

Camp Greilick Operations and Management Plan

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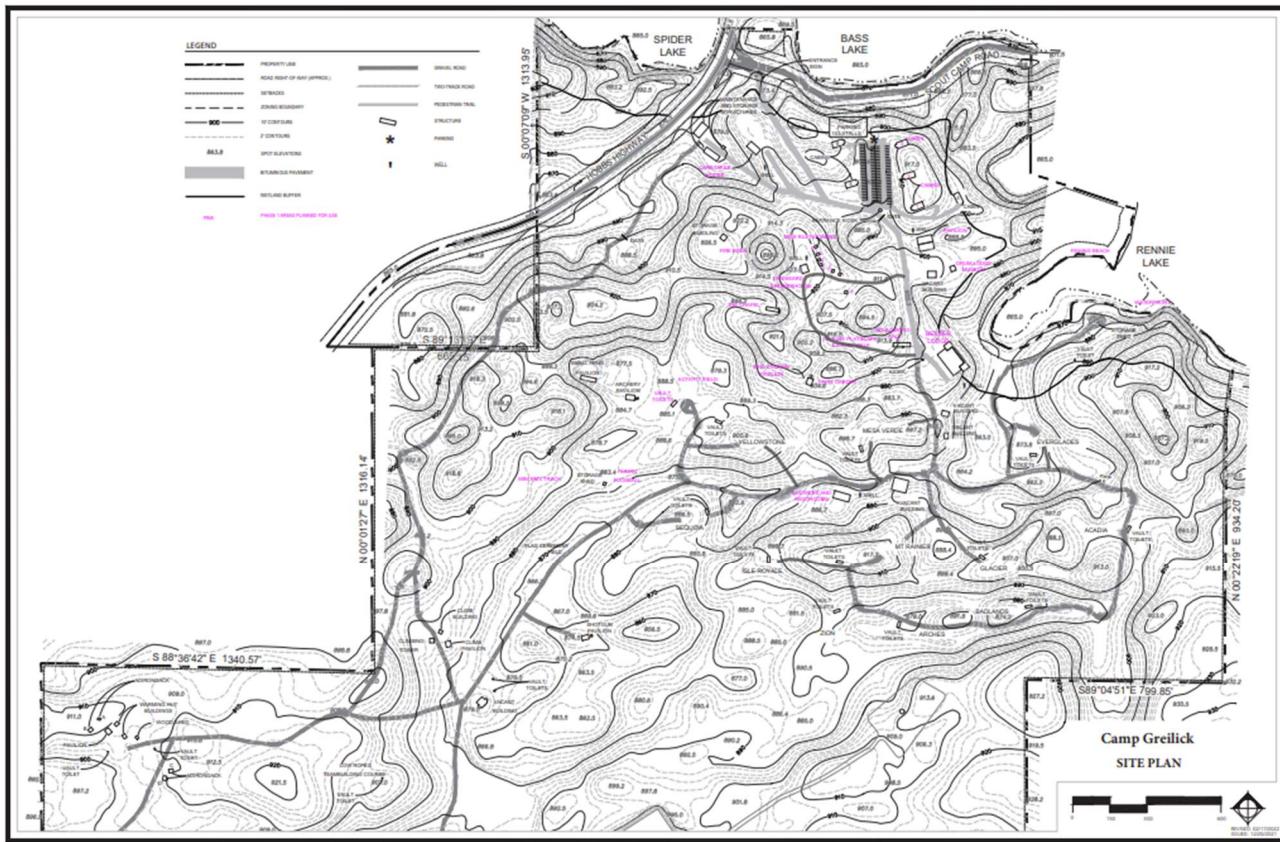
1. Summary

The vision for Camp Greilick as a public county park is to provide a space for outdoor education and recreation. This mirrors the location's historic and long-standing use as a Boy Scout camp. In recognition of this, fee structures and reservation timelines detailed below are set up to heavily favor those uses. However, the county does not preclude or prevent other forms of recreation such as family gatherings, group outings, homeowner association meetings, etc. This is consistent with other county parks in that individuals and entities can reserve spaces for their enjoyment. Management practices and capacity limitations on private events have been identified to ensure that a positive park experience for all is preserved and that there are no spillover effects to the surrounding community. Public parks and their accessory uses are permitted in the Lakes Area district. The County reserves the right to conduct any activities that fall within typical park functions/accessory uses and that can be contained and managed on property as part of normal day-to-day operations.

Historic uses of Camp Greilick have included:

- Overnight camping (approximately 200 campers per week plus staff)
- A variety of outdoor skills activities including paddling, archery, shooting skills, orienteering
- A variety of recreational activities including bouldering wall, climbing tower, zip line, BMX, human foosball, disc golf, swimming, fishing
- Programming and rentals at the Chapel and Besser Lodge
- Ceremonies, skits, and family gathering nights at the Fire Bowl
- High school sports and band camps
- Corporate, municipal, church group, and youth group retreats

This Site Plan Review Application encompasses programming uses, public amenities, and the usage of buildings detailed on the following pages and shown on the map on page 3 (larger map in accompanying application packet).



1a. Programming

GTCPR has limited staffing to implement programming such as environmental and outdoor education. We rely heavily on leveraging community partnerships to meet those needs. We have had preliminary conversations with existing partners, and many are interested in opportunities such as day camps or intermittent programming. These partnerships also provide additional continuous surveying of park operations and emerging issues. As soon as the park is open, the conversations around programming engagements shift from tentative ideas to dates certain.

- **Outdoor skills and recreation:** Will include orienteering, wilderness survival and first aid, shelter building, foraging, knot tying, backcountry cooking, Leave No Trace principles, learn to fish classes, geocaching, art/theater programs, paddlecraft, outdoor fitness/yoga, and water filtration. MSU Extension has provided a letter of support to confirm their interest in running this programming.
- **Environmental education:** Guided nature hikes similar to those available at the Natural Education Reserve and GTRLC locations, gardening and native plant species identification, broader ecosystem education, regional geology, native animal species and habitats/flora and fauna, wildlife encounters and education, and birding.

- **Youth day camp:** Local partners could include The Grand Traverse Conservation District, Norte, Human Nature School, Safer Kids Safer Schools, YMCA, TC Phil Community Music School, Greenspire, and Woodland School. We welcome other partners in this arena as youth activities and childcare are widely recognized as an area of need, particularly in this part of the county.

Programming and registration will be managed directly by Grand Traverse County using our online registration system, or in the case of day camps via the provider's existing system with parameters agreed upon by both GTCPR and the programming partner.

Program delivery will occur primarily through subcontracted delivery partners. Managing program registration allows the department to control the payment process, manage registration numbers, set participant and subcontracted instructor/leader expectations, and manage fees for programs. Resident and non-resident rates will be used for programming fees.

1b. Public Amenities

These amenities will be made available as volunteer or subcontracted work is available to complete needed improvements. General public use amenities are available anytime the park is open, with no reservations required. Other small "pocket amenities" may be added as opportunities present themselves.

- **Hiking**

Initially this will be a < 1 mile trail parallel to the Rennie Lagoon. The trail, designed by the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy (GTRLC), can be accessed from the main parking lot. Additional trail routes will be built upon existing networks and signed.

- **Biking**

The Northern Michigan Mountain Bike Association is currently contemplating possible routes, in cooperation with GTRLC. The trail will be accessed from the main parking lot. Timeline is dependent on volunteer availability to build and sign the trail.

- **Winter trail sports**

Existing two-track will be available for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing; these are just past the main parking lot. Grooming may be available at a future date.

- **Disc golf**

An existing disc golf course has been slightly reconfigured in partnership with GTRLC and Aloft Disc Golf to improve both playability and conservation of natural areas. The course begins just past the main parking lot and traverses the camp area over 18 holes. There is minimal tree removal and trimming associated with this. Wood tee pads have been removed and replaced with concrete pads. These pads are considered “developed space” per the conservation easement and will count toward total available developable space allotted in the easement.



A disc golf management plan has been approved by the GTRLC per easement requirements. The disc golf course will be available for public play and may also accommodate tournaments with up to 72 participants each (18 holes x 4 players per hole).

- **Bouldering wall**

An existing bouldering wall is located on “wood chip hill” about 0.1 mile from the parking lot on a main trail. This wall does not require any type of ropes or belaying. We are reviewing the structure for soundness prior to opening.



- **Mud kitchen, story walk, fairy garden and nature playscape**

Mud kitchens offer a way for children to interact with nature and their surroundings in a hands-on way and focuses on using items found in nature rather than playing in a built environment or typical playground structure. These amenities do not currently exist but would be easy to add along wood chip hill.



Representative pictures are shown. These amenities would be rotated seasonally.

