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***Start thinking about making your reservations***

Camping in your plans for 2009? Despite all the snow, those planning to camp in any of North Dakota's state parks can start reserving campsites and cabins by mid-February through the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department's Online Management System.

The 2009 campsite reservation season is May 15 through Sept. 7, except at Fort Ransom State Park where sites can be reserved through Sept. 30. Campsites can be reserved 90 days in advance of arrival. The earliest a campsite reservation can be made for 2009 is Sunday, Feb. 15.

Last year, the first that the Online Management System was available, nearly three-quarters of all reservations for campsites were made online.

Cabin reservations, in those parks that provide the facilities, can be reserved up to a year in advance of arrival. Reservations for shelters, dorms and group or meeting facilities are still made by calling the park directly. A cancellation fee will be charged for all cancelled campsite or cabin reservations. This fee ranges from \$5 to a night's camping/cabin rental fee, depending on when the cancellation is made.

The online management system has a number of features making it useful to those making a reservation and visitors wanting a "first come, first served" campsite. Those browsing the online system are able to order an annual state park permit, view maps and tables showing availability system-wide, check individual campsite features such as type and length of camping pad, location of park amenities, upcoming special events and more.

NOVO1 is using the online system to book reservations for those who prefer making reservations by phone (800-807-4723). The online reservation system is available 24-hours a day for the call center and those preferring to make reservations themselves on the internet. About half of all state park campsites and all park cabins can be reserved in advance. Campsites remain available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The online services link is found at [www.parkrec.nd.gov](http://www.parkrec.nd.gov) and users should click on "Online Services."