# The RVer's Guide to State Park Campgrounds

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# CONNECTICUT

### PORTAL.CT.GOV/DEEP/STATE-PARKS/CONNECTICUT-STATE-PARKS-AND-FORESTS

The state of Connecticut is an interesting mix of cities, world-class universities, cultural attractions, historical sites, and the small towns, farms, and rocky beaches typical of New England. Due to its proximity to New York City, the coastal corridor has some of the most expensive real estate in the region and dense suburban developments for commuters. Yet it's easy to escape to rural and even wild areas within the state, just a short drive from popular destinations like Yale University, Mystic Seaport, and the state capital of Hartford.

Connecticut's state park system has 14 campgrounds that can accommodate RVs, although only those up to 35 feet long. With few exceptions, there are no hookups. Pets are also not allowed in state park campgrounds—the focus is on protecting the site and providing a peaceful camping experience. Hiking trails, swimming beaches, nature programs, and access to water sports are typical amenities. The state parks offer a great deal for Connecticut residents, but the campgrounds are relatively pricey for out-of-state visitors. Still, they can be a good value compared to private RV parks, and they provide a central base in a natural setting to tour the region. Note that the state park campgrounds are all seasonal and closed in the winter; specific dates vary by park.

For more information on Connecticut state park campgrounds, visit portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Connecticut-State-Parks-and-Forests.

# CONNECTICUT



### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit reserveamerica.com or call 877-668-CAMP (2267). Note that Connecticut doesn't have its own reservation website. On the Reserve America website, you can search for a specific park, or to browse state park campgrounds, search for "Connecticut" and filter by "State" under "Facility Type."

Reservations are required and can be made from 11 months to one day in advance. A 2-night minimum is required.

Unreserved campsites are normally available on a first-come, first-served basis. However, as of 2020 no walk-ins are accepted until further notice.



### CAMPSITE SIZES

Trailers and RVs over 35 feet are not permitted. Sites are searchable and bookable online by RV length.



### ACCESSIBILITY

Only Hammonasset Beach has campsites that are designated for use by individuals with disabilities. These can be reserved through the call center. For questions about accessibility at other campgrounds, contact the park directly.



### HOOKUPS

Electric and water hookups are available at four campgrounds on a limited basis. Information is available on the park's website, and sites with hookups are searchable and bookable in the reservation system.



### ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

Connecticut state park campgrounds are rustic, with showers, toilets, and drinking water provided in most areas. Additional park facilities may include marked trails, swimming beaches, water access and boat rentals, concession stands, nature centers, and interpretive programs.



### COST

Prices range from \$24 to \$45 per night for out-of-state campers. Rates are \$10 less for Connecticut residents. Prices are posted on each park's website, and displayed per site / per date in the reservation system.

State park entrance fee: \$10-\$22 for nonresidents. An annual pass is available for \$112. A few parks do not charge an entrance fee. Entrance is free for Connecticut residents with their car registration.

Nonrefundable transaction fee: \$9

This is charged for the initial reservation and any changes made.

Cancellation fee: \$9

Cancellations between 7 and 3 days prior to arrival also forfeit the first night's fee. Cancellations within 2 days of arrival are nonrefundable.

### CONNECTIVITY

In general, WiFi is not offered. If connectivity is a priority, contact the park directly to ask about WiFi and cell service.

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### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 consecutive days. Campers can return to the park after vacating for at least 5 days.

Hammonasset Beach and Rocky Neck state parks allow a maximum stay of 21 days.



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### PET POLICIES

Pets are prohibited in all state park camping areas.

Pets are permitted only in state forest campgrounds. A maximum of one pet is allowed per campsite, and they must be kept on a leash no longer than 7 feet. Proof of rabies vaccination and license must be presented at check-in. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 1 or 2 vehicles; 6 people (excluding minor children accompanied by a parent).
- Check-in time: 2 p.m. Check-out time: 12 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Prohibited at most campgrounds. Details can be found on each park's website and in the reservation system details.
- Generator use: Prohibited during quiet hours. Check with the specific park for additional restrictions.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Prohibited.

For more information on Connecticut state park campgrounds, visit portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Connecticut-State-Parks-and-Forests.



# CONNECTICUT

## **Featured Campgrounds**

### **ROCKY NECK STATE PARK**

244 West Main Street (Route 156), East Lyme, Niantic, CT 06357 portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Rocky-Neck-State-Park

Located on Long Island Sound, Rocky Neck State Park features a sandy beach, salt marshes, and boulders left behind by Ice Age glaciers that are typical of coastal Connecticut. Viewing platforms allow families and photographers to observe ospreys, cranes, herons, and other birds in their natural salt marsh environment. Fishing and crabbing are popular activities; so is swimming at the sandy beach.

More than 130 dry camping sites are available for RVs, with a mix of shady and open sites between four different loops. Facilities include bathrooms, showers, a dump station, and concessions. The campground is in a woodsy area that's a short walk or bike ride to the beach through a tunnel under train tracks. The park is a small oasis, home to deer, wild turkeys, raccoons, and a wide variety of birds. Rocky Neck makes a great camping base to set off for the charming towns and beaches of Connecticut's Gold Coast.

### MACEDONIA BROOK STATE PARK

159 Macedonia Brook Road, Kent, CT 06757 portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Macedonia-Brook-State-Park

Close to Connecticut's western border with New York, Macedonia Brook State Park's 2,300 wooded acres offer access to the Blue Trail. This notable hiking trail crosses Cobble Mountain and several other peaks, providing panoramic views of the Catskill and Taconic mountains. The beautiful forest is interspersed with springs and streams. In addition to hiking, activities in the park include fishing, picnicking, playing on a variety of sports fields, and visiting the park's historic area.

The park's small campground includes just over 20 RV sites, well spaced out in small loops, providing a good amount of privacy. Sites are in a variety of settings among the woods, in an open meadow, or up against the brook. The outhouses and the lack of hookups or a dump station make the experience rustic. Macedonia Brook is perfectly suited for a weekend getaway to camp and hike in pristine wilderness that's just over 50 miles from the busy cities on the Connecticut coast.

# CONNECTICUT

## **Featured Campgrounds**

### **HOPEVILLE POND STATE PARK**

929 Hopeville Road, Griswold, CT 06351 portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Hopeville-Pond-State-Park

This 544-acre park encompasses the Pachaug River, which was a major fishing ground for the Mohegan Tribe until the 19th century. Stone weirs, constructed by the Mohegans to direct water flow and fish, are visible when the river waters are low. Fishing is still a popular activity at the park, as are hiking, biking, bird watching, and swimming and boating in Hopeville Pond.

The campground offers 11 sites with electric hookups. Another 65 without hookups are available for RVs. Facilities include restrooms with showers, potable water, and a dump station. The nearby towns of Griswold and Lisbon offer a variety of shops and restaurants. Centrally located off I-395 in eastern Connecticut, Hopeville Pond State Park is a good option for an overnight or to use as a base to visit the area.



## List of all Connecticut State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- American Legion State Forest
- Black Rock State Park
- Devil's Hopyard State Park
- Hammonasset Beach State Park
- Hopeville Pond State Park
- Housatonic Meadows State Park
- Kettletown State Park
- Lake Waramaug State Park
- Macedonia Brook State Park
- Mashamoquet Brook State Park
- Pachaug State Forest
- Rocky Neck State Park
- Salt Rock State Park
- Wolf Den State Park

For more information on Connecticut state park campgrounds, visit portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Connecticut-State-Parks-and-Forests.

# DELAWARE

### **DESTATEPARKS.COM**

The mid-Atlantic state of Delaware is easy to overlook when traveling up and down the East Coast. But just off I-95, small towns and farms, fascinating historical and cultural sites, and pristine beaches and waterways are waiting to welcome you. The second smallest state in the nation, Delaware is host to excellent camping and RVing opportunities, whether for an overnight stop or a multi-day trip with bikes and kayaks on hand.

