

Green River Lake State Park Campground on track for phased reopening following last year’s historic flooding

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State officials have announced that following last year’s historic flooding at Green River Lake State Park campground, a phased reopening plan will welcome guests back while continuing long-term recovery efforts.

“We know how special this campground is to this community and its visitors,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “We’ve worked hard to get it up and running safely after last year’s historic flooding and are excited for it to welcome guests again soon.”

The campground suffered major infrastructure damage due to the historic rainfall and flooding event that occurred in 2025, leaving much of the park under water for weeks. A thorough assessment found that the entire electrical system needs to be replaced.

The campground is scheduled to reopen on Friday to primitive and self-contained camping (RVs and campers capable of operating without utility hookups). Approximately 73 campsites will be available and may be booked through ReserveAmerica. Generators will be permitted for self-contained

camping units. These sites will remain open through Oct. 31, when the campground will close for the season.

Restoration and infrastructure projects begin in November, with the campground to completely reopen in spring 2027.

Once restoration and renovations are complete, the campground will offer upgraded electrical service at every site, as well as campsite improvements, renovated bathhouses, and better drainage throughout the campground, all aimed at improving the guest experience.

“The Kentucky State Parks team’s goal is to safely restore camping opportunities, set clear expectations for visitors and position the campground for continued improvements following the 2026 camping season,” said Kentucky State Parks Interim Commissioner Mark Kellen. “Rather than keeping the campground closed for the remainder of the season, we believe reopening a portion of the campground is the best path forward for our guests, the local community and the park.”

Available amenities will include one bathroom for guest use,



Green River Lake State Park reopened its campground last week.

campground entrance booth open for check-in and guest assistance, firewood and ice available for sale, miniature golf and fire rings. The campground store will remain closed during this phase.

The park also plans to host its popular Halloween in the Park weekends, providing another opportunity to welcome campers back before the campground closes for the season. Scheduled weekends include Oct. 9–11 and Oct. 16–18.

Kentucky is home to 44 state parks, including 17 resort parks and 13 golf courses. For more information about Kentucky State Parks, visit parks.ky.gov.



What Green-Taylor Water upgrades mean for customers

The Green-Taylor Water District recently announced major changes that will be of benefit to customers. The company is transitioning to new meters with plans to install 500 of those by the end of 2026.

* customers will get more accurate statements that will help discover leaks or excessive water usage;

* the transition means the district will change from a customer-read system to an employee-read system. This will result in customers paying for the exact amount of water that is used each month;

* the new meters are part of an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) that will send readings to the district’s office every four hours and will not require some to read the meters every month;

* once all new meters are installed, customers will not have to worry about excessive water usage (i.e., leaks) because the new system will notify the district with an alarm if there is excessive usage by a customer;

* the company will keep customers up to date on its Facebook Page, will continue to have information through the local media and will send all customers a letter along with the bills that are mailed;

* none of the upgraded changes will result in an increase in customer costs. The district already had money on-hand to purchase the supplies associated with the new system.

The district asks for customers to be patient and cooperative as it incorporates the new system into the operation.

The Green-Taylor Water District was established in 1964 and currently has a base of more than 6,700 customers with 5,500 having active meters.

Shade Plants



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Plants that will do well in shady areas need to be specialized to thrive, not just survive. Plants that can be grown for foliage interest in shady spots include the following plants:

Light to Moderate Shade - Baby cyclamen, Euonymus fortunei cultivars, Ivy (can become invasive), and Hosta.

Moderate Shade - Lily-of-the-valley, Lunaria, Solomon’s seal, and Piggyback plant.

Moderate to Deep Shade - Bugle, Wild ginger, Aucuba japonica, Brunnera macrophylla, and Deadnettle.

Of course, you will want to add some

blooming plants to your shade garden. Plants that will bloom in the shade include the following:

Japanese anemones, begonias, foxgloves, hostas, impatiens, Lamium, Lonicera periclymenum, Welsh poppy, flowering tobacco, and Jacob’s ladder.

Plants that have multiple seasons of interest that would be a benefit to incorporate into your shade garden include:

Arum italicum, As-tilbe, baby cyclamen, hostas, lilyturf, and firethorn.

Lastly early spring bulbs and perennials that will bloom before the shade arrives include:

Anemone blanda, Winter aconites, and snowdrops. Wood anemones, Bergenia, Hellebores, primroses, and Lungworts.

Always do your best to research your shade type. Make sure your plants are suitable for the shade type you have, so they will thrive and not struggle to survive.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Green-Taylor Water District expects to file an application with the Public Service Commission on or about July 31, 2026, seeking approval of a proposed adjustment to its rates for water service. The proposed rates shall not become effective until the Public Service Commission has issued an order approving these rates or six (6) months from the date of the filing of the application, whichever occurs first.

CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES

Green-Taylor Water District

5/8 Inch Meter	Current	Proposed	Difference	% Increase
First 2,000 gallons	\$24.05 per month	\$24.78 per month	\$0.73	3.04%
Next 3,000 gallons	\$0.01018 per gallon	\$0.01049 per gallon	\$0.00031	3.05%
Next 5,000 gallons	\$0.00832 per gallon	\$0.00857 per gallon	\$0.00025	3.00%
Over 10,000 gallons	\$0.00563 per gallon	\$0.00580 per gallon	\$0.00017	3.02%
3/4 Inch Meter	Current	Proposed	Difference	% Increase
First 3,000 gallons	\$34.23 per month	\$35.27 per month	\$1.04	3.04%
Next 2,000 gallons	\$0.01018 per gallon	\$0.01049 per gallon	\$0.00031	3.05%
Next 5,000 gallons	\$0.00832 per gallon	\$0.00857 per gallon	\$0.00025	3.00%
Over 10,000 gallons	\$0.00563 per gallon	\$0.00580 per gallon	\$0.00017	3.02%
1 Inch Meter	Current	Proposed	Difference	% Increase
First 5,000 gallons	\$54.59 per month	\$56.25 per month	\$1.66	3.04%
Next 5,000 gallons	\$0.00832 per gallon	\$0.00857 per gallon	\$0.00025	3.00%
Over 10,000 gallons	\$0.00563 per gallon	\$0.00580 per gallon	\$0.00017	3.02%
1-1/2 Inch Meter	Current	Proposed	Difference	% Increase
First 10,000 gallons	\$96.19 per month	\$99.12 per month	\$2.93	3.05%
Over 10,000 gallons	\$0.00563 per gallon	\$0.00580 per gallon	\$0.00017	3.02%
2 Inch Meter	Current	Proposed	Difference	% Increase
First 20,000 gallons	\$152.49 per month	\$157.13 per month	\$4.64	3.04%
Over 20,000 gallons	\$0.00563 per gallon	\$0.00580 per gallon	\$0.00017	3.02%
Leak Adjustment Rate	Current	Proposed	Difference	% Increase
	\$0.00272 per gallon	\$0.00280 per gallon	\$0.00008	3.04%
Wholesale	Current	Proposed	Difference	% Increase
Larue County Water District #1	\$0.00361 per gallon	\$0.00372 per gallon	\$0.00011	3.04%
City of Greensburg	\$0.00322 per gallon	\$0.00332 per gallon	\$0.00010	3.04%
Monthly Water Loss		Proposed	Difference	% Increase
Reduction Surcharge	\$0.00 Per customer	\$2.76 Per customer	\$2.76	100%
(New charge for all customers for forty-eight months)				

If the Public Service Commission approves the proposed water rates, then the effect on the average monthly bill for each customer class is set out in the table below.

Gallons per Month	Meter Size	Existing Bill	Proposed Bill	Change	% Increase	Proposed WLRS	Proposed Bill + WLRS	Change	% Increase
4,000	5/8"	\$44.41	\$45.76	\$1.35	3.04%	\$2.76	\$48.52	\$4.11	9.3%
6,000	3/4"	\$62.91	\$64.82	\$1.91	3.04%	\$2.76	\$67.58	\$4.67	7.4%
15,000	1"	\$124.34	\$128.10	\$3.76	3.02%	\$2.76	\$130.86	\$6.52	5.2%
30,000	1-1/2"	\$208.79	\$215.12	\$6.33	3.03%	\$2.76	\$217.88	\$9.09	4.4%
60,000	2"	\$377.69	\$389.13	\$11.44	3.03%	\$2.76	\$391.89	\$14.20	3.8%
Larue County WD #1		\$1,125.06	\$1,159.28	\$34.22	3.04%	\$2.76	\$1,162.04	\$36.98	3.3%
City of Greensburg		\$1,910.53	\$1,968.64	\$58.11	3.04%	\$2.76	\$1,971.40	\$60.87	3.2%

The Application may be examined at the utility’s office located at 250 Industrial Park Road, Greensburg, Ky; 42743 telephone (270) 932-4947.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by the utility. However, the PSC may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice.

A person may examine this application at the Public Service Commission offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm or through the PSC website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the PSC through its website or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602. You may contact the Public Service Commission at (502) 564-3940.

A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Public Service Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of this notice, the Public Service Commission may take final action on the application.

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