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### Campers Shouldn't Bring in Their Own Firewood



**Ken Kirkley** It would be great if they reduced the price of the firewood they sell. It is hard to have much of a fire with the prices that are charged.

at 19:14:37 on 6/01/2011 UTC



**Emilie Ellis Goldman** You're right, Ken. I'm sure people aren't bringing their own firewood for the fun of it.

at 19:27:30 on 6/01/2011 UTC



**Ken Kirkley** Paris Mtn State Park provides free firewood. Would be great if the others did...or at least make it affordable. Would love to leave my wood at home. ;-)

at 19:44:31 on 6/01/2011 UTC



**Ken Kirkley** OK...I have read the article again. It says "or to suggest where to purchase locally". My question...if we are camping locally, why can't we bring our own firewood instead of having to buy it somewhere else? If we bring our own firewood, do we get in trouble? Not trying to be difficult...just trying to understand the article.

at 20:08:29 on 6/01/2011 UTC



**Tina Hopkins Garrett** We can't afford to buy firewood. One of the reasons we camp in our state parks is because it is affordable for our family. Firewood is expensive! I agree with Ken, we camped at Paris Mtn and it was nice that they had firewood available at no charge.

at 20:39:03 on 6/01/2011 UTC



**Tina Hopkins Garrett** That is good to know. I can understand for people bringing wood in from out of state. We do most of our camping at Lee and it is less than 45 minutes from our house. Its our "get away from it all place".

at 20:48:30 on 6/01/2011 UTC



**South Carolina State Parks** You won't get in any trouble for bringing in your own firewood. We would like to inform our visitors of the hazards of bringing in infested firewood. Local firewood presents less of a threat, while firewood from out of state presents the greatest threat. You can visit [www.DontMoveFirewood.org](http://www.DontMoveFirewood.org) for more information. The website also gives some examples of the various pests and the damage that they can do.

at 20:48:34 on 6/01/2011 UTC



**South Carolina State Parks** Ken - many of our parks provide free firewood. You can contact the park before your arrival to see if they will have any free firewood available.

at 20:52:11 on 6/01/2011 UTC



**Tony Ivey** That's fine for Summer campers who won't have a very big fire anyway but my friends and I only camp in Winter and we've burn an entire truck load in one weekend before. I love camping in the SPs but this may be the end of my doing it.

at 21:12:20 on 6/01/2011 UTC



**Sarah Wakefield McIntyre** I know Paris Mountain provides you with already-cut firewood, all you care to use.

at 21:13:10 on 6/01/2011 UTC



**William Shipes** Yep, once again yankees are messing it up for us South Carolinians.

at 21:35:03 on 6/01/2011 UTC



**Cheryl Werner** Can't say I've ever seen a pickup truck from Michigan loaded down with firewood camped at one of our State Parks.

at 23:41:39 on 6/01/2011 UTC

**Charleton Bagwell** All the wood I burn is local firewood, from this state. If it is infested then



seems to me it could possibly be a state wide problem and even the wood from the parks could have the same infestation. It's getting to where we can't afford to take a vacation in our own state parks anymore. The woods on our parks grow free, I would not mind cutting what I need myself if need be and allowed to for my campfires.

at 0:12:45 on 6/02/2011 UTC



**South Carolina State Parks** This issue has provoked quite a few comments and we want to clarify a couple of things. If anyone chooses to bring their own firewood, they will not be cited or scolded. We just want our patrons to realize that non-local firewood can pose a potential risk to our forests. Please continue to enjoy your parks and contact a park ranger if you have any questions. Happy camping!

at 18:36:02 on 6/02/2011 UTC



**Nancy Gentry** We are planning a trip to Sadlers Creek - hope you are giving away firewood - I think it is only fare that you are not letting us bring in wood - I understand wanting to keep the forest from the insects!!

at 19:32:45 on 6/02/2011 UTC



**Sarah Wakefield McIntyre** They do not give away or even cut firewood at Sadlers Creek. We were there Easter, took our own Greer firewood, and nothing was said about it. We did pick up a few fallen limbs in the woods for kindling, though. I would love to see the rangers who care for the campgrounds, cut up fallen trees and give the wood to the campers. I would help them stack the wood if I were camping with any of them.

at 20:13:55 on 6/02/2011 UTC



**Steve Neal Compton** firewood = invasive insects... buy local!

at 3:52:39 on 6/03/2011 UTC



**Cathy Robbins** SC has some of the best state parks in the US! And I do understand their concern about out of state wood. We usually camp at Myrtle Beach State Park but are coming down to Santee State Park in July. We are bringing the wood that we bought at MBSP and did not use last month. And lighten up guys- they are ASKING that we not bring in out of state wood to burn. They are not stopping us at the gates to do strip searches!

at 14:03:59 on 6/03/2011 UTC



**Billy Estes** I was told by Dreher Island staff as long as I burnt all my wood or took it back with me there was no problem. With all the trees down looks like it would be to there advantage to do like Parris Mtn. or allow someone with the proper waver to come in and cut and stack the wood in a specific spot thats my gripe

at 17:33:08 on 6/05/2011 UTC