- **Beach and water access**

The existing waterfront swimming beach, located just past Besser lodge on the south side of Rennie Lagoon, has been recently cleaned up by an alumni volunteer group. Fishing will be permitted on the north side of the lagoon (accessed by the lagoon loop trail mentioned above) and there will be a bait/line collection tube in place. The swimming beach is not staffed with a lifeguard- signage will indicate this. A rescue ring will be installed at water access points.



Additional attention to life safety and emergency vehicle access has been given to this area per discussions with GT Metro Fire.

- **Orienteering course**

There is an existing orienteering course for which information is being gathered. The existing course is located on county property and property under contract with the City of Traverse City.



- **Human foosball**

An existing human foosball course has been recently refreshed by a local volunteer group. The court is about a half mile walk from the parking lot.



- **Mini BMX track (Future)**

Just over a half mile from the parking lot there is an existing small pump-style track that needs to be refreshed. It is currently overgrown but work could be easily completed by a volunteer group.



- **Drum Lodge Museum (Future)**

Near the pavilion, this building was formerly the home of the head of the Chippewa Band Peter Ringnose. It currently houses Order of the Arrow Scout memorabilia. It could re-open with docents in place.

1c. Rental Spaces

- [Pavilion](#)
- [Group Cabins for day or overnight use](#)
- [Semi-Rustic Cabins](#)
- [Fire Bowl](#)
- [The Chapel](#)
- [Besser Lodge](#)

2. Infrastructure Improvements In Progress and Planned

- All roads throughout the property are to be maintained to the specifications of GT Metro Fire for emergency vehicle access. Locations for additional gravel (approximately 1,000 square yards) in sandy patches have been identified and are in the process of being filled. Additionally, trees have fallen blocking vehicle access to certain areas of the

property and branches have encroached blocking visibility. Roadways are being cleared and trimmed to a 12-foot wide by 16-foot-high dimension as requested (20 feet for designated fire lanes). Work done has been reviewed and approved by the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy and is consistent with the conservation easement.

- The waterfront area (swimming beach) has old sections of docks, boat hangers, rafts, decking and a storage shed from Boy Scout merit badge programs. These are all in the process of being disassembled and removed to bring the waterfront back to its natural state. One section of boardwalk with its benches and rinsing station will remain for people to rinse after swimming.
- The Chapel received a general yard debris cleanup of leaves and fallen branches. A pressure washer will be used to clean the cement sitting platforms from moss and dirt. The wooden check steps down into the chapel are decaying and will be replaced with fresh timbers for walking safety and aesthetic. There are also two rooms within the chapel that will need to be cleaned, doors serviced, and electrical system inspected.
- Besser Lodge is in decent condition with routine cleanup and maintenance needed. Safety railings will be added to the two exterior patio spaces. Restrooms will be renovated and the kitchen is planned to be reduced to a prep space. When the kitchen is downsized and as appliances are removed, care will be taken to terminate electric/gas lines in conformance with GT Metro Fire standards.
- The Fire Bowl received a general yard debris cleanup of leaves and fallen branches. Branches have fallen and broken large chunks of the wooden perimeter fence that lines the standing room above the bowl. The rest of this fence will be replaced with fresh timbers. Several small sections of the bench seating have warped and will be fixed to level out the seating.
- Wooden steps into Cabins 1, 2 and 3 have been replaced with fresh lumber and evened out to create an easier walking surface and improve the aesthetics around the cabins and parking lot. Work done has been reviewed and approved by the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy and is consistent with the conservation easement.
- The Human Foosball court has had the following work done: repairs made to broken or cracked boards, sanding and staining the court boards, raking out and trimming vegetation that has started to grow within the court, replace missing hardware and adding new plastic sleeves over the cables that players hold onto. This is to help preserve the longevity and safety of the court.
- The bouldering wall is below height threshold for outside certification but will be inspected for any damage and safety along with tightening or adjusting rock holds.
- The Mini BMX track is to be re-graded/cleared of vegetation, to allow for safety and usability of the track.
- The disc golf course will see some reroutes to avoid areas of thicker ground vegetation and to remain in compliance with the conservation easement on the property. Concrete tee pads have been installed for permanent throwing platforms to start each hole. Benches, signs, and garbage cans will be added along the course. Some minor branch trimming and removal of dangerous overheard trees and branches has taken place to maintain player safety on the course. This plan has been reviewed and approved by the

Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy and is consistent with the conservation easement.