With casinos, water parks, and the Rehoboth Beach boardwalk scene, Delaware can provide plenty of urban entertainment. However, its understated natural beauty and abundance of outdoor recreation also make it shine as a camping destination. While only five of the 17 state parks can accommodate RVs, they offer some of the best camping experiences around. Nearly 600 sites total are available throughout the state park system, spanning ocean beaches, freshwater ponds, forests, and wildlife areas. Ample facilities including hookups, stores, and nature centers, along with activities such as hiking, kayaking, volleyball, and disc golf, provide RVers with plenty of comfort while touring the historical sites and natural beauty of the First State.

For more information on Delaware state park campgrounds, visit destateparks.com.

# DELAWARE



### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit delawarestateparks.reserveamerica.com or call 877-98-PARKS (877-987-2757).

Reservations are strongly recommended but not required. Reservations can be made up to 12 months in advance.

A minimum of two nights is required over weekends, three nights for holidays.

### CAMPSITE SIZES

All campgrounds have sites that can fit RVs up to 45 feet, although the number of sites is limited. Delaware Seashore is the most big rig friendly of the five state park campgrounds, with almost all of its 226 sites accommodating up to 45 feet.

Campsites can be searched for by RV length within each park on the reservation website. When you reserve a specific site, you enter the RV length and cannot exceed the site's maximum size.



### ACCESSIBILITY

All campgrounds except for Delaware Seashore State Park have ADA-accessible sites available. Accessible sites are bookable by anyone, however they are designated for people with disabilities who require accessible facilities.



### HOOKUPS

All five campgrounds offer electric and water hookups. Delaware Seashore and Lums Pond state parks have some sites with full hookups. Sites with hookups are searchable and bookable in the reservation system.



### **ADDITIONAL FACILITIES**

Campsites have fire pits and picnic tables; some also have grills. Most campgrounds have paved parking pads. Details with photos can be found per site in the reservation system.

Basic facilities at campgrounds include restrooms, showers, potable water, and a dump station. Most parks also have a camp store, laundry, interpretive programs, marked trails, sports fields, and access to water sports.

Details can be found under "Activities" and "Amenities" on each park's website.



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Rates by season and by site type are listed on the park system's website under "RV and Tent Camping". Prices range from \$20 for a site with partial hookups during the winter season to \$59 for a full hookup pullthrough site during peak summer season.

Prices are displayed per site / per date in the reservation system.

Additional Fees:

Additional persons fee: \$2 per person, per night for groups of more than 4, to a maximum of 8.

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$4

Change fee: \$10

Cancellations up to 31 days prior to arrival are \$10.

Cancellations within 30 days of arrival forfeit the first night's fee.





### CONNECTIVITY

State parks may have WiFi available in public areas. If connectivity is a priority, contact the park directly to ask about WiFi and cell service.



### MAXIMUM STAY

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, the maximum stay is 14 nights in a 21-day period.



### PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed, as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Check with the specific park directly for any additional pet policies. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 1 vehicle, 8 people.
- Check-in time: 1 p.m. Check-out time: 12 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Permitted at campsite only. Kegs are prohibited.
- Generator use: Prohibited.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: A Park Services permit must be acquired in advance.

# DELAWARE

## **Featured Campgrounds**

### CAPE HENLOPEN STATE PARK

15099 Cape Henlopen Drive, Lewes, DE 19958 destateparks.com/Beaches/CapeHenlopen

Cape Henlopen State Park is an ideal Delaware beach camping destination in a dramatic location at the point where Delaware Bay meets the Atlantic Ocean. Visitors to this 7,000-acre state park can enjoy both natural and historical attractions by swimming in the ocean, biking through forest and sand dunes, fishing from a pier, attending a nature center program, and touring the World War II–era Fort Miles.

The campground, set within pine-covered dunes, has more than 100 sites with electric and water hookups, and several new sites over 100 feet long to accommodate big rigs. Additional facilities include restrooms with showers, new fire rings and picnic tables, pullthrough sites, two dump stations, a camp store, and a play area. Sites are somewhat close together, but the main draw of the campground is its proximity to the beach and trails. If you don't have your own bikes, the park rents them for free. A bike trail leads all the way to Rehoboth Beach (12 miles round-trip) for a stunning ride along the Delaware coast.

### LUMS POND STATE PARK

1068 Howell School Road, Bear, DE 19701 • destateparks.com/PondsRivers/LumsPond

Water views and activities are the main attraction at this peaceful state park surrounding Delaware's largest freshwater millpond. In addition to fishing, boating, and kayaking, dedicated hiking and biking trails are available, along with horseback riding, sports fields, and a zip-line course. The excellent nature center and nearby Fort Delaware State Park round out the attractions with engaging education and history.

Lums Pond's campground features spacious, shady sites with paved driveways and grassy areas. Notable for a state park, all sites have full hookups. Facilities include a camp store, restrooms with showers, and a dump station. Pet owners will appreciate the off-leash dog area, and campers needing to stay connected should have no issues with the cell service. Well maintained by friendly staff, this state park is a great camping option in northern Delaware. Note that sites accommodate rigs up to 40 feet.





# DELAWARE

## **Featured Campgrounds**

### **TRAP POND STATE PARK**

33587 Baldcypress Lane, Laurel, DE 19956 • destateparks.com/TrapPond

Trap Pond State Park highlights a unique natural attraction: the northernmost stand of bald cypress trees in the U.S. Once the site of a large freshwater wetland, the pond was created to power a sawmill to harvest the bald cypress in the late 18th century. During the summer, a variety of water craft are available to rent, and guided pontoon boat tours are offered on weekends. A stream flowing into the pond is a designated wilderness canoe trail, which makes for an incredible experience paddling among the graceful bald cypress.

Additional facilities include hiking, biking, and horseback riding trails, along with a playground, sports fields, and a nature center. Trap Pond State Park's campground features more than 100 sites, about half with electric and water hookups. Campsites are spacious, shady, and situated in a beautiful natural setting under tall pine trees. Restrooms, laundry, a dump station, and a camp store are available, making this a comfortable campground to visit the park and enjoy its unique natural beauty.

## List of all Delaware State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Cape Henlopen State Park
- Delaware Seashore State Park
- Killen Pond State Park
- Lums Pond State Park
- Trap Pond State Park

For more information on Delaware state park campgrounds, visit destateparks.com.

## MAINE

### MAINE.GOV/DACF/PARKS

The state of Maine brings to mind iconic images of lighthouses, lobster rolls, and rugged, rocky, forested coastline. Visitors gravitate to popular destinations like Acadia National Park and the vibrant capital city of Portland. Yet this is only a small portion of the state, which comprises nearly half the total area of New England. Inland Maine boasts an abundance of forests, pristine lakes, rivers, and mountains where hiking, kayaking, canoeing, fishing, wildlife viewing, and winter sports are all popular activities. Maine's cities, universities, and charming small towns dot the wilderness throughout the state. There are plenty of opportunities to experience the great outdoors while staying close to creature comforts.

With more than 30 parks, 11 of which can accommodate RV camping, the state park system provides a gateway to the lesser-known landscapes and highlights of the state, as well as the must-see Atlantic Coast and attractions of Downeast Maine. Campgrounds are rustic but well maintained, with a focus on the natural surroundings and outdoor recreation. Some sites can fit RVs around 40 feet, but there are more options available for smaller rigs. Given the harsh winter weather, almost all campgrounds are seasonal only. Maine state park campgrounds are an economical way to experience the best of this rugged New England state.

# MAINE



### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit maine.gov/public/index or call 207-624-9950.

Both online and through the call center, reservations are available only on a seasonal basis. Reservations open in February each year for the upcoming summer season. Check the state parks' website for details and specific dates.

Reservations can be made up to 1 day in advance for the summer season. Starting in mid-September, all campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Camping is generally available through mid-October; verify the official closing date with the park directly.



Over summer weekends, the minimum stay is 2 nights, except for reservations booked after June 30.

### **CAMPSITE SIZES**

Site sizes vary greatly among campgrounds, with limited options for larger RVs. Size restrictions are designated on each campground map as follows:

S = Small, pop-up or tent up to 20 feet M = Medium, camper up to 25 feet L = Large, camper up to 30 feet X = Extra Large, camper up to 35 feet U = Campers larger than 35 feet



### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible sites are offered at mainland Family Campgrounds. For specific details, contact the specific park in advance.



### HOOKUPS

Water and electric hookups are available at some of the state park campgrounds. Details can be found on each park's website and in the reservation system.



### **ADDITIONAL FACILITIES**

Campgrounds are rustic. Sites include a picnic table and fireplace. Most campgrounds have toilets, potable water, and a dump station. Additional facilities may include a ranger station, nature center, playground, showers, sports fields, and access to outdoor activities like marked hiking trails and boat launches.



### COST

Fees range from \$25 to \$45 for a site with hookups. Rates are discounted \$10 per night for Maine residents.

Additional Fees:

Nonrefundable processing fee: \$5.00

Cancellations prior to the arrival date incur no fee.



### CONNECTIVITY

WiFi is not offered. If connectivity is a priority, contact the park directly to ask about WiFi and cell service.

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### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 consecutive nights, or 14 cumulative nights at any one campground during the summer season.

### PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed at all campgrounds except for Sebago Lake State Park, and must be kept on a leash. Of course, campers should always clean up after their pet.

### **ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS**

- Maximum occupancy per site: 2 vehicles, 6 people or immediate family.
- Check-in time: 1 p.m. Check-out time: 11 a.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Prohibited in common areas.
- Generator use: Permitted between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Some campgrounds have additional generator restrictions.
- Fires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Prohibited.



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## MAINE

## **Featured Campgrounds**

### LAMOINE STATE PARK

23 State Park Road, Lamoine, ME 04605 maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/doc/parksearch/details.pl?park\_id=16

This oceanfront state park is located in the heart of Downeast Maine, one of the most popular destinations in the state. Lamoine's peaceful setting with easy access to Acadia National Park and Bar Harbor is an ideal base to tour the area's iconic rocky shoreline, islands, and lighthouses. Boating, fishing, and trail walking are popular activities, but the park's main draw is its beautiful views of Frenchman's Bay.

The campground offers just under 50 sites for RVs. Many can accommodate RVs up to 30 feet, with a limited number for larger rigs. There are no hookups, but facilities include potable water, an easy-access dump station, and well-maintained bathrooms and showers. A ranger station, playground, and loop trail are also available to campers. Lamoine State Park Campground provides a restful stay with beautiful views after a day of hiking or exploring the sites in this spectacular region of Maine.

### LILY BAY STATE PARK

### 13 Myrle's Way, Greenville, ME 04441 maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/doc/parksearch/details.pl?park\_id=17

In a state with an abundance of breathtaking landscapes, Lily Bay State Park stands out. Located practically in the middle of the state, away from the more popular Atlantic coastline, this lesser-known park rewards visitors with spectacular water, forest, and mountain views. Visitors can traverse the miles of forested shoreline and coves on sprawling Moosehead Lake by foot, bike, kayak, or canoe. Wildlife viewing is a highlight, since moose are a common sight in the park. An easy hike up Mount Kineo offers panoramic vistas from a repurposed fire-watch tower. Nearby, you can also tour the stunning Gulf Hagas area's gorges and waterfalls.

Lily Bay's campground has over 50 RV sites tucked among the trees. A few sites can fit RVs up to 35 feet, but the majority are for RVs under 30 feet. The campground has no hookups. Facilities include restrooms, potable water, a central bathhouse with separate shower rooms and a dishwashing sink, a dump station, and a playground. The town of Greenville is a few minutes' drive away for shopping. If you have time to travel away from the coast, you won't be disappointed to include Lily Bay State Park in your itinerary.



## MAINE

### **Featured Campgrounds**

### SEBAGO LAKE STATE PARK

11 Park Access Road, Casco, ME 04015 maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/doc/parksearch/details.pl?park\_id=26

This popular Maine vacation spot was one of the five original state parks in the country. Opened in 1938, Sebago Lake State Park's 1,400 acres at the base of the White Mountains encompass expansive woodlands, sandy beaches, ponds, bogs, and rivers. This diverse landscape creates habitats for a variety of plants and wildlife, and outdoor activities like swimming, hiking, fishing, and boating. Sebago is the deepest and second-largest lake in Maine.

More than 200 campsites are available, some with electric and water hookups. Many sites can accommodate RVs between 30 and 40 feet. Facilities include restrooms, showers, potable water, a dump station, and a playground. The park offers boat rentals, outdoor movies, and a wide variety of ranger programs throughout the summer for kids of all ages. The park can get crowded with day-trippers in the summer, but it's a fun family destination beloved by many year after year. Campsites are in high demand and get fully booked as soon as the reservation season opens. Note that for camping between May 24 and September 12, a minimum of four nights applies if you book your reservation during the month of February.

## List of all Maine State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Aroostook State Park
- Bradbury Mountain State Park
- Camden Hills State Park
- Cobscook Bay State Park
- Lake St. George State Park
- Lamoine State Park
- Lily Bay State Park
- Mount Blue State Park
- Peaks-Kenny State Park
- Rangeley Lake
- Sebago Lake

For more information on Maine state park campgrounds, visit maine.gov/dacf/parks.



# MARYLAND

### DNR.MARYLAND.GOV/PUBLICLANDS/PAGES/DEFAULT.ASPX

Maryland's big draw is the water; the state is virtually defined by its tidal shoreline along Chesapeake Bay. Beaches, mountain lakes, and marshy rivers make Maryland a paradise for boating, sailing, paddling, fishing, wildlife viewing, beachcombing, and sightseeing. Fresh produce from small farms and abundant seafood, including the renowned blue crab, can be enjoyed at casual dockside shacks or sophisticated restaurants in downtown Annapolis.

For RVers, Maryland's state parks offer some of the best locations and toprated campgrounds in the state. With private sites in natural settings, some hookups, modern facilities, outdoor recreation, and highly regarded visitor centers and interpretive programs, the campgrounds provide an excellent, economical way to take in the nature and rich history of Maryland. Alternative accommodations available at most parks with campgrounds include rustic cabins, full-service cabins, yurts, and historic houses, which are also a great option for family gatherings in a central East Coast location.

List of all Maryland State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Assateague State Park
- Cedarville State Forest
- Deep Creek Lake State Park
- Elk Neck State Park
- Fort Frederick State Park
- Gambrill State Park
- Hart-Miller Island State Park
- Janes Island State Park
- Martinak State Park
- New Germany State Park
- Patapsco Valley State Park
- Pocomoke River State Forest
- Pocomoke State Forest
- Point Lookout State Park
- Potomac-Garrett State Forest
- Rocky Gap State Park
- Smallwood State Park
- Susquehanna State Park
- Swallow Falls State Park
- Tuckahoe State Park

# MARYLAND



#### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit parkreservations.maryland.gov or call 1-888-432-2267. Reservations can be made up to 1 year in advance. Unreserved sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. A minimum of 2 nights is required over weekends, 3 nights over holiday weekends.



