



Mississippi Headwaters Hostel

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Mississippi Headwaters Hostel Orientation & Packing Suggestions 2010

Thank you for choosing to stay with us in Itasca State Park. We really appreciate your business. Here is a brief orientation and a few suggestions to make your stay go smoothly.

Payment: Payment may be made by cash, personal check or Mastercard/Visa credit cards.

Deposit: A deposit is required to hold your reservation at the hostel. Payable by check or credit card.

Cancellation: Cancellations must be made within 45 days for groups (10 or more people) and 48 hours for individuals/families. Failure to cancel within those guidelines will result in you being charged for the total of the first nights stay.

No Show Policy: Not showing for a reservation will result in being charged for the first nights stay.

Hostel Customs

Hostels are based on a spirit of community and shared space. Whether you are an individual traveler, a family or a group staying at the hostel, we urge you to interact with those around you and to be mindful of the other guests at the hostel. Our guests help us to keep the hostel pristine by cleaning up after themselves and sharing in hostel chores before leaving. Please ask the manager if you care to assist in hostel upkeep.

Bedrooms & Beds

There are **six bedrooms** in the hostel, each with either 4, 5 and 6 beds to a room. All beds in the hostel are twin size bunk beds. There are 31 beds total. The hostel provides pillows and blankets for all of the beds.

Linens & Bath Towels

We provide linens and a towel for individuals and families. For groups of 10 or more people there is a laundry surcharge of \$5 per individual for linens and a towel. Groups may choose to bring their own linens to avoid this fee. **Please note: Sleeping bags are allowed during winter months, October 1st – April 1st.**

Bathrooms

There are 3 bathrooms in the hostel. The bathrooms are cleaned often and are equipped with toilet paper and air hand dryers. **Guests should provide their own toiletries.** There are plug-ins for hair dryers, etc.

Kitchen & Cookware

The kitchen is equipped with pots, pans, bakeware, pancake griddle, coffeemakers, cooking utensils, toasters, silverware, dishes and dish towels. The kitchen also has one microwave oven, two stoves, and two refrigerators with freezers. **In short, the hostel provides everything you will need to prepare and eat your meals.** Just bring the food.

Internet: We have free Wi-Fi internet for all guests to use. However, there is no TV or radio.

Other Notes

- The hostel has central air conditioning, forced air heat and one fireplace.
- **Park Permits are required to enter Itasca State Park.** Fees are \$5 daily, \$25 annual.
- There is no smoking or pets allowed in the hostel.
- Itasca Sports Rental is across the road from the hostel: see www.itascasports.com
- Due to park regulations, you must purchase firewood from the park if you wish to have a fire in the fireplace at the hostel. **We do not sell wood at the hostel.**

Packing Suggestions – consider packing the following:

- Bath towel, bed sheets + pillowcase (sleeping bags allowed October 1st – April 1st)
- Toiletries and slippers or flip flops for indoor use
- Food, cooler, specialty cookware if needed (i.e. wok, wafflemaker, etc.)
- Charcoal, lighter fluid, matches/lighter, newspaper for outdoor grill if you wish to grill
- Lawn chairs, yard games, board games, books
- Bicycles, fishing gear, hiking gear, birding gear, camera, insect repellent, sunscreen

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