

# Gilson Pond Campground

## Remote Camping Information

### About the Remote Sites

Gilson Pond Campground offers 5 seasonal remote campsites that are not located within the main campground. Each site has a 1-2 tent platforms and a picnic table. The trail to the remote sites is also used as a X-C ski trail in the winter therefore is marked by both yellow disks and blue blaze markers.

### Facilities, Services and Amenities

Drinking water is not available at any remote site. Campers can fill portable water containers at the main campground. Water faucet is located at the bottom of the B loop, at the start of the remote site trail.

Chum toilets (outhouse style toilet with three partial sides and a roof) are located between sites R1 and R2, near R3, and between R4 and R5. Toilet paper is not provided. Showers and flush toilets are accessible at main campground.

Overnight parking area for remote sites can accommodate 1 car per site. Larger vehicles or additional vehicles can park in upper parking lot. For sites 4 and 5 there is an unloading and loading (only) temporary parking in the lower field.

### About the Policies

- All campers must check in with staff upon arrival between 1pm-8pm.
- No more than 4 adults permitted to stay at each site.
- Pets are not permitted at Monadnock State Park.
- Fires are only permitted at site R2. Campfires are strictly prohibited at every other remote campsite. Campers at site R2 are permitted to use tree debris from the floor of the forest. Standing trees, whether alive or not, should never be touched. All wood used in the fireplace should fit securely in the fireplace when used. Fire should be extinguished when not attended.
- Firewood is a major carrier of exotic insects and tree diseases. It is unlawful to bring firewood from out-of-state locations. (RSA 227-K:17)
- All sites are hike-to and campers are responsible for policing their site (leave no trace).
- Propane stoves are permitted.
- Human waste and toilet paper are the only items allowed in the chums, no garbage or food scraps.

### For Your Safety

Do not invite wildlife into the campground or to your campsite. Keep a clean site, dispose of food waste properly, and secure all food and heavily scented items in your vehicle at night. Coolers left out are easily opened by raccoons or destroyed by bears.

### Making a Reservation

Remote sites are available by reservation only and not for walk ins (first come, first serve). Reservations can be made by calling 603-532-2416 or 603-532-8862.

### Remote Site Descriptions

**Site 1:** 2 minutes from parking area, 2 platforms, set up against a rock wall and is mostly level, no fires allowed, camper noise from loop B may be heard at this site.

**Site 2:** 5 minutes from parking area, 2 platforms, stone fireplace (fires allowed), nearby stream can be noisy, chum is located on the opposite side of trail, just out of view of the site

**Site 3:** 15 minutes from parking area, 1 platform, no fires allowed, only site with a chum that may not need to be shared.

**Site 4:** 18 minutes from parking area, 2 platforms are about 20' apart just out of view of each other, a small boulder field separates platforms, no fires allowed, site sits at the top of the end of the ravine.

**Site 5:** 20 minutes from parking area, 2 platforms, no fires allowed, overlooks a deep, forested ravine, convenient access to the Pond Loop Trail and Birchtoft Trail.

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