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National Forest Recreation Site Reservations Now Available Online

Covington, Va. – Reservations for 21 recreation sites on the James River Ranger District in Alleghany County are now available online or by telephone on the ReserveAmerica system 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The system allows visitors to make reservations using credit cards instead of mailing a payment to the Forest Service.

A transaction fee of \$8 for online reservations and \$9 for telephone reservations is charged in addition to the reservation fee. Discounts associated with the America the Beautiful Age or Access passes, and the Golden Age or Golden Access cards do not apply to reservations at group sites but will apply to places like Morris Hill Campground. Reservations can be made by visiting www.recreation.gov or by calling 1-877-444-6777.

No reservations will be available at any of the facilities near Lake Moomaw from May 1 to May 20 due to potential spraying to control gypsy moth populations. People may still camp at Morris Hill and use the Coles Point picnic shelters and other facilities during this period on a first-come, first-served basis, as long as they are prepared to temporarily vacate the area with very short notice on the day selected for spraying.

For assistance with making reservations through the ReserveAmerica system, call the James River District Office at 540-962-2214.

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