

Seven-Mile Island Off Limits to Campers

Campers planning to pitch a tent on Seven-Mile Island will have to find a new camp site. Camping on the Pickwick Lake Island has been banned by the Tennessee Valley Authority. Signs were placed on the island this week alerting visitors of the ban. Randy McCann, manager of TVA's Pickwick Watershed Team, said the restrictions are aimed at protecting archeological sites on the island. Some campers in the past have removed archeological artifacts from the island. He said the island has numerous archeological significant sites that must be protected. In addition, some campers have left trash on the island or built crude shelters. Camping is still allowed on any TVA property along the Tennessee River that is not posted as being off limits to campers. Numerous public campgrounds are available around the Shoals.