

# Frequently Used Campgrounds

*Below is a list of frequently used campsites. It is advisable to make reservations far in advance of your trip, particularly for group sites and cabins.*

*Thank you to all trip leaders for contributing to this list.*

*To add to this list, please contact the CKC Chair at [Canoekayak@amc-ny.org](mailto:Canoekayak@amc-ny.org)*

## Cheat River

Teter's Campground  
122 Beach Run Road Albright, WB 26519  
304-329-3626  
At the Cheat canyon put-in. Great place to stay.

## Deerfield River, Massachusetts

1. Savoy Mountain State Forest: <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/western/svym.htm>  
Group site holds 25 campers, 5 cars; close to the Dryway; best to book 6 months to get the group site; If Dryway is releasing on Friday, best to make reservations for Thursday night as well; no water at campground- but the spigot is close
2. Mohawk Trail State Forest: <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/western/mhwk.htm>  
Group site holds 50 (but it's tight); 12 cars allowed; close to Fifebrook take out; no running water at the group site, must carry water in
3. Clarksburg State Park (used for backup): <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/western/clsp.htm>  
No group site, but the campground is clean as are the showers/bathroom; used as a backup if no other camping is available

## Delaware/Mongaup

High Point State Park: <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/highpoint.html>  
We have used the group cabin (sleeps 28) for the instructionals. While costly, it is ideal for cold wet newbies. Book far in advance.

## Gauley River

1. Battle Run Campground: <http://summersvillelakewv.com/reservations-at-battle-run-campground/> 117 sites, flush toilets, Showers, coin laundry, dump station, playground, swim beach and boat ramp. Open April 30-October 17. Corps of Engineers campgrounds are the best, almost all on a lake, (built by the Corps) but most of them are in the western US. Half price with a Golden park pass. All sites are limited to 8 people; no reservations before/after Peak season (last weekend of May through the first week of September). May encounter problems if arriving late. (304)872-3412
2. Mountain Lake Campground: <http://www.mountainlakecampground.com/>  
Near the airport just north of the Upper Gauley River put-in. Offers group campsites for 7 or more people. All names are required when making the reservation. Nice sites. Fairly clean. The

management can be strict making settling up / checking in. Rates are a base rate for the first 7 people and then an additional \$8/person/night. Group Rate:\$46 - \$75 (Dependent on time of year). 1-877-686-6222. 1898 Airport Road Summersville, WV 26651

3. Summersville Lake Retreat: <http://www.summersvillelakeretreat.com/>  
Close to the put in of the Upper Gauley. Clean. 888-872-5580
4. Put In at the Upper Gauley: Free camping at the put-in for the Upper Gauley. First come, first served. Probably an easy solution for non-Gauley season.

**Pies & Pints** (not camping, but worth the trip)

Pies & Pints: <http://www.piesandpints.net/locations/fayetteville-wv/>; Best Pizza in West Virginia. May be a long wait but it's worth it. 219 West Maple Avenue Fayetteville, WV 25840; 304-574-2200.

Sunday - Thursday

**11:30 am - 10:00 pm**

Friday & Saturday

**11:30 am - 11:00 pm**

## Esopus

Sleepy Hollow Campground: Call Wyatt Gale: 845-688-5471

You can use this campground as the takeout to the Esopus if camping there. It is clean and the showers are decent. The leader pays up front, but the fee is per person/per night.

## Hudson River Gorge

Lake Durant: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/24473.html>. No group sites, but location is about 10 miles from put in to the Indian. Beautiful lake, but book early to get lakefront sites.

## Lehigh River, Pennsylvania

1. Mauch Chunk: <http://www.carboncounty.com/park/>  
Use this if running the lower sections of the Lehigh. Two group sites to choose from. Camp store. Cheap firewood on the way in on East White Bear Drive. Showers exist, there is hot water, but do not expect comfort.
2. Hickory Run: <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/hickoryrun/>  
Use this for the Upper Lehigh camping. Primitive group sites (very primitive), but you can piece together a few individual sites to make a nicer group site. Showers near the office are clean; hot water plentiful.

## Salmon River

Stony's: <http://www.salmonriver.net/>

## West River

1. Jamaica State Park: <http://www.vtstateparks.com/htm/reservations.htm>  
This is the campground at the take-out. It gets overwhelmingly crowded on release weekend. Best to book as soon as possible. Sites 35-41 give paddlers prime river access, but there are nicer sites in the campground. There are also lean-tos on the river (if the hurricane did not wipe

them out). The park generally sets aside campsites for paddlers, making them unavailable to rent, via the online registration system; if this seems to be the case, call the campground directly.

2. Townshend State Park: <http://www.vtstateparks.com/htm/townshend.htm>  
This is used by paddlers as a back-up for the West. It is approximately 10-15 miles from the put-in.

## **Youghiogheny River**

Tall Oaks Campground: <http://talloakscampground.com/>

Book the 'group site' near the pavilion (electricity). Water spicket next to the pavilion. 8 miles from the lower Yough put in. It is a per person/per camper fee that is paid upon the camper's arrival. Different options for showering (free at the put in of the lower Yough; at the campground it ranges from \$0.25 cents - \$1.50- length and privacy of the showers explain the difference).

## **Tohickon Creek**

Nockamixon State Park: <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/nockamixon/#cabins>

There are nice cabin rentals at this park. Better rates are given to county residents. Book EARLY; these cabins fill up quickly. Alternatively, many paddlers sleep in the parking lot of the takeout.