

Food Storage Regulation

(Excerpt from pages 11-12 of Smith River State Park Biennial Rule)

- B. To minimize human-bear and other wildlife conflicts and thereby provide for public safety the following food, garbage and attractant storage regulations are established for Smith River State Park and River Corridor from March 1 to December 1 annually:
- i. During daytime hours Smith River floaters and other recreationists in Smith River State Park must store all food, garbage, and other attractants in a bear-resistant manner using one or more of the following methods, at all times except when in immediate use and/or when attended:
 - Secured in a portable bear resistant container, portable electric fence, or other storage device or system approved for such use by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC).
 - Suspended at least 10 feet vertically above the ground and four feet horizontally from the trunk of a tree or other upright support that a bear could climb. Cutting, limbing, nailing into or otherwise damaging trees and/or constructing a fixed device is prohibited.
 - Secured inside a hard-sided vehicle, camping unit or towed unit (applicable at Camp Baker and Eden Bridge only).
 - ii. During nighttime hours, all Smith River floaters and other recreationists in Smith River State Park (including all designated boat camps) must store all food, garbage, and other attractants in a bear-resistant manner using one or more of the following methods, at all times except when in immediate use:
 - Secured in a portable bear resistant container, portable electric fence, or other storage device or system approved for such use by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC).
 - Suspended at least 10 feet vertically above the ground and four feet horizontally from the trunk of a tree or other upright support that a bear could climb. Cutting, limbing, nailing into or otherwise damaging trees and/or constructing a fixed device is prohibited.
 - Secured inside a hard-sided vehicle and/or camping unit or towed unit (applicable at Camp Baker and Eden Bridge only).
- C. All approved food and attractant storage methods or equipment must be installed and/or utilized in accordance with manufacturer's specifications.
- D. Attractants (including food, food leftovers, food residue, grease, etc.) shall not be buried, discarded, deposited in pit toilets or burned or deposited in the fire grate or open fire.
- E. All garbage and refuse, including food, food leftovers, food residue, grease, etc.) must be properly attended or stored as referenced above and must be packed out.
- F. Food and attractant storage regulations shall be prominently signed and posted and shall be included in the terms and conditions for Smith River float permits.

Definitions – Food Storage Regulation

Attractant – any nourishing substance, which includes human food and drink (canned, solid, or liquid), unwashed cookware containing food residue, fish and fish entrails, game carcasses, garbage, toiletries, cosmetics or other odorous substances.

Attended – at least one adult person (attendee) is physically present within 100 feet of food and attractants during daytime hours.

Attendee – an adult (18 years of age or older) in the physical presence of food and other attractants.

Immediate Use – means transporting, organizing, preparing, cooking, serving, eating, washing cooking equipment and or otherwise handling or using food and attractants.

Daytime hours – ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset.

Nighttime Hours – ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise.