

## Sparks Creek Campsite

The campsite is located right on Sparks Creek, just west of Mile 17 about 2/10 of a mile. It was relocated May 17, 2014 and again with one fire ring on east side as of June 13, 2020. The old fire ring sites had become so compacted from use over the years. One of the main sources of compaction is not just a site being used, but mainly campers NOT fluffing up the leaves where they had put their tents when they get ready to leave a camp.

**Directions:** The hike in from Rocky Point/Mile 18 west is the best (it is about 1.3 miles.) The trail comes down through the cliffs at Rocky Point and it's downhill all the way. Just west of Mile 17; the trail turns left and you cross Sparks Creek on stepping stones and the trail continues along the stream a short ways, then uphill about 100 yards to the signs that mark the campsite. Take the short access trail downhill left from there to the site. There is a sign pointing to a bridge you cross to get to Fire Ring A across the creek and just south a short ways.

**Alternate directions:** Go east on the PMT from Dowdell's Knob, past Brown Dog Campsite about a mile. Watch for signs showing the boundary of this site to the south (The park boundary with private land is about 250 yards south of the campsite.) Note: What had been fire ring B has been done away with (on west side of the creek.) Current Fire Ring B is the formally A ring. A new fire ring A is across the creek.



There are new signs on the west side of the creek pointing east to a new bridge across the creek that leads to Fire Ring A as of 6/13/2020



Water at the site is reliable all year, even dry months

Signs noting boundary of camp, old site closed (and do not camp, or build campfires there.)



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