

# Welcome Shooters to Sparta, IL

## Grand American Camping FAQ

Thank you for your interest in camping during the Grand American and welcome to Sparta, IL!

The ATA leases camping sites from the State of Illinois to ensure that our valued members have the best camping experience possible!

### How can I make a reservation?

Reservations open in Mid-January every year. Campsite reservations are available on a first come first serve basis, if you are unable to secure a site of your preference; we have a waiting list for full-hook up sites (Standard & Premium). The waiting list restarts every year. You can contact the Camping Manager at [campspot@shootata.com](mailto:campspot@shootata.com) to request to be added onto the waiting list. When booking, keep in mind that the last date for refunds is **July 15, 2026**.

### What are the differences between campsites?

There are 3 different types of campsites. Each section of the campground has handicap accessible sites.

### The prices are as follows:

<b><u>ELECTRIC-ONLY:</u></b>	
Provides 50-amp hookups. Sites do not have water or sewer.	
<b>Grand Camping Pricing:</b> 2 weeks of the Grand: \$375  Grand week: \$200  4 day minimum: \$140 (each additional night is \$35)	<b>AIM Camping Pricing:</b>  \$35 per night
<b><u>STANDARD:</u></b>	
Provides 50-amp hookups. Sites run parallel to the east shooting line. They have electricity, water, and sewer with a gravel pad.	
<b>Grand Camping Pricing:</b> 2 weeks of the Grand: \$485  5 year lease: \$2,300	<b>AIM Camping Pricing:</b>  \$45 per night
<b><u>PREMIUM:</u></b>	
Premium sites provide 50 amp full hookups with electricity, water, and sewer and most have a concrete pad. They have maximum spacing between campsites and come with a picnic table.	
<b>Grand Camping Pricing:</b> 2 weeks of the Grand: \$625 5 year lease: \$3,000	<b>AIM Camping Pricing:</b>  \$55 per night

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## **If we camp in electric-only, is there a water and septic service?**

Yes! The WSRC service center and the camp host have forms available to schedule water and septic services on site. There is a fee for each service. These services are not provided by the ATA. Generally, the camp host will have copies of these forms.

## **What do I gain from a five-year lease?**

The five-year lease is sold at a discounted price. Also with a five-year lease, you know that your site will be available to you every year for the duration of your lease. Five-year leases only guarantee your site for the Grand American. This includes two days before the preliminaries and two days after the last day of the Grand.

## **Where can I find a map of the campground?**

On our website - [https://shootata.com/Portals/0/pdf/WSRC\\_Camping\\_Map\\_Web.pdf](https://shootata.com/Portals/0/pdf/WSRC_Camping_Map_Web.pdf)

## **Can I reserve a space for someone else?**

The ATA will try to accommodate multiple reservations for campsites. All campsites must be paid in full at the same time to ensure the group reservation.

## **What are the arrival and checkout times?**

Roll – In arrival time is permitted after 1:00pm on the first day of your reservation and Roll – Out time is by 12:00pm (noon) on the last day of your reservation. There is a camp host available on the grounds during the day at site #347 (Massasauqa). The camp host can be reached at phone number: 618-449-2224 ext. 120 to help better assist you. This number is good only during the AIM Grand Championships and the Grand American. The camp host can assist you if you need help finding your site.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you decide to come earlier or stay later than your original plan, then there will be a daily fee imposed according to your type of site. We do not own the campsites, IDNR does. However, the ATA can help with reservations

## **What is the cutoff date for making camping reservations?**

The ATA will take camping reservations up until the very last day of the Grand. However, in order to better assist you with your requests, early reservation is recommended. We are happy to assist with your last-minute needs. On the first day of the AIM Grand Nationals, all reservations from this point on must be made on-site with the Camp Host at site #347 or call to check for any open availability.

## **What happens if I need to cancel my reservation?**

Refunds will be issued for cancellations (less the \$25 cancellation fee) if the ATA is notified of the cancellation on or before July 15, 2026.

**All reservations made after July 15, 2026, are not eligible for a refund.** All fees will be forfeited to the ATA.

## **Are pets allowed?**

Yes, animals are allowed as long as all pets are on a leash. Please be respectful with your surrounding neighbors.

## **Is everything within walking distance?**

The complex is very widespread. It is approximately 3.5 miles in length.

## **Can I bring a golf cart or side-by-side?**

Yes, all side-by- sides are allowed on the property. Four wheelers and other ATVs are not allowed. The general rule is if you can straddle it and it's not licensed; it cannot be ridden on the property. All golf carts and side-by-sides must have insurance and be registered with the ATA. You can find a link at our website under Grand American Camping for the Golf Cart Registration Form. The ATA requires you to carry an amount of \$500,000 Combined Single Limits Insurance.

