Thank you for your interest in Copperhead Island. We would like to take the time to better prepare you for your camping/shelter rental. To better serve the needs of our customers, we have provided the following checklist for your reservation. Please be advised of the following policies regarding your reservation. Any violation of the following policies could result in loss of reservation privileges and/or termination of permit. Customer could also be subjected to additional fees and no refund will be issued. We want all our guests to have the most enjoyable experience as possible, but also have consideration of the environment and surrounding areas during their stay.
Weekday Rates: (MONDAY-THURSDAY) County Resident: $134  
Non-County Resident: $210  
Weekend/Holiday Rates: (FRIDAY-SUNDAY) County Resident: $196  
Non-County Resident: $316  

Copperhead Island Entire Island Rental  
- 80 People Max Capacity  
- 6 Campsites  
- 2 vehicles ONLY allowed at the top of the parking lot by shelter  
- Volleyball Court (must bring own ball)  
- Horseshoe Pit (must bring own horseshoes)  
- Shelter (electricity and water will be on with reservation)  
- Paved trails  
- 3 Restrooms and 1 Shower  
- 2 large Charcoal Grills  
- Boat ramps on the island (cannot leave any watercrafts in water overnight)  
- Pets always remain on leash, not allowed in the bathrooms, cannot be left unattended  
- Lights on the shelter MUST always remain on due to security reasons  

Fishing license can be obtained online: [https://www.ncwildlife.org/Licensing/Hunting-Fishing-Trapping-Licenses](https://www.ncwildlife.org/Licensing/Hunting-Fishing-Trapping-Licenses)  

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:  
[https://www.mecknc.gov/ParkandRec/StewardshipServices/Outdoors/Pages/Camping.aspx](https://www.mecknc.gov/ParkandRec/StewardshipServices/Outdoors/Pages/Camping.aspx)  

The following policies are strictly enforced:  

A 4-digit Code will be given for Park Main Gate keypad and (GOLD) roll lock on the island gate for your reservation. Please check your permit to verify your code and align number on lock and pull up on the shackle to open.
ANY VIOLATION OF THE FOLLOWING COULD RESULT IN A LOSS OF RESERVATION PRIVILEGES & NO REFUND WILL BE ISSUED:

- Rental Time is 3PM-12PM
- NO set up allowed prior to check-in time. You may not use code and bypass office and set up unless you arrive after business hours.
- ALL belongings MUST be vacated by Noon on your checkout date. If no payment has been received by staff prior to the end of your reservation, you will be asked to leave and will result in a loss of reservation privileges.
- PLEASE BE ADVISED: No additional access to your shelter will be granted for your event. Bollards cannot be lowered on park trails or pathways to allow vehicle traffic to transport items for your event. We encourage you to please plan accordingly.
- DO NOT move fire rings
- NO gathering of firewood. (NO burning of cans, glass, wood with nails) McDowell Nature Preserve & Copperhead Island are protected lands, so we preserve the natural habitat areas for our living inhabitants. All firewood must be treated wood and can be purchased from McDowell Campground or any surrounding area stores.
- ALL campfires extinguished when not onsite or at checkout.
- Dispose all trash in cans or dumpsters.
- All pets MUST always remain on leash and please pick up after your pets. Pets must not be a disturbance, threaten or harass other guests and wildlife.
- DO NOT move picnic table off site.
- NO PARKING on tent pads, islands, or side of the road.
- NO alcohol, drugs, weapons, nor tobacco products permitted.
- NO sidewalk chalk, confetti, balloons, water balloons, generators
- Quiet Hours 10pm-7am
- NO amplified music allowed. (nothing louder than a small radio. Please respect your neighbors.

Alcohol and Bounce House permits are available for purchase and must be made at least 5 days prior to reservation date. The customer on the reservation permit must obtain permits in person with proof of identification. Please be advised no alcohol or amusement bounce houses are allowed on the premises unless permit is obtained from the McDowell Campground Office. Once permit is obtained, all alcohol MUST remain under the shelter area. You may not walk through the park with alcohol nor drink on campsites

- Alcohol Permit: $52
- Bounce House: $21 for Half Day / $41 for Full Day: Vendor must have at least $1 million insurance policy.
- No wood collection allowed in the preserve/island for campfire use. McDowell Nature Preserve & Copperhead Island are protected lands, so we preserve the natural habitat areas for our living inhabitants. All firewood must be treated wood and can be purchased from McDowell Campground or any surrounding area stores.
- No hammocks allowed in the tree lines, pathways, boardwalks. Must be at designated campsites only. Hammocks cannot deface any plant life.
- NO Swimming ALLOWED
- All campfires MUST be in designated fire rings and extinguished properly after use. (Please do not leave burning or smoldering)
• All adults fishing must have valid NC fishing license for adults over the age of 16. Patrons 16 years of age and younger can fish under an adult.

Please call the McDowell Campground office at 980-314-2267 or email at McDowellCampground@mecknc.gov to secure your reservation or have any further questions regarding your reservation.