out time is 11 a.m. or earlier on the last day of the rental period.

d. Except by arrangement for late arrival with the park staff, no cabin, yurt or group camp reservation will be held past 6 p.m. on the first night of the reservation period if the person reserving the facility does not arrive. When arrangements for late arrival have been made, the person must appear prior to the park’s closing time established by Iowa Code section 461A.46 or access will not be permitted to the facility until 8 a.m. the following day. Arrangements must be made with the park staff if next-day arrival is to be later than 9 a.m.

e. Except at parks or recreation areas with camping cabins or yurts, no tents or other camping units are permitted for overnight occupancy in the designated cabin area. One small tent shall be allowed at each cabin or yurt in the designated areas and is subject to the occupancy requirements of paragraph 61.3(3)“b.”

f. Open shelters and beach house open shelters that are not reserved are available on a first-come, first-served basis. If the open shelters with kitchenettes are not reserved, the open shelter portions of these facilities are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

g. Except by arrangement with the park staff in charge of the area, persons renting a lodge, shelter, or beach house open shelter facility and all guests shall vacate the facility by 10 p.m.

**61.8(2) Damage deposits for cabins, lodges, open shelters with kitchenettes, and yurts.**

a. Renters shall pay in full a damage deposit equal to the weekend daily or nightly rental fee for the facility or \$50, whichever is greater, by the established deadline for the facility. If a gathering with keg beer takes place in a lodge or open shelter with kitchenette, the damage deposit shall be waived in lieu of a keg damage deposit as specified in 571—subrule 63.5(3) if the keg damage deposit is greater than the lodge or open shelter with kitchenette damage deposit.

b. Damage deposits will be refunded only after authorized personnel inspect the facility to ensure that the facility and furnishings are in satisfactory condition.

c. If it is necessary for department personnel to clean up the facility or repair any damage beyond ordinary wear and tear, a log of the time spent in such cleanup or repair shall be kept. The damage deposit refund shall be reduced by the applicable hourly fee for the time necessary to clean the area or repair the damage and by the cost of any repairs of furnishings.

d. The deposit is not to be construed as a limit of liability for damage to state property. The department may take legal action necessary to recover additional damages.

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