



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CAMPING ON OSSABAW ISLAND

All who visit Ossabaw Island must comply with the island's Heritage Preserve requirements of "natural, scientific or cultural education, research or study." (1978 Heritage Preserve Act) Recreational Camping is not permitted.

Q: What campsites are available on Ossabaw Island?

A: There are three (3) primitive campsites on Ossabaw Island; South End Beach Camp, Middle Place and Shorter Shelter.

Q: What are the differences between the three campsites?

A: Middle Place is the most primitive of Ossabaw Island's campsites. There is not an outhouse, shower facilities or water. Campers must bring all provisions.

South End Beach Camp and Shorter Shelter are equipped with a covered pavilion with tables and benches, a fire ring, and pit latrine (outhouse). Potable water is provided at both campsites. Only South End Beach Camp is equipped with a shower house.

Q: Is transportation to Ossabaw included?

A: No, boat transportation is paid directly to the charter company by your group.

Q: Is there transportation provided from the dock to campsites?

A: Campers are responsible for transporting gear from the dock to the campgrounds. The Ossabaw Island Foundation (TOIF) will provide transportation for an additional \$150. Please contact TOIF to make arrangements.

Q: How far are the campsites from the dock?

A: Distances have lengthened due to hurricane damage.

<u>Campsite</u>	<u>Newell Creek Dock</u>
Middle Place	6.0 miles
South End Beach Camp	3.5 miles
Shorter Shelter	6.0 miles

Q: Are there any restrictions on campfires?

A: Campfires are permitted in designated fire rings only. You may gather dead and downed wood for firewood. In rare instances, fires may be prohibited due to dry conditions.

Q: What considerations should be given to food storage?

A: Be prepared to store or hang all food. Raccoons are common.

Q: Are there trash bins?

A: No, all trash must be removed from the island when you depart. Ossabaw is a wild island, please consider hanging and/or placing trash in closed containers during your stay. Follow "Leave No Trace" principles.



Q: Is the water safe to drink?

A: The water provided is potable water and safe to drink.

Q: What should campers bring?

A: Tent, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, reusable water bottle, cooking utensils, light/portable bowl and utensil(s) first-aid kit, flashlight, headlamp, camping stool, matches and/or lighters, spare batteries, backpack, biodegradable toiletries, toilet paper, comfortable clothes including long pants and shirts for bug protection, hiking shoes/boots, rain jacket, light jacket, pocket knife, sunscreen, sun hat.

Q: Are there bugs on the island?

A: Yes. We suggest visitors bring bug repellent for flies, ticks and mosquitoes and Skin-So-Soft for gnats. Biting insects are part of the coastal ecosystem.

Q: Can we bring bicycles?

A: Yes, if your boat captain is willing to transport your bicycle.

Q: Are fishing and crabbing allowed?

A: Fishing and crabbing are allowed. Each person must have a [Georgia Department of Natural Resources](http://www.gad.state.ga.us/) recreational fishing license to fish or crab.

Q: What items are prohibited on Camping Trips?

A: Prohibited items are guns, pets, and illegal drugs.

Q: Who do I contact for additional information?

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