- Hiking trails are being designed with the support of the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy with the intention of mitigating erosion and helping to eliminate social and/or unsustainable hiking paths throughout the property. Trails may merge with the city owned property to the south and with the Brown Bridge Quiet Area to create a larger trails system in the area, subject to that property's acquisition and desire to connect.
- Biking trails will be designed with the support of the Northern Michigan Mountain Biking Association with the intention of avoiding user conflict on trails throughout the property. Biker and hiker safety along with erosion mitigation will be factored into new trail construction location.
- The perimeter fencing around the small arms and archery ranges was almost completely knocked down from trees and branches falling on it. The fence has been re-built and marked with shooting range signs and flagging tape. The ranges will not be open for use in the phases currently seeking approval but environmental hazards have been identified in these areas so access is limited for safety reasons.
- Signs along roads, buildings and trails from previous property owners will be removed and replaced with new county signs.
- For all facilities that have water, electric, propane or other utilities, inspection and testing will take place along with necessary repairs before those facilities are opened. The Grand Traverse County facilities team will do testing and repairs as needed. Water samples will be tested from all wells and buildings in accordance with county regulations.

3. Life Safety and Law Enforcement Needs

Emergency vehicle access will be signed and maintained per GT Metro Fire specifications. Plowed access along paved roads and from the parking lot to Besser Lodge will be maintained year-round. Camp Greilick will maintain a Knox Box and padlock access per GT Metro Fire standards to ensure emergency access to all buildings and grounds.

Trail signage and waypoints are being modeled after Vasa Singletrack to ensure consistency and easy integration with 911 Central Dispatch protocols.

Park staff will work with 911 Dispatch to ensure the listing of prominent points of interest and use within the park appear in their system to allow accurate dispatching of personnel.

The Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office has confirmed that they will respond to calls for ordinance violations including noise complaints per their standard operating procedure for call prioritization. In examination of park operations at current county parks, no pattern or high frequency of calls to law enforcement have been observed. The following is the County Park Rule on Enforcement Officers:

Section 3. Enforcement Officers. The Grand Traverse County Sheriff and deputies are authorized as local enforcement officers of these park rules at all parks, except at Civic Center Park, where Traverse City police have jurisdiction. At Natural Education Reserve, Grand Traverse Conservation District personnel are also authorized to enforce these park rules.

There are existing shooting and archery ranges on property. Use of those areas is not within the scope of this site plan review. As such, those areas have been secured with fencing and sufficiently signed to advise visitors that they must stay out of those restricted areas.

4. Operating Hours

Park hours will be consistent with other County Parks as stated in the Park Rules:

Section 2. Unlawful acts generally. On lands owned or under the control of the department, it is unlawful for a person or persons to do any of the following:

19. To enter or remain on County Park Property between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless the property is open for events between these hours.

5. Staffing at the Park

Currently, the Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation (GTCPR) team consists of five staff members that split time amongst the nine county parks, plus part time seasonal Rangers who serve at Power Island. The County's Facilities Department also provides support and skilled trades as needed.

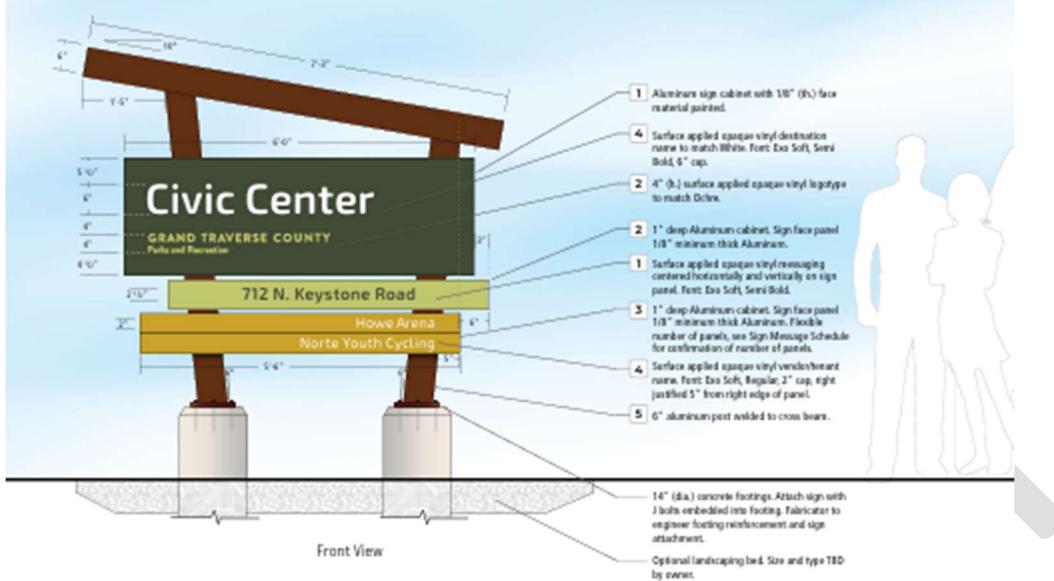
Park staffing demand is heavily dependent on uses, activities, and partnerships at that park. For example, Maple Bay Natural Area has a low need for staff time due to its more passive uses and strong partnership with the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy (GTRLC) to support that park. On the other hand, Civic Center Park sees a lot of users and thus demands more staff resources. We anticipate having county staff on site during higher activity use periods. Additionally, plans call for an on-site Caretaker who will have responsibilities for monitoring the park. The Caretaker will reside in what is designated on the map as the "Caretaker's house." This residence has historic use as such.

