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Emmet County Parks Department Launches New Online Reservation System

Emmet County Parks and Recreation Department kicked off the 2021 season with a new online reservation system for all of its parks.

The new system, which launched on Jan. 26, allows the public to quickly reserve a campsite, cabin, and the recreation hall at Camp Petosega, then complete the process by paying with a credit or debit card online. The average time that each customer has spent online making the reservation is 6-8 minutes.

In the first 24 hours, the system processed over 300 reservations and has continued to operate smoothly so far.

“We’re really happy with how well the system has handled the early surge of reservations,” said Ryan Bauman, director of Emmet County Parks and Recreation. “With a limited staff most of the year, the online system allows the public to make reservations at their convenience while at the same time it frees up the staff to work on projects inside the parks that will continue to enhance the experience of visitors.”

In addition to the getting your Pickerel Lake vacation trips taken care of online, the new system also handles online reservations for the waterfront guest house and the stargazing house at the Headlands International Dark Sky Page as well as the cottage next to McGulpin Point Lighthouse.

Groups or individuals looking to rent buildings on the Emmet County Fairgrounds or the Headlands’ Waterfront Event Center will also be able to use the online system to make reservations.

County administrator Mike Reaves said, “I commend the effort of county staff from several departments who worked collaboratively to bring the new reservation system online this year. I’m confident the online reservation system will be a welcome feature for those eager to get their vacation plans set and for our parks department staff who can now spend more time out in the park.”

Access to the online reservation system is available on any of the park websites or go to <https://emmetcounty.org/parks-recreation/>.

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