

Blackwater NWR does not have camping facilities. Unfortunately, private campgrounds that are friendly for tent camping are not very abundant in this area. There are only two campgrounds near the refuge, with only one of them setting aside a few sites specifically for tents. That is Taylor's Island Campground, and their number is 410-397-3275. The setting is nice (it is right on the Chesapeake Bay), but there will be quite a few RVs there. The other campground is Madison Bay Campground, which is predominantly an RV park (410-228-4111). If you want to tent camp, I would recommend camping at one of the State Parks, though they are one to one-and-a-half hours from the refuge. Below is information on the two closest State parks (they are close to each other).

Tuckahoe State Park

Camping: The park offers a family camping area with 51 sites, 33 with electric hookups, and a central bathhouse with showers and toilet facilities. Each site is equipped with a camping pad, picnic table and fire ring. No water hook-ups are available, but potable water is conveniently located around each loop. A dump station is available for trailer use. Pets are allowed in the campground, but must remain on a leash at all times.

Directions - Tuckahoe State Park is located approximately 35 miles east of the Bay Bridge, just off MD Rt. 404, on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Travel east on Rt. 50/301 across the Bay Bridge. Rt. 50/301 splits, bear to the right on Rt. 50. Make a left at the intersection of Rt. 50 and Rt. 404. Go approximately 8 miles until you come to the intersection of Rt. 404 and Rt. 480. Make a left on Rt. 480. To your immediate left take Eveland Road. Once on Eveland Road follow directional signs to area of choice.

Tuckahoe State Park
13070 Crouse Mill Road
Queen Anne, MD 21657
(410) 820-1668

Call 1-888-432-CAMP (2267) for reservations

<http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/eastern/tuckahoe.html>

Martinak State Park

Camping: Sixty-three campsites are available for trailer or tent camping, thirty of which feature electric hook-ups. Each site is equipped with a camping pad, picnic table and fire ring. A modern bathhouse is centrally located in each camping loop. No water hook-ups are available, but potable water is conveniently located around each loop. A dump station is available for trailer use.

Location: The park is located on the Eastern Shore, two miles east of Denton, off RT. 404, on Deep Shore Road in Caroline County.

Martinak State Park
137 Deep Shore Road
Denton, MD 21629
(410) 820-1668

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