6. Standards of Care in County Parks

Staff maintain a cadence of cycling through parks for support activities such as litter pickup, checking restroom conditions, performing trails maintenance, preparing spaces for use, identifying and addressing maintenance needs, and completing park improvement projects. As the park is opened, this schedule will be developed and tracked seasonally.

7. Signage

There is a proposed permanent entry sign where there are existing posts and a temporary sign. There will be no lighting on the sign. A mockup is shown below- please note that dimensions will be modified to be no more than 24 square feet and 6 feet tall at the highest point.



Wayfinding and identification signage will be placed within the park to create a positive experience for visitors. This signage will also serve to assist emergency personnel in location points on property.

8. Lighting and Landscaping

There are no proposed lighting changes as part of this submission. Several light poles currently exist on the interior of the property along the road leading from the parking lot to Besser Lodge. There is an existing planting bed at the entry to the park and some areas with river rock around the cabins that would be cleared of weeds. No new landscaping areas are proposed at this time.

9. Waste Management and Restroom Amenities

Litter receptacles consistent with the fit and finish of the overall property will be placed at trailheads, at points along the disc golf course, near the pavilion and other gathering spaces, and at several other locations throughout the park. There will also be dog waste disposal stations staged near areas expected to receive high traffic. County parks staff will regularly empty these receptacles. There will be a four-yard dumpster placed at a staff-only location that is out of public view, hidden from the roadway, and screened by vegetation.

Portable restroom facilities are currently available at the parking lot, with future flush restrooms planned to open using existing infrastructure such as the Dan Beard Shower House.

When Besser Lodge is open, those restrooms will also be operational with the option for portable restrooms as needed.

10. Basis for Rental Capacities and Special Event/Transient Activity Permits

Private use rental capacities are based on day-to-day operations that consider sufficient parking for public use at any time, water/septic considerations, usage type, and East Bay Township's ordinance regarding places of public assembly. The county's reservation system, covered in more detail in a subsequent section, can be leveraged to prevent double or overbooking.

During the first full year of operations, if one larger venue (Besser Lodge, Fire Bowl or Chapel) is privately rented, the others would not be available to another group on that same day. Besser Lodge will not be available for private use rental until Spring of 2026. These limitations will allow time for data collection on park usage patterns and ensure a good level of baseline knowledge about park operations and needs.

All activities scheduled on property will be fully self-contained on property and will not trigger a need for East Bay Township Special Event Permits. **Given parking and operational limitations, Camp Greilick is not set up to host events, races, or festivals that surpass the carrying capacity of the park or degrade the overall park experience for public users and such requests will be automatically denied.**

11. Making a Reservation

Reservations are required to secure spaces such as cabins, the pavilion, Besser lodge, fire bowl, and chapel. This is consistent with the existing process at other Grand Traverse County parks. Reservation requests will be made on Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation's online portal, as is the case with other county parks. More complex rentals often require "deliverables" such as floor plans, Certificates of Insurance, proof of 501(c)3, etc. to be submitted on a timeline prior to an event.

The booking window at Camp Greilick for public, nonprofit, and educational groups is one year in advance. All other private groups/individuals may begin booking six months in advance. Fee structures and booking window availabilities are designed to heavily favor nonprofit and educational purposes. Those nonprofit and educational uses may have higher allowable capacities as shown in the table below, given that they hold inherent value to the public. Resident rates are lower than non-resident rates.

