



Thank you for your inquiry regarding Florida Park Service procedures involving cyclists and overnight accommodations. Our operational process on the subject you are speaking of is as follows:

“If non-motorized travelers (hikers, bicyclists, canoeists) arrive and the park [campground] is full, the park staff should attempt to locate accommodations at referral campgrounds. If none are available, or if time is too short, use temporary space for one night to provide accommodation, charging one night’s fee. If the traveler has only a sleeping bag, waive the tent requirement as well. This is to aid the long-distance traveler. It is not intended to circumvent the campsite reservation policies.”

Please be aware that this procedure only applies to Florida state parks that offer campground facilities; if a state park is a day-use only facility that does not have any overnight accommodations to offer, the cyclist would not be able to stay overnight on park property. As you can see in the process description above, if a long-distance cyclist arrives at a state park campground that is booked to capacity and they don’t have an advance reservation, the staff’s first step will be to see if there are any other nearby campgrounds that can accommodate the cyclist. If nothing feasible is found, then the state park will accommodate them as best as possible. Please let me know if you have further questions regarding this matter.

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