**You can also rent...** Little Egypt does rent golf cars. Their number is 618-548-2366 or 1-800-447-2278

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## RV RENTALS Near By:

Byerly RV Center: 800-878-3325

Cruise America: 800-671-8042

MB Thomas: 800-392-5655

Myer's Cycle and RV: 618-497-2241

Scenic Route: 618-993-8847

RV Rentals of America: <http://www.rvrentalsofamerica.com/marion-il-discount-rv-rentals.aspx>

## Motels Near By:

### **Baymont By Wyndham**

2150 State St, Chester, IL 62233

618-826-3034

### **Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Sparta**

1301 N Market St, Sparta, IL 62286

(618) 443-6020

### **Briarwood Inn of Sparta**

1755 N Market St, Sparta, IL 62286

618-443-4526

### **Red Bud Country Inn**

1617 S Main St, Red Bud, IL 62278

(618) 282-4444

## Restaurants Near By:

### **Doreen's**

1002 S St. Louis St, Sparta IL 62286

618-443-4082

### **Pizza Hut**

1385 Sparta Centre Dr. Sparta, IL 62286

618-443-3071

### **Dynasty Chinese Cuisine**

119 W Broadway St, Sparta IL 62286

618-443-6688

### **Rice and Fries**

N Market St, Sparta IL 62286

618-443-3368

### **The Range Grille (World Shooting Complex)**

1 Main Event Lane, Sparta, IL 62286

618-295-2700

### **Smoked N' Smashed BBQ**

1201 N Market St. Sparta, IL 62286

618-708-3539

### **Lollie's Café**

1775 N Market St, Sparta IL 62286

618-443-3500

### **Tequila Mexican Restaurant**

1323 N Market St, Sparta IL 62286

618-443-3368

### **Bricktown Subs**

333 S St. Louis St. Sparta, IL 62286

618-443-2223

## World Shooting Complex Vendors:

**Building 1:** Winchester, White Flyer Targets, Browning, Trap Talk, Krieghoff International, DuPont Krieghoff, Kolar Arms

**Building 2:** Gray's Shotgun Cache, Rod's Custom Stock, Gipson's Guns, Wenig, Beretta, Target Shotguns/PFS Stocks

**Building 3:** Perazzi USA, Giacomo Sporting Arms, Remington/Federal, Target Shotguns CVR Repair, Briley, IDNR Trap/Skeet Clubhouse, Gipson Gun's

**Building 4:** Guns Unlimited, SKB Guns, Morgan Optical, Elite, Mantis/ L&M Lenses, Blaser, Caeser Guerini, Mayville Engineering (MEC), Gamaliel Shooting Supply,

**Building 5:** Promatic/Zoli, NRA/ISRA, Fiocchi, Frank & Patti Rively, Silver Seitz, Indiana Gun Club, IDNR, Little Egypt. Clay Buster Wads

- **Vendors may change**

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## Things for the families of shooters to do ....

### ON-SITE:

Friday Night Fish Fry  
Bingo  
Youth Ice Cream Social  
Youth Pizza Party  
Coach-Parent Shoot  
Fishing

### OFF-SITE:

Public Pool  
Local Parks  
Shopping  
Restaurants  
Bowling Alleys  
Eckert's Farm  
Home of Popeye- Chester, IL

### List of Attractions:

<http://illinoisouth.org/attractions/>

**Local Contact Numbers:** In the event of an emergency, please dial **911**.

The City of Sparta: 618-443-2917

- Police (non-emergency): Ext. 4
- City Hall: Ext. 6
- Visit [www.spartailinois.us](http://www.spartailinois.us) to sign up for notifications through Black Board Connect. If there is an emergency, the city will call your phone (please use your cell phone number). At any point in time, you can delete your number from their list.

World Shooting and Recreational Complex: 618-295-2700

### RV contacts:

- Wilson Heating and Cooling: 618-443-4518; 618-317-1172 (cell)
- Henson's Septic Service (emptying of waste tanks): 618-497-2542; 618-927-1041 (cell)
- Water supply: IDNR 618-295-2700
- Complete RV Repair, Eric Jones: 618-979-3440 or [www.sgtjones.com](http://www.sgtjones.com)
- Locksmith, Robert Schuchert: 618-826-3391

### Golf Car Rental:

Little Egypt: 618-295-2945

For Sparta's latest news and severe weather updates tune into WHCO 1230AM.

**For more information call or email the Camping Manager, Naomi Sapaw at 618-449-2224 ext. 110 or [CampSites@shootata.com](mailto:CampSites@shootata.com)**