Examples of public/education eligible user groups and uses: 501(c)3 nonprofit, schools, youth service organizations, local or state government, established park partners, educational retreats or conferences, arts, recreational activities

Examples of private uses: meetings, wedding services, reunions, parties

12. Parking, Transportation, and Loading/Unloading Areas

The main parking lot contains 103 spaces. Any activities taking place on site shall not at any given time exceed parking lot capacity. Staff will actively manage activity and reservation schedules to prevent parking lot capacity from being exceeded on any given day, and to ensure that there remains sufficient parking for people to access publicly available amenities. Most importantly, during the first full year of operation, if a larger space (Besser Lodge, Fire Bowl, or Chapel) is booked for an event, the other larger spaces will be automatically blocked to limit parking demand on that day.

Some activities, such as field trips or educational conferences, may use transportation such as buses to bring participants onto park property. Staff will work with groups to ensure that parking/transportation is part of their planning process.

No parking is permitted along the entrance road. Vehicular access to the property ends at the parking lot. Roadways beyond that are utilized only for the following purposes:

- Emergency vehicle access
- Vendor drop off/pick up during designated periods
- Accessible parking with permit in designated areas
- Maintenance/service vehicle access

The existing County Park Rule regarding parking is:

Section 2. Unlawful acts generally. On lands owned or under the control of the department, it is unlawful for a person or persons to do any of the following:

14. To park vehicles of any type in areas posted as no parking; or, where designated parking areas exist, to park vehicles of any type in an area other than the designated parking area. If a motor vehicle is found parked on County Park Property, then the license plate displayed on the motor vehicle shall constitute prima facie evidence that the person who parked it there is the owner of the vehicle.

13. Noise Management and Quiet Hours

Quiet hours in the park begin at 9:00 PM. After this time, no amplified music is permitted. Additionally, privately rented spaces must conclude their event and any amplified music by 7:30 PM and vacate the space by 8:30 PM.

The existing County Park Rule on noise is as follows:

Section 2. Unlawful acts generally. On lands owned or under the control of the department, it is unlawful for a person or persons to do any of the following:

7. To cause a noise disturbance, which is defined as sound created by human activity with or without the use of any device, which by reason of its volume, intensity, location, or time of day impairs the health, welfare, or peace of another person of normal human sensibilities. The following acts and activities are declared to be noise disturbances and are prohibited. This enumeration shall not be deemed exclusive.

- a. The playing of any sound reproduction device, or musical instrument in such a manner or at such a volume as to be sufficiently audible to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of persons in the vicinity.*
- b. The keeping of any animal which, by causing frequent or long continued noise, shall disturb the comfort and repose of any person in the vicinity.*
- c. The use of any motor vehicle, in such a manner as to create a disturbing noise, including, but not limited to, the screeching of tires and the discharge into the open air of exhaust from the engine without a sufficient muffler.*
- d. Shouting or other raucous or boisterous behavior for an unreasonable length of time.*
- e. The use of a loudspeaker, public address system without a permit issued by the Director.*

This existing park rule is in line with East Bay Township's noise ordinance. Monitoring for excessive noise will be part of the Caretaker's role and the Caretaker has the ability to call law enforcement for park rules violations.

14. Alcohol Policy

Alcohol is permitted in Grand Traverse County parks when possessed or consumed consistent with state statutes. In review of our current park operations, no issues with disorderly behavior, security, or safety have been identified in conjunction with allowing alcohol in parks. The Michigan Liquor Control Code of 1998, Act 58, permits alcohol to be possessed or consumed in public parks. The following are specific Park Rules related to alcohol:

Section 2. Unlawful acts generally. On lands owned or under the control of the department, it is unlawful for a person or persons to do any of the following:

- 25. To offer for sale alcoholic beverages except for events as authorized by the Director, and in locations approved for such by the Parks and Recreation Commission.*
- 26. To possess any beverage container made in whole or in part of glass, or to bring, carry, or transport any beverage container made in whole or in part of glass onto County Park property.*

Privately rented spaces are not eligible to host events that serve alcohol in exchange for money. Public/education eligible user group events that serve alcohol and exchange money for participation or alcoholic beverages are subject to completion, approval, and rules of the "Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs for a Bond of Special License for the Sale of Beer, Wine, and/or Spirits for Consumption on the Premises" application. Please note, the group must also provide the Parks Department with an additional Damage Deposit in the amount of 50% of the rental cost and a certificate of insurance. Monitoring for alcohol use concerns will be part of the Caretaker's role and the Caretaker will call law enforcement for park rules or state law violations.

15. Determination of Public Park Uses

The following rubric is proposed for use by staff as a vetting process for events categorized as public benefit/sponsored by GTCPR. As partners/staff develop programming proposals, this worksheet will be completed. This gives transparency and public accountability while still leaving program design and operations to staff.

