



Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association
Common Ground Country Fair (CGCF)
Camping Information, Policy, and Rules

When available, we offer the option to camp in designated camping areas to eligible volunteers, Planning Team members (Area Coordinators, MOFGA Board), MOFGA staff and exhibitors on a first come, first serve basis.

Who is eligible to camp:

- Volunteers
 - One night of camping for each 4-hour shift
- Planning Team members
 - Coordinators who are actively volunteering may begin to camp on the first day of Fair Set-up through the last day of Fair Clean-up.
- Contracted, Current Vendors/Exhibitors in good standing
 - Available for September 21 - September 25, 2023
- Contracted, Current Livestock Exhibitors
 - Available for September 20 - September 25, 2023
- MOFGA Staff Members

Camping locations & types:

- South Volunteer & Exhibitor Camping – tent, car, units 20' or less , 3 RV
 - For volunteers, Planning Team members, MOFGA Staff, exhibitors
- Exhibitor's Booth – tent, sleeping bag
 - Exhibitors only
- North Coordinator Camping – tent only
 - Planning Team members & MOFGA Staff
- West Coordinator Extended Stay Camping – tent only
 - Planning Team members*, shift volunteers*, MOFGA Staff*
- Access Road Coordinator Camping – units 20' or less
 - Planning Team members*, shift volunteers*, MOFGA Staff*
- Small Livestock Camping – tent, limited space for units 20' or less
 - Maine Fiber Farms exhibitors with livestock*
 - Livestock Exhibitors with sheep, goats, rabbits, or poultry*
- Livestock Camping – Contact Coordinator with specific needs.
 - Livestock Exhibitors with large livestock – equines, cattle*

*Pre-approval of Coordinator required.



All campers must abide by the following Camping Rules:

- All sites do not have running water or electricity.
- All campers must sign up for a camping spot by using the [online Camping Pre-registration form](#).
- Campers must camp in the designated camping areas. There is no camping allowed in the parking lots.
- Campers who are under the age of 18 must have a parent, or guardian, 21 years of age or older, onsite.
- Campers may not engage in illegal activity on the Fairgrounds or MOFGA grounds.
- Pets are absolutely forbidden on Fairgrounds and in the camping areas.
- No unauthorized campfires.
- Cooking is only allowed in the designated areas with 1 lb propane or butane cylinders. No solid fuel may be used without permission of the Fair Office. Any participant using cooking equipment must have an appropriate fire extinguisher with them.
 - The approved Designated Cooking areas are in South Camping, between the North Coordinator Camping and the Bike area, near the Rabbit Barn area, and in the Livestock area near the Maintenance shop. These areas are designated by signage.
- Campers must stay on marked paths in the North & West Coordinator Camping areas to minimize impact.
- Use port-a-potties or Common Thrones in the camping areas. Do not go to the bathroom in the woods.
- Quiet time is from 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m.
- Volunteers not actively volunteering between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. must stay off the Fairgrounds.
- Common Ground Country Fair assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen items.
- Members of the CGCF Safety Team are authorized to ask volunteers for identification in the form of their volunteer shift registration. Safety Team members represent the CGCF and MOFGA in determining whether certain persons and/or their conduct is permitted to be on the Fairgrounds. Any person not abiding by established Fair guidelines may be asked to leave the fairgrounds by the Safety Coordinator in charge, MOFGA Staff or a Waldo County Deputy.
- Campers must take gray water to the Compost and Recycling area.
- Generators may not be used unless specifically permitted in a camping area's rules and guidelines.
- Please carry out what you carry in.

Please note: The Common Ground Country Fair has limited land resources and assigns camping spots on a first come, first serve basis. In the event that the campgrounds are full, campers will be directed to nearby camping areas. These areas are listed on the Camping and Accommodations webpage on MOFGA.org.

Camping Areas' Specific Rules & Guidelines

South Volunteer & Exhibitor Camping Area

- Primarily tent camping
- Limited camping in your vehicle
- Limited availability – 20' or less unit parking/camping
 - The 20' must include any extensions, any longer and the unit is deemed a RV size.
- 3 lottery RV spaces – 24-26' unit parking/camping*
 - You must be a current exhibitor or pre-registered volunteer who is scheduled to work 3 shifts to enter the lottery.
 - The lottery is September 1-15th. To enter, follow the link on the Vendor & Applications webpage on mofga.org.
 - We cannot park your RV. The owner must be able to park their own unit to be eligible.
 - Please keep in mind that the RVs in the three lottery spaces must remain in place for the duration of the Fair and arrive by early Thursday. They will not be able to move until we have cleared space after the Fair.
- If you are a volunteer, your volunteer shift registration confirmation is required as proof of your eligibility to camp when you check-in.
- All eligible campers must register with the South Camping Coordinators and camp and/or park in the space they designate.
- No camping or camping equipment in the woods, including hammocks. Hammocks are allowed in the field area only with self-supporting stands.
- If you elect to sleep in your vehicle, you must check-in with the South Volunteer & Exhibitor Camping Coordinators and park where directed.
 - **Cars may not be parked next to tents. Similarly, no tents may be set-up next to the camping units or RVs.**
- Space in the camping areas is limited. There is no room for awnings, tables, or furniture sets. Please leave these in your vehicle or at home.
- Please help us make the Fair a Clean-Air event. We strongly discourage generators in the South Volunteer & Exhibitor Camping Area. If approved by the Camping Coordinators, generators may be run between 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM.

North Coordinator Camping Area

- Small Tents - 10x10' or less
- Approved campers may set up between 8:00 a.m. and dusk only.

Exhibitor's Camping in their Booth

- Primarily sleeping bags
- Small Tents that fit into the contracted space
- All camping gear must be put away by 8:45 a.m. each day.

West Coordinator Extended Stay Camping Area

- Primarily tent camping
- All campers must be pre-approved by the West Coordinator Extended Stay Camping Coordinator, Jenny Jacques.
- Contact the Coordinator at jennydandelion@yahoo.com to inquire about availability.
- Approved campers may set up between 8:00 a.m. and dusk only.

Access Road Coordinator Camping Area

- Limited tent camping
- Limited camping in your vehicle
- Limited availability – 20' or less unit parking/camping
- All campers must be pre-approved by the Access Road Coordinator, Jenny Jacques.
- Contact the Coordinator at jennydandelion@yahoo.com to inquire about availability.

Small Livestock Exhibitor Camping Area

- Limited tent camping
- Limited camping in your vehicle
- Limited availability – 20' or less unit parking/camping
- All campers must be contracted to exhibit small livestock at the Fair.
- Contact Michelle DeLucia at sunshinedaydreamfarm@gmail.com to inquire about availability.

Large Livestock Exhibitor Camping Area

- Declare space needs on Livestock application
- Contracted livestock exhibitors must declare intentions to camp on their application or fill out the [online Camping Pre-registration form](#) with the dimensions of their unit. These exhibitors will then be assigned a space near the livestock area based on their needs and land availability.
- Please help us make the Fair a Clean-Air event. We strongly discourage generators in the Large Livestock Camping Area. If approved by the Camping Coordinator(s), generators may be run between 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM.

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