

A Solid Choice in Camping at Anvil Campground

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In the fall of 2011 Virginia State Parks became proud members of the Virginia Campground Association, working as a team in promoting camping in Virginia. This is a regular series of our feature private campground of the month on our friends with VCA.



Just the name of Anvil Campground gives a sense of a strong powerful place. I found out how true this was during a recent tour of the facilities with brothers Chris and Ray Jump. The campground has been operated by their family, now the third generation, since 1954. They offer excellent customer service and a great place to camp. The campground is named as a tribute to the early history of the family. Their great-grandfather and grandfather both produced all the wrought iron work for the reconstruction and renovation of Historic Colonial Williamsburg in the early 1930's, much of which you still can see today. In the general store is the original anvil they used and some of their crafts, which make up a mini museum.

Today, the campground forges rich memories with so much to do during your stay and in the heart of vacation paradise. Its' location makes it the closest campground to all of the Williamsburg attractions. For a nominal fee, you can catch a ride on the shuttle service to all major attractions, including, Busch Gardens, Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown Settlement, Yorktown Battlefield and Water Country USA, just to name a few. It may, however, be hard to



tear yourself away from all the activities at the campground to visit these attractions. The campground has both premium and standard sites. Premium sites have 50 amp service and cable television and sewer hookups. The campground has Wi-Fi service, a swimming pool, 3 playgrounds, a basketball court, horseshoe pits and an arcade. The campground is open year round, making it ideal for a visit to the area during the upcoming Holiday season and shopping at the many outlets in the area.

If you want a step up from camping, try either the Blacksmith or Journeyman Cottages. Each of them sleep up to 6 people, are fully furnished with cable televisions, AC/Heating units, a fully equipped kitchen and linens are provided for you. In addition the Blacksmith Cottage also has a wood burning fireplace and a covered porch with swing for a relaxing stay. Pets up to 50lbs. are welcomed for a small fee, please check ahead for the rules and regulations so you can bring your best friend.

After a stroll through this 4 acre campground, it was easy to see why it is rated year in and year out as one of the top campgrounds in the U.S. and Canada by Trailer Life Directory. As nice as the facilities were, there was much more to the reason this is such a special place, the Jump Family. Hanging out with Chris and Ray felt like being with old friends. It came across how much they care about their customers and how proud they are of their heritage. I noticed the odd speed limit of 3.2 MPH and asked them about it. Again, in a tribute to a member of their family, it was the number their father wore on his football jersey. What a class act! So the next time you have plans to visit the Williamsburg area, consider a stay at Anvil Campground, it's a solid choice.

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