Event Date and Time:
Event Location:
Partners:
Estimated # of Attendees:
Description:

Key Element	Neutral to Standard	Meets Standard	Violates Standard
Department Principles (must meet at least one and violate none)			
<i>Deliver a comprehensive park and recreation system throughout the county</i>			
<i>Protect and preserve park resources</i>			
<i>Develop and value the relationships and contributions of park users, staff, and partners</i>			
<i>Increase operational efficiency and financial stability</i>			

Park Vision Statement (must meet at least one and violate none)			
<i>Protect and preserve the conservation value of the property</i>			
<i>Dedicate the park as a space where county residents and visitors can experience passive and active outdoor recreation</i>			
<i>Dedicate the park as a space where county residents and visitors can learn to be better stewards of the environment</i>			
<i>Dedicate the park as a space where county residents and visitors can develop skills to improve their outdoor experience</i>			

Neighborhood Impact (must meet all)			
<i>Event/Program is contained on property (Describe):</i>			
<i>Sufficient plan is in place for managing parking, if applicable (Describe):</i>			
<i>Sufficient plan is in place for managing sound, if applicable (Describe):</i>			
<i>Sufficient plan is in place for managing alcohol, if applicable (Describe):</i>			

Final staff determination:

16. Reservable Spaces at Camp Greilick

16a. Pavilion

Location: Just past main parking lot on left
Description and Building Uses: Large open-air pavilion with picnic tables, concrete area with basketball hoop, parking nearby. Historic uses include Scout and other group gatherings, picnics, and a disc golf tournament hosting site. Proposed uses include group gatherings and public benefit educational/recreational programming.
Amenities: charcoal grill (to be added), electric outlets, string lights, no water on site
Capacity for Private Use: 50
Projected Annual Program Use Days: 45-50
Projected Annual Private Use Days: 10-20
Rental Period: Daily. All private events must end by 7:30 PM and venue vacated by 8:30 PM
Resident Rate \$75 Non-Resident Rate \$100 Education/Nonprofit Rate \$50
Estimated Timeline for Availability: Fall 2025



16b. Group Cabins

Location: Perimeter of main parking lot
Description and Building Uses: Studio cabins with two showers and two toilet stalls within one restroom. Historic uses include staff/parent housing, private rentals, and intermittent group stays. Proposed uses include private rental, housing for interns or program staff, "home base" for day camps, and smaller education programs.
Amenities: bunk beds, some with additional full bed, restroom facilities as above, full kitchen with dishes/silverware, heat, fire pit with seating, bedding is not provided
Capacity for Private Use: 10 for overnight/20 for day use
Projected Annual Program Use Days: 20 overnights/50 days per cabin
Projected Annual Private Use Days: 20 overnights/5 days per cabin
Rental Periods: Daily or Nightly (depending on use)
Resident Rate \$100 Non-Resident Rate \$200 Education/Nonprofit Rate \$50
Estimated Timeline for Availability: Fall 2025



16c. Semi-Rustic Cabins

Location: Off roadway past parking lot, go up woodchip hill and cabins are on the right
Description and Building Uses: Small single room cabins that are walk-in only- guests are not able to drive to or park at the sites. Historic uses include staff housing. Proposed uses include private rentals or overnight lodging for educational/programming purposes.
Amenities: electrical outlet, ceiling fan, bed, adjacent to Dan Beard shower/restroom facility, no bedding is provided
Capacity for Private Use: 2
Projected Annual Program Use Days: 10 nights per cabin
Projected Annual Private Use Days: 4 nights per cabin
Rental Periods: Nightly
Resident Rate \$50
Non-Resident Rate \$100
Education/Nonprofit Rate \$30
Estimated Timeline for Availability: Fall 2025



16d. Fire Bowl

Location: West of the semi-rustic cabins and Dan Beard Shower House, down the hill
Description and Building Uses: Bench seating amphitheater with sand bottom and overlook deck, walk-in only- guests are not able to drive to this location. This area is not lighted. Performance area is located at the bottom of "bowl" which provides significant sound shielding. Future ADA access is planned. Historic uses include Scout/Order of the Arrow ceremonies, family nights, and skits and plays. Proposed uses include private rental, educational programming, plays/performances, and concerts.
Amenities: single electrical outlet, single hose hookup
Capacity for Private Use: 50
Projected Annual Program Use Days: 20-30
Projected Annual Private Use Days: 5-10
Rental Periods: Daily. All private events must end by 7:30 PM and venue vacated by 8:30 PM
Daily Rates
Resident Rate \$250
Non-Resident Rate \$325
Education/Nonprofit Rate \$100
Estimated Timeline for Availability: Fall 2025



16e. Chapel

Location: Just southwest of Dan Beard shower/restroom facility, main staircase off path from semi-rustic cabins to woodchip hill	
Description and Building Uses: Two rooms connected with roof over center with rock podium and cement bench seating, walk-in only- guests are not able to drive to this site. Historic uses include religious services and weddings/ceremonies. Proposed uses include private rental, educational/recreational programming, and smaller concerts.	
Amenities: Electric lights and outlets in both rooms, single outdoor electric light above podium, no water	
Capacity for Private Use: 50	
Projected Annual Program Use Days: 10-20	
Projected Annual Private Use Days: 15-25	
Rental Period: Daily. All private events must end by 7:30 PM and venue vacated by 8:30 PM	
Daily Rates	
Resident Rate	\$250
Non-Resident Rate	\$325
Education/Nonprofit Rate	\$100
Estimated Timeline for Availability: Fall 2025	



16f. Besser Lodge

Location: About a third of a mile down the main paved road from the parking lot on the left
Description and Building Uses: Open concept dining hall facility with waterfront views of Rennie Lake. Walk-in only- guests are not able to drive to this site (with exception of designated vendor drop-off and pick-up times or accessible parking by permit only- guests will need to coordinate with parks staff to obtain permit). Historic uses include main dining hall for large Scout groups, Executive Committee meetings, overnight lock-ins, Boy Scout functions, religious retreats, and parties/receptions. Proposed uses include group gatherings, conference/meeting space, and recreational/educational programming.
Amenities: Rental includes access to lodge and two outdoor patios, adjacent room with bathroom, small indoor men's and women's restroom, multiple electric outlets indoors, one outlet on each patio, water hose hookup on front and both ends, No heat or central air- windows can be opened and large ceiling fans are operable, prep kitchen/food truck parking. No exterior illumination permitted.
Capacity for Private Use: 50
Projected Annual Program Use Days: 75-100



Projected Annual Private Use Days: 15-25	
Rental Periods: Daily Monday-Friday or full weekend Saturday 08:00 AM through Sunday 8:30 PM. All private events must end by 7:30 PM and venue vacated by 8:30 PM. Sale of alcohol is not permitted at private events. Overnight hours are for storage of items only. Vendor drop-off/pick up window 8:00 AM-10:00 AM.	
Monday-Friday Daily Rates	
Resident Rate	\$500
Non-Resident Rate	\$1000
Education/Nonprofit Rate	\$100
Saturday Through Sunday Rates (both days included)	
Resident Rate	\$2500
Non-Resident Rate	\$5000
Education/Nonprofit Rate	\$500
Estimated Timeline for Availability: Late spring 2026	

17. Vendors

Consistent with reservable spaces at other county parks, vendors are sometimes part of a renter's plan dependent on their use of space. These could include portable restrooms, tables and chairs, or catering and food trucks. Renters must work with their vendors to ensure that deliveries and pickup are completed during designated times of their rental period, as roads to the campus are not routinely open to vehicular traffic. Fines for failure to manage logistics will apply if vendors attempt delivery or pickup outside of allocated hours.

18. Future Site Plan Review (tentatively 2026-2027)

The items below are **NOT** included in the current site plan review request. The county anticipates coming back for approval of these once operational plans for these pieces are in place. However, in the interest of transparency, this is the preliminary general concept for these spaces.

Future years by reservation only from educational groups/sponsors:

- Climbing Tower
 - Staffed and supervised by a qualified partner provider
 - Access limited to those who have registered for scheduled programming
- Small Arms and Shotgun Ranges
 - Staffed and supervised by a qualified partner provider
 - Qualified provider will be limited to educational (such as firearm safety) or supervised competition purposes
 - Access limited to those who have registered for scheduled programming
 - Are already existing and have historic use in this location
 - Would need to be mitigated at significant cost if moved or removed
- Archery Range

- Staffed and supervised by a qualified partner provider
- Qualified provider will be limited to educational or supervised competition purposes
- Access limited to those who have registered for scheduled programming
- Camping (group sites)
 - Sites will only be made available to groups (Scout, church, school, youth groups)
 - Groups must have a dedicated group leader and the leader must complete site orientation prior to the group's stay
- Low Ropes Teambuilding Course
 - Staffed and supervised by a qualified partner provider
 - Access limited to those who have registered for scheduled programming

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