### CAMPSITE SIZES

In general, Maryland state parks are not big rig friendly, although site sizes vary. It's best to search by RV length in the reservation system or contact the park directly for more information.



### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible campsites are searchable and bookable online. Reservations can also be made through the contact center.

### HOOKUPS

Maryland state park campgrounds offer sites with electricity. Water hookups may also be available. Full hookups with sewer are limited to a couple campgrounds. Details are provided on each park's website under "Camping". Sites with hookups are searchable and bookable online.



### ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

Campsites have a picnic table, and most have a fire ring. Grills for cooking and lantern posts may be provided.

Basic facilities include restrooms with hot and cold running water and flush toilets. Showers, a dump station, and potable water are available at most campgrounds. Many parks have nature centers, museums, nature walks, and campfire programs, as well as playgrounds and access to outdoor recreation.

Maryland state parks offer an excellent Junior Ranger program. Pick up a book for the kids at the ranger station or check-in booth.



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Prices range from \$19 for a site with no hookups to \$39 for full hookups.

Flat rates per campground and campsite type can be found under "Fees and Hours of Operation" on the state park website. Prices are displayed per site / per date in the reservation system.

Additional Fees:

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$6.25

Change or cancellation fee: \$4.75

Cancellations on the day of arrival also forfeit the first night's fee.

### CONNECTIVITY

Maryland state parks do not have WiFi capability in the campgrounds, however some parks offer free WiFi in central areas. Some park websites include details about cell service. If connectivity is a priority, contact the park directly to ask about WiFi and cell service.

### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 2 weeks. Campers must vacate for at least 1 week before returning and re-registering at the same campground.

### PET POLICIES

Domesticated pets are allowed as long as they're kept on a leash. Proof of current vaccination may be requested. Be sure to book a pet-friendly campsite through the reservation system. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 2 vehicles, 6 people
- Check-in time: 3 p.m. Check-out time: 12 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Prohibited. Check with the park whether having alcohol inside an RV is permitted.
- Generator use: Prohibited during quiet hours.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: You must contact the park manager before flying a drone in a state park.



# MARYLAND

## **Featured Campgrounds**

### ASSATEAGUE STATE PARK

7307 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, MD 21811 dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/eastern/assateague.aspx

This is a bucket-list camping destination that requires advanced planning and reservations. RVers who make the effort are rewarded with the experience of beachfront camping on a 37-mile-long National Seashore barrier island on the Eastern shore. The natural beauty alone is a draw, but the famous herds of wild ponies who roam the island elevate Assateague to a truly magical state park.

Only 15 minutes from the tourist destination of Ocean City, this state park campground is well maintained and rustic, allowing campers to immerse themselves in the rugged beauty of the sand dunes, scrubland, and endless ocean views. Over 300 concrete-pad sites are available, many of which can accommodate big rigs. Only a limited number of sites have electric hookups, and these tend to get fully booked immediately, so be prepared for dry camping. Amenities include a swimming beach, bike path, playground, nature center, modern bathhouses, and excellent ranger programs. Reserve yourself a site and see why RVers return year after year to experience the magic of camping at Assateague State Park.

### **CUNNINGHAM FALLS STATE PARK**

14039 Catoctin Hollow Road, Thurmont, MD 21788 dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/western/cunningham.aspx

Nestled in the Catoctin Mountains, this gem of a state park offers hiking, swimming, and beautiful waterfalls in a serene forest setting. Its trails range from half a mile to over seven miles, from flat and easy to rocky, steep, and challenging. The falls are easily accessible by a half-mile trail or day-access parking. Beautiful Hunting Creek Lake has a sandy swimming beach and boat rentals available in the summer. When the weather cools, Cunningham Falls is a favorite destination for leaf peeping.

There are two separate areas in the park. Houck Area has more than 100 campsites, some with electric hookups. It's closest to the falls and the lake. Manor Area is a more intimate campground with around 30 sites, a few with electricity available. It's located near educational sites, including an aviary with birds of prey and reptiles, and the Catoctin Iron Furnace, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Neither campground has any sites that fit RVs over 30 feet.



# MARYLAND

### **Featured Campgrounds**

### **TUCKAHOE STATE PARK**

13070 Crouse Mill Road, Queen Anne, MD 21657 dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/eastern/tuckahoe.aspx

Located on the Eastern Shore, Tuckahoe State Park is well loved by day-trippers and campers for its abundance of outdoor recreation in a beautiful setting. Picnicking, biking, kayaking, fishing, swimming, hiking, archery, and bird-watching are just some of the activities enjoyed in the woods, wetlands, lake, river, and creeks in the park. Kids will have fun in the sprawling playground, ropes course, ranger programs, and the Adkins Arboretum's beautiful displays of plants and flowers.

The campground offers over just over 30 electric sites that can accommodate RVs, spaciously arranged in a peaceful wooded setting. Some sites can fit RVs up to 40 feet. Well-maintained bathhouses, a dishwashing sink, potable water, and a dump station are

available. Cell service is spotty, but if you don't need a strong signal this is a peaceful, private base to tour the Chesapeake Bay area. Sweeping bay views are close by, and the charm, culture, and history of the state capital of Annapolis is a scenic 45-minute drive away.



For more information on Maryland state park campgrounds, visit dnr.maryland.gov/Publiclands/Pages/default.aspx.

# MASSACHUSETTS

### MASS.GOV/VISIT-MASSACHUSETTS-STATE-PARKS

Nicknamed the Bay State for its bounty of coastal beaches, inlets, and waterways, including the famous Boston Harbor, Massachusetts has long been a popular tourist destination. From Cape Cod and the Atlantic Coast to the Berkshire Mountains in the west, the commonwealth's diverse natural beauty provides outdoor recreation opportunities yearround, from hiking, boating, and fishing to cross-country and downhill skiing. The city of Boston is unparalleled for its historical landmarks, art, and architecture. Concord and Lexington, Plymouth, and Salem are just a few other richly historical towns in the state that are well worth a visit.

RVers have a variety of camping options to use as a base to tour the cities, or to simply get away from it all at the beach or in a forest. Massachusetts' 24 state parks have sites that can accommodate RVs, although options are limited for those over 30 feet long. Partial hookups are sometimes available, though most campgrounds are rustic and highlight the natural surroundings or historical sites.

It's not uncommon to see states charge nonresidents \$5 to \$10 more per night for a campsite than residents. In Massachusetts, however, the price difference is more than double, making the cost for out-of-state RVers more comparable to private RV parks. While the campgrounds are a much better deal for residents (or someone renting an RV with Massachusetts plates), it's still worth considering the price and location of a state park campground compared to alternative accommodations in the area you're looking to visit.

# MASSACHUSETTS



### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit massdcrcamping.reserveamerica.com or call 877-422-6762.

Reservations can be made from 6 months to 1 day in advance. A 2-night minimum is required for most campsites.



### **CAMPSITE SIZES**

Site sizes vary by campground. General inMost campgrounds can fit RVs up to 30 feet, but less than half have sites that accommodate RVs up to 40 feet.

Sites are searchable and bookable by RV length in the reservation system.



### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible campsites are available at some campgrounds, and are searchable and bookable online. Contact the park directly for more information on specific accessibility needs and alternative accommodation options, like cabins.



### HOOKUPS

Electric and/or water hookups are available at only a handful of campgrounds, and a surcharge applies for them (see pricing below). Sites with hookups are searchable and bookable through the reservation system.



### ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

Campgrounds are rustic. Most sites include a picnic table and grill, and campgrounds have flush or vault toilets. Additional facilities may include showers, a dump station, a playground, sports fields, interpretive programs, marked trails, and access to water recreation.



### CONNECTIVITY

WiFi is not offered. If connectivity is a priority, contact the park directly to ask about WiFi and cell service.



### соѕт

Camping costs are significantly higher for out-of-state visitors. Coastal campgrounds are \$22 for state residents, \$70 for nonresidents. Inland campgrounds are \$17 and \$55, respectively. (Note that vehicle entrance fees are also expensive—from \$20 to \$40 for nonresidents—however, this is included in the camping fee.)

Additional Fees:

Hookups surcharge: \$6 for electric, \$4 for water

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$8.65

Cancellation or change fee: \$10

Cancellations on the day of arrival also forfeit the first night's fee, and must be made by calling the park directly.

### MAXIMUM STAY

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, the maximum stay is 14 cumulative days in any one campground.

### PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed as long as they are kept on a leash. No more than 4 pets per campsite permitted. A rabies vaccination certificate must be shown at the time of check-in. And of course, campers should always clean up after their pet.

### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 1 or 2 vehicles, 4 people or 2 adults and the children in their care.
- Check-in time: 1 p.m. Check-out time: 11 a.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Prohibited.
- Generator use: Prohibited during quiet hours.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories
- Drone use: Check with the specific park for regulations





# MASSACHUSETTS

### **Featured Campgrounds**

Given the prices for out-of-state visitors, these parks were selected for their ideal locations. There are few comparable alternatives for RV camping, and a hotel can cost significantly more in these prime destinations.

### SCUSSET BEACH STATE RESERVATION

20 Scusset Beach Road, Sagamore, MA 02562 • mass.gov/locations/scusset-beach-state-reservation

More developed than most Massachusetts state park campgrounds, Scusset Beach State Reservation provides a comfortable, easily accessible base to tour Cape Cod. The campground is situated at the edge of Cape Cod Bay and the Cape Cod Canal, just a short walk from a beautiful beach and surrounded by a nature preserve with walking trails. The campground has over 90 sites that can accommodate RVs, all with electric and water hookups. The sites are in the open, with little shade, but are well spaced apart and level with concrete parking pads. This is a beautiful beach campground in an ideal location. Cape Cod, Plymouth, other historical sites and beaches, and shops and restaurants are all within easy driving distance from the park.

### WOMPATUCK STATE PARK

204 Union Street, Hingham, MA 02043 • mass.gov/locations/wompatuck-state-park

Wompatuck State Park delivers a peaceful camping experience close to downtown Boston, the beach, and other attractions. The campground is nestled in the middle of a forest, with sites spread out among the trees for shade and privacy. Over 240 sites are available, half with electric and water hookups. RVs up to 30 feet can fit, and a handful of sites fit rigs up to 40 feet. All sites have a picnic table and fire ring, and access to bathrooms, showers, and a dump station. Fresh spring water is available from spigots near the campground. The park features 12 miles of paved trails and a large reservoir for fishing and beautiful water views. Its decent cell service and location just a half hour drive from downtown Boston, or a 15-minute drive to ferry and train lines, make Wompatuck State Park an ideal spot to venture into the city from your RV.



For more information on Massachusetts state park campgrounds, visit mass.gov/visit-massachusetts-state-parks.

# MASSACHUSETTS

## **Featured Campgrounds**

### SALISBURY BEACH STATE RESERVATION

State Reservation Road, Salisbury, MA 01952 • mass.gov/locations/salisbury-beach-state-reservation

Salisbury State Reservation has one of the most beautiful sandy beaches on the New England coast. The park encompasses almost four miles of Atlantic Ocean beach and dunes stretching north to the New Hampshire border, plus the protected Merrimack River estuary's salt marshes and diverse wildlife. The park's campground is situated between the river and the ocean, providing spectacular views and easy access to nature trails and the beach. Ocean swimming and river kayaking, canoeing, and fishing are all popular activities here.

The campground has more than 400 RV sites, nearly all with electric and water hookups. About half of the sites can accommodate RVs up to 40 feet long. Facilities include wellmaintained restrooms, showers, a dump station, a ranger station, a nature center, and playgrounds. The campground is laid out in a big, open grid, so the sites are close together and there is little shade. Still, campers come year after year to enjoy the beach and natural surroundings. Even for the out-of-state visitor price, this prime location can be an economical deal compared to beachfront hotels or vacation rentals in the same area.

## List of all Massachusetts State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Beartown State Forest
- Clarksburg State Park
- DAR State Forest
- Erving State Forest
- Granville State Forest
- Harold Parker State Forest
- Horseneck Beach
  State Reservation
- Lake Dennison Recreation Area
- Massasoit State Park

- Mohawk Trail State Forest
- Myles Standish State Forest
- Nickerson State Park
- October Mountain State Forest
- Otter River State Forest
- Pearl Hill State Park
- Pittsfield State Forest
- Salisbury Beach State Reservation
- Savoy Mountain State Forest

- Scusset Beach State Reservation
- Shawme-Crowell State Forest
- Tolland State Forest
- Wells State Park
- Willard Brook State Forest
- Wompatuck State Park

For more information on Massachusetts state park campgrounds, visit mass.gov/visit-massachusetts-state-parks.



# NEW HAMPSHIRE

### NHSTATEPARKS.ORG

This small New England state is known for its natural beauty and abundant outdoor recreation opportunities. Adjacent to Massachusetts, Vermont, and Maine, New Hampshire also reaches the Atlantic Coast and Québec. From Mount Washington, the highest peak in the region, to the White Mountain National Forest, residents and visitors alike enjoy hiking, biking, boating, fishing, skiing, and snowshoeing throughout the state. The mountains, forests, lakes, rivers, and gorges provide some remarkable natural wonders to explore, like Franconia Notch State Park and Flume Gorge.

New Hampshire state park campgrounds reflect the state's rugged, outdoorsy reputation, with a focus on the natural surroundings over resort amenities. Still, they are well maintained, offering basic facilities plus access to some of the most spectacular scenery and wilderness in the state. Nineteen state park campgrounds have sites that accommodate RVs, most up to 35 or 40 feet. Familyfriendly amenities include marked walking trails, swimming beaches, playgrounds, ranger programs, and boat rentals to enjoy lakes and rivers. Considering its vibrant cities, universities, and quaint small towns surrounded by all this natural beauty, New Hampshire is a great destination for campers and RVers who want to see the best of New England.

For more information on New Hampshire state park campgrounds, visit nhstateparks.org.

# NEW HAMPSHIRE



#### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit newhampshirestateparks.reserveamerica.com or call 877-NH-PARKS (647-2757).

Reservations can be made from 11 months to 1 day in advance.

A 3-night minimum is required for reservations made prior to April 1 and for holiday weekends at any time.

### **CAMPSITE SIZES**

Maximum RV length per campground is listed under the "Campground Amenities Grid" on the New Hampshire State Parks website. Most campgrounds can fit RVs up to 35 or 40 feet.

Sites are searchable and bookable by RV length in the reservation system.



### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible sites are searchable and bookable on the reservation website. Guests are encouraged to visit the "Accessibility" section of each park's page to find the latest accessibility information for that facility, and to call the park directly to discuss specific needs.



### HOOKUPS

Full-hookup sites are available at Cannon Mountain RV Park, Ellacoya State Park, and Hampton Beach State Park. All other campgrounds have dry camping sites only.

### ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

Campgrounds are rustic. Most sites include a picnic table and grill, and campgrounds have flush or vault toilets. Additional facilities may include showers, a dump station, a playground, marked trails, nature programs, and access to water recreation.



### CONNECTIVITY

WiFi is not offered. If connectivity is a priority, contact the park directly to ask about WiFi and cell service.



### соѕт

Fees range from \$23 for a site with no hookups to \$50 for a site with full hookups in a prime location. Flat fees per campground are posted on the state park website under "Campsite Rates".

Additional Fees:

A reservation includes up to 2 adults and 4 children. A surcharge of \$10 applies for additional adults to a maximum of 4, or \$5 for additional children. Either way, maximum occupancy per site is 6 people.

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$6.50

Change fee: \$2.15

Cancellations up to 6 days prior to arrival: \$6.50

Cancellations within 5 days of arrival: \$15



### PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed at some, but not all, state parks as long as they are kept on a leash. Pet policies are provided in the "Campground Amenities Grid" on each park's website.

Designated pet-friendly sites can be searched for in the reservation system. And of course, campers should always clean up after their pet.

### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 1 or 2 vehicles and 6 people, up to 4 of which can be adults.
- Check-in time: 1 p.m. Check-out time: 11 a.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Generally permitted, but check with the park for any site-specific restrictions.
- Generator use: Prohibited during quiet hours.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Check with the specific park for regulations.

### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 nights.



# NEW HAMPSHIRE

## **Featured Campgrounds**

### WHITE LAKE STATE PARK

94 State Park Road, Tamworth, NH 03886 • nhstateparks.org/visit/state-parks/white-lake-state-park

White Lake State Park is an ideal combination of peaceful wilderness camping and family-friendly recreation in White Mountain National Forest. The glacial lake is deep and clear, ringed by dense pinewoods and distant mountain peaks. A sandy beach and cool water are ideal for swimming and boating in the summer, and the beautiful surroundings are a photographer's dream.

The campground is nestled among a 72-acre stand of pitch pine trees surrounding White Lake that was designated a National Natural Landmark. About 90 of the campground's 200 sites can accommodate RVs, to a maximum length of 35 feet. There are no hookups, but a dump station is available along with a camp store, ranger station, playground, restrooms, and showers. Add in the walking and biking trails, summer boat rentals, and the beach, and White Lake makes for an idyllic summer camping destination, and a spectacular setting to watch the leaves change color in the fall.

### **PAWTUCKAWAY STATE PARK**

7 Pawtuckaway Road, Nottingham, NH 03290 • nhstateparks.org/visit/state-parks/pawtuckaway-state-park

Located between the cities of Manchester and coastal Portsmouth, Pawtuckaway is a beloved destination for the beauty and recreational opportunities of its lake, ponds, wetlands, and forest. Its trails lead to a variety of points of interest, from a mountaintop fire tower with panoramic views to a field of boulders left behind after the last Ice Age. Potential wildlife viewing includes deer, beaver, great blue heron, and other waterfowl. The lake offers a swimming beach, fishing, and kayak and canoe rentals in the summer. Biking, horseback riding, and backcountry hiking trails are offered as well.

Pawtuckaway's wooded campground has over 50 sites for RVs, with a limited number that can accommodate RVs up to 35 feet long. Sites are spacious, shady, and many are located on the water. Note that neither hookups nor a dump station is available. Campground facilities include a store, ranger station, playground, restrooms, and showers. Pawtuckaway is a popular park with day-trippers and campers, so it's best to book early for a summer stay.

For more information on New Hampshire state park campgrounds, visit nhstateparks.org.

# NEW HAMPSHIRE

## **Featured Campgrounds**

### HAMPTON BEACH STATE PARK

160 Ocean Boulevard, Hampton, NH 03842 nhstateparks.org/visit/state-parks/hampton-beach-state-park

Most people associate New Hampshire with mountains, lakes, and woods, but the state takes full advantage of its small ocean shoreline, too. Hampton Beach has been a classic New England summer destination for generations. The state park is ideally situated at the mouth of the Hampton River, providing unobstructed views while remaining within walking distance of shops and restaurants in town.

The campground is right at the river's edge, and has full hookups at the 28 RV-only sites. All can accommodate RVs up to 40 feet. Sites are close together, in the open, and in high demand for their unparalleled access to the beach and water activities available on the ocean and the river. Campground facilities include a dump station, store, ranger station, playground, restrooms, and showers. The town of Hampton Beach and the state park itself are both very popular summer family destinations. Some campsites are offered during a preseason lottery due to demand. The shoulder season can offer more availability and a more peaceful beach camping experience.

## List of all New Hampshire State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Bear Brook State Park
- Cannon Mountain RV Park
- Coleman State Park
- Deer Mountain Campground
- Dry River Campground
- Ellacoya State Park
- Greenfield State Park

- Hampton Beach State Park (South)
- Jericho Mountain State Park
- Lafayette Place Campground
- Lake Francis State Park
- Milan Hill State Park
- Mollidgewock State Park
- Monadnock State Park Gilson
  Pond Area
- Moose Brook State Park
- Pawtuckaway State Park
- Pillsbury State Park
- Umbagog Lake State Park
- White Lake State Park

For more information on New Hampshire state park campgrounds, visit nhstateparks.org.

# NEW JERSEY

### NJPARKSANDFORESTS.ORG

As the most densely populated state in the U.S., New Jersey may not be the first that comes to mind for camping. Yet outside its major metropolitan areas and shopping centers, the Garden State lives up to its name. New Jersey's natural beauty may surprise you, with gently rolling farmlands, pine forests, lakes, the Delaware River, and over 120 miles of Atlantic coastline. The state is rich with charming small towns and Native American and colonial historical sites.

From Atlantic City to Cape May, the Jersey Shore is a hot spot for summer vacationers—including RVers. The Delaware Water Gap area, at the border with Pennsylvania, is likewise a magnet for outdoor adventurers, from white water rafters and kayakers to rock climbers and backcountry hikers. Additional outdoor recreation and camping opportunities are waiting to welcome you throughout the state. New Jersey state parks, forests, and recreation areas provide more than a dozen campgrounds for RVers.

The camping experience is rustic, with no hookups, but is set in some of the most scenic parts of the state. While they may not have the most highly rated campgrounds, the state parks are worth looking into for an economical, centrally located RV site.

For more information on New Jersey state park campgrounds, visit njparksandforests.org.

# NEW JERSEY



#### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit njportal.com/DEP/NJOutdoors

Reservations can be made up to 11 months in advance. Same-day reservations can be made directly with the park, either over the phone or in person.

A 2-night minimum applies at most campgrounds and will be noted at the time of booking.

### **CAMPSITE SIZES**

Site sizes vary by campground. You can find this information in the reservation system by filtering searches by RV length, or selecting a site and choosing "Site Details." Note that height restrictions may apply at some parks. This is noted in red on the park's website under "Camping."



### ACCESSIBILITY

"ADA Accessible" campsites are searchable and bookable online and are intended to be used by persons with a disability. These sites should not be booked if accessibility is not required, unless there is no other suitable option available.

"ADA Required" sites can be booked only by persons with a disability. Discounts may be available; contact the park directly for more information.



### HOOKUPS

There are no hookups available in New Jersey state park campgrounds, with the exception of Spruce Run Recreation Area, which offers a few sites with water and electric hookups.

### **ADDITIONAL FACILITIES**

In general, campsites are rustic, with a picnic table and fire ring or grill. Basic facilities found at most camparounds are flush toilets and showers. Some campgrounds have dump stations. Additional park facilities may include playgrounds, a store or concessions, nature centers, interpretive programs, marked hiking trails, water access, and watercraft rentals. Information is available on each park's website or by calling the park directly.



### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 consecutive nights.



### COST

New Jersey state park campgrounds have a flat fee of \$20 per night for residents, \$25 for nonresidents.

Additional Fees:

State park entrance fee: Varies from \$7 to \$20 for nonresidents. An annual pass is available for \$75 for nonresidents, \$50 for residents.

Pet surcharge: \$5 per night, includes up to 2 pets.

Nonrefundable transaction fee for initial reservation and for any changes: \$5

Cancellation fee: \$50 for nonresidents, or two nights' camping fee (whichever is less).

### CONNECTIVITY

In general, WiFi is not offered. WiFi can be searched for in the reservation system and is displayed under "Site Details." If connectivity is a priority, contact the park directly to ask about WiFi and cell service.

### **PET POLICIES**

Dogs and cats are allowed at some parks, as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. A maximum of 2 pets is allowed per campsite. License and proof of rabies vaccination are required at the time of reservation or at checkin. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

Note that pets are restricted to certain camping areas and may be altogether prohibited at some campgrounds, such as Spruce Run Recreation Area. You can search for and book a designated pet-friendly campsite through the reservations system.

### **ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS**

- Maximum occupancy per site: 10 individuals, with a maximum of 6 adults.
- Check-in time: 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Check-out time: 12 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 9 p.m. to 8 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: No specific restrictions.
- Generator use: Check with each campground as rules vary.
- Campfires: Allowed only in provided campfire pit or ring at site, following local restrictions.
- · Drone use: Recreational drone use is prohibited.











# NEW JERSEY

## **Featured Campgrounds**

### **BASS RIVER STATE FOREST**

762 Stage Road, Tuckerton, NJ 08087 • state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/bass.html#interp

Bass River has been a state forest since 1905, and a destination for recreation ever since the 67-acre Lake Absegami was created in the 1930s. In addition to swimming, boating, and fishing, the park features several walking and nature trails. One of the protected nature areas is a unique stunted forest ecosystem, where pine and oak trees typically grow no more than four feet high. In fact, New Jersey contains the largest acreage of this type of forest in the world.

Bass River has two separate campgrounds on the north and south shore of the lake. About 50 sites are available for RVs, all under 30 feet. As with other New Jersey state park campgrounds, there are no hookups. Facilities include restrooms, showers, and laundry. The South Shore Campground is preferred for its more spacious and quiet sites, and was recently designated pet friendly. Bass River is centrally located, and while it's convenient to the Garden State Parkway, it's still a peaceful getaway that many families have been returning to year after year.

### **WORTHINGTON STATE FOREST**

2 Old Mine Road, Columbia, NJ 07832 • state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/worthington.html

Encompassing some of the most scenic views and rugged terrain in northern New Jersey, Worthington State Forest offers more than 26 miles of trails, including seven miles of the Appalachian Trail. Hikes include a challenging climb to the top of Mount Tammany for panoramic views. A steep and rocky hike to Sunfish Pond rewards a stunning view of the glacial lake surrounded by native chestnut trees. A more accessible interpretive trail has been developed to provide natural and historical information about the park.

Worthington's campground sits right on the shore of the Delaware River, providing easy access for canoeing and kayaking. Just over 50 sites are available for RVs and can accommodate rigs up to 45 feet long. Sites are spaced well apart among the trees, and have access to restrooms, showers, a dump station, and a playground. The forest office sells ice and firewood. With the river and hiking trails steps from your campsite, Worthington offers an ideal forest camping experience and also serves as a great base to tour the nearby Delaware Water Gap.



# NEW JERSEY

## **Featured Campgrounds**

### **BELLEPLAIN STATE FOREST**

County Route 550, Woodbine, NJ 08270 • state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/belle.html#interp

Belleplain State Forest protects almost 23,000 acres of native pine, oak, and cedar trees and a 26-acre lake. Hiking, canoeing, fishing, swimming, and picnicking are popular activities with day-trippers and campers. Canoe rentals, a concession stand, and picnic areas are available, along with a limited number of interpretive programs. Located in the southern part of the state, the park is close to the Atlantic shore and the tourist destinations of Cape May and Ocean City.

The park's campground has almost 120 sites for RVs, grouped together with tent camping in two different loops around the lake. About half of the sites can accommodate RVs up to 30 feet. A limited number of sites can fit up to 40 feet. There are no hookups, but potable water, a dump station, and well-maintained restrooms are available. The campground features pet-friendly sites and trails. With reportedly strong cell service, Belleplain is a good, economical option to camp in a peaceful natural setting while touring the area.

## List of all New Jersey State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Allaire State Park
- Bass River State Forest
- Belleplain State Forest
- Brendan T. Byrne State Forest
- Cheesequake State Park
- High Point State Park
- Jenny Jump State Forest
- Kittatinny Valley State Park
- Parvin State Park

- Spruce Run Recreation Area
- Stephens State Park
- Stokes State Forest
- Swartswood State Park
- Voorhees State Park
- Wharton State Forest
- Worthington State Forest

For more information on New Jersey state park campgrounds, visit niparksandforests.org.



# NEW YORK

### PARKS.NY.GOV

Home to one of the most instantly recognizable and visited cities in the world, it's easy for the rest of New York state to be overshadowed by New York City. Even many New Yorkers may be surprised by the variety of natural wonders, historical sites, and spectacular camping destinations in the vast expanse of Upstate New York.

From the Atlantic Coast to Niagara Falls and the shores of the Great Lakes, New York is filled with forests, farmlands, mountain ranges, lakes, rivers, waterfalls, and gorges. Its 180 state parks offer endless opportunities to explore the natural beauty through hiking, biking, nature walks, boating, kayaking, rock climbing, and much more. More than 45 parks have campgrounds that accommodate RVs. New York state park campgrounds are generally rustic, with some hookups and basic facilities, but they are some of the highest rated in the state. Many have historical sites, visitor centers, and interpretive programs to enhance the experience.

New York state parks protect some of New England's most outstanding natural features and pristine wilderness and offer reasonable rates even for nonresidents, making them a great way for RVers to see this underrated camping destination.

For more information on New York state park campgrounds, visit parks.ny.gov.

# NEW YORK



### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit newyorkstateparks.reserveamerica.com or call 800-456-CAMP (2267).

Reservations can be made from 9 months to 1 day in advance. Unreserved sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Minimum stay requirements vary by park and by date. Details are provided on each park's website and in the reservation system.

### CAMPSITE SIZES

Most campgrounds can fit RVs up to 40 feet, but site sizes vary greatly by region and campground. Sites are searchable and bookable by RV length in the reservation system.



### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible campsites should only be reserved by groups that have at least one member in need of the accommodation. Accessible sites become generally available on a first-come, first-served basis once all other sites have been reserved.

Accessible sites are searchable and bookable on the reservation website.



### HOOKUPS

Electric hookups are available at most campgrounds. Water and sewer hookups are available on a more limited basis. Sites with hookups are searchable and bookable on the reservation website.

### ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

Most sites have a picnic table and a fire pit or ring. Basic campground facilities include vault or flush toilets, showers, potable water, and a dump station. Additional amenities include ranger stations, interpretive programs, playgrounds, camp stores, sports fields, marked trails, water access, and watercraft rentals. Details are provided on each park's website and under "Services and Amenities" in the reservation system.



### CONNECTIVITY

Free WiFi is offered in some parks. If connectivity is a priority, contact the park directly to ask about WiFi and cell service.



### COST

Campsite base rate: \$15 Additional Fees:

Out-of-state residents surcharge: \$5

Amenity surcharges: Additional fees are added to the base rate of some campsites for amenities, for example 30 amp electric hookup (\$6), full hookups with 50 amps (\$14) or waterfront location (\$10). Details can be found under "Fees and Cancellation" on the Campground Details page. Rates are also provided by site / by date in the reservation system.

State park entrance fee: \$6-\$10. Annual pass available for \$80.

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$7.25 (\$1.25 registration fee for walk-ins)

Cancellation or change fee: \$7.25 Cancellations within 7 days of arrival also forfeit the first night's fee

### MAXIMUM STAY

Between July 1 and Labor Day, the maximum stay is 14 consecutive days. Back-to-back reservations are allowed at some campgrounds, otherwise campers must vacate for at least 48 hours before returning to the same park.

### PET POLICIES



Pets are allowed at some parks as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. No more than 2 pets per campsite allowed. A rabies vaccination certificate is required. And of course, campers should always clean up after their pe.

Check park details and the reservation system for specific campground pet restrictions.

### **ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS**

- Maximum occupancy per site: 2 vehicles, 6 people.
- Check-in time: 3 p.m. Check-out time: 11 a.m.
  (Some parks have a 5 p.m. check-in time. See details in the reservation system.)
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Permitted except in Stony Brook, Wildwood, and Beaver Pond state parks.
- Generator use: Permitted only 9 a.m.–11 a.m and 5 p.m.–7 p.m.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Restrictions vary; check with the specific park for details.



# NEW YORK

## **Featured Campgrounds**

### WATKINS GLEN - FINGER LAKES

1009 North Franklin Street, Watkins Glen, NY 14891 parks.ny.gov/parks/watkinsglen/details.aspx

Known for its spectacular waterfalls, lush forest, and steep gorges, Watkins Glen State Park is the perfect base to immerse yourself in nature while touring the surrounding Finger Lakes region. The waterfall trail, which includes walkways and bridges built out of local stones, features 19 waterfalls within a couple miles. A number of trails run along the upper rims of the gorge. The park also features a seasonal Olympic-size pool and a children's pool, a big playground, interpretive programs, and plenty of roadways for biking.

Staying at the forested campground allows you to hike earlier or later in the day and avoid day-tripping crowds. Over 200 RV sites are spread out along several loops. For the most part they are spacious and provide ample privacy among the tall trees. A limited number of sites can accommodate RVs up to 40 feet. A few sites offer electric hookups; these sell out quickly. Campsites have a picnic table and fire ring, and access to restrooms, showers, and potable water.

### LETCHWORTH STATE PARK

1 Letchworth State Park, Castile, NY 14427 parks.ny.gov/parks/letchworth/details.aspx

Another spectacular upstate New York park, Letchworth is known as the "Grand Canyon of the East." It was even ranked "Best State Park in the United States" by USA Today in 2015. The park offers three major waterfalls and soaring cliffs, plus more than 66 miles of hiking trails, kayaking, white water rafting, fishing, and a range of nature programs for all ages.

The sprawling campground has over 250 sites for RVs, all with electric hookups. More than half of the sites can fit rigs up to 45 feet, although maneuvering around the forested campground may still be tight for a bigger rig. Site levelness and privacy vary among eight different loops, but for the most part they are spacious and private. The campground provides well-maintained restrooms and showers, laundry, potable water, and a dump station; the park has several amenities including a pool, sports fields, a store, and concessions. Make your reservations early for this bucket-list destination.

For more information on New York state park campgrounds, visit parks.ny.gov.





## NEW YORK

### **Featured Campgrounds**

### HITHER HILLS STATE PARK

164 Old Montauk Highway, Montauk, NY 11954 • parks.ny.gov/parks/hitherhills/details.aspx

For an unforgettable Atlantic Ocean beach camping experience, head to the very tip of Long Island. That name will make sense as you drive over 100 miles east from Manhattan, a trip that can take anywhere from 2.5 to 5 hours depending on traffic. The journey is worth the effort once you arrive at the park on a narrow peninsula, surrounded by sand dunes and woodlands, calm bay waters, and pristine ocean shoreline. You could spend your entire stay traversing the park and the last few miles of the island to Montauk Lighthouse.

Hither Hills' campground is located right on the beach, with more than 150 grassy sites that can accommodate RVs. All sites are dry camping, and about a dozen can fit RVs up to 40 feet. Bathrooms, showers, a dump station, and a convenience store are available. There's plenty to keep campers active here—biking, hiking, swimming, kayaking, and surfing, plus recreation and interpretive programs. Savor the sunsets and starry skies, and understand why families have been returning year after year to this beloved New York state park.

#### List of all New York State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Allegany State Park Quaker Area
- Allegany State Park Red House Area
- Bear Mountain State Park
- Beaver Pond Campgrounds -
- Harriman State ParkBetty and Wilbur Davis State Park
- Bowman Lake State Park
- Burnham Point State Park
- Buttermilk Falls State Park
- Canoe-Picnic Point State Park
- Cayuga Lake State Park
- Cedar Island State Park
- Cedar Point State Park
- Chenango Valley State Park
- Cherry Plain State Park
- Clarence Fahnestock Memorial State Park
- Coles Creek State Park
- Cumberland Bay State Park
- Darien Lakes State Park
- Delta Lake State Park
- Dewolf Point State Park
- Eel Weir State Park
- Evangola State Park
- Fair Haven Beach State Park
- Fillmore Glen State ParkFour Mile Creek State Park

- Gilbert Lake State Park
- Glimmerglass State Park
- Golden Hill State Park
- Grass Point State Park
- Green Lakes State Park
- Hamlin Beach State Park
- Harriman State Park
- Heckscher State Park
- Higley Flow State Park
- Hither Hills State Park
- Jacques Cartier State Park
- Keewaydin State Park
- Keuka Lake State Park
- Kring Point State Park
- Lake Erie State Park
- Lake Taghkanic State Park
- Lakeside Beach State Park
- Letchworth State Park
- Long Point State Park Finger Lakes
- Long Point State Park Thousand Islands
- Macomb Reservation State Park
- Mary Island State Park
- Max V. Shaul State Park
- Mills-Norrie State Park
- Moreau Lake State Park
- Newtown Battlefield State Park

- Oquaga Creek State Park
- Robert G. Wehle State Park
- Robert O. Werne State Funk
  Robert H. Treman State Park
- Robert M. Heman State Fall
  Robert Moses State Park -
- Thousand Islands
- Sampson State Park
- Saratoga Spa State Park
- Schodack Island State Park
- Sebago Cabin Camp Harriman State Park
- Selkirk Shores State Park
- Southwick Beach State Park
- Stony Brook State Park
- Taconic State Park Copake Falls Area
- Taconic State Park Rudd Pond Area
- Taughannock Falls State Park
- Thacher State Park
- Thompson's Lake Campground Thacher State Park
- Verona Beach State Park
- Watkins Glen State Park
- Wellesley Island State Park
- Westcott Beach State Park
- Whetstone Gulf State Park
- Wildwood State Park



## PENNSYLVANIA

#### DCNR.PA.GOV/STATEPARKS/PAGES/DEFAULT.ASPX

Pennsylvania is probably best known for its cities and its major attractions, like Hershey Park, Sesame Place, the Philadelphia Zoo, and Amish Country. As one of the original 13 colonies, the commonwealth is steeped in historic sites—Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, Valley Forge, and Gettysburg to name just a few. However, between the cobblestone streets of Philadelphia and the steel mills of Pittsburgh lies a wealth of natural and scenic areas. From rolling farmland and dense forest to mountain ranges and sandy beaches, you can find year-round outdoor recreation in Pennsylvania.

The Keystone State has more than two dozen National Park Service units, including historic sites and trails, heritage areas, and natural landmarks. Add to this over 100 state parks, and there are endless opportunities to see historic and natural wonders. The state park campgrounds are a great way for campers and RVers to navigate this sprawling state. With 45 campground units that can accommodate RVs, the parks offer sites with hookups, well-maintained facilities, excellent educational programs, and some of the best hiking trails, all at a reasonable price. While options can be limited for big rigs, the campgrounds offer a host of alternative accommodations, such as inns, rustic cabins, deluxe cottages, and yurts.

In response to visitor feedback on a series of surveys conducted in 2017 and 2018, key initiatives have been put in place to improve and invest in Pennsylvania state parks. This includes adding more full hookups and expanding WiFi service. Considering this continued investment and the enhanced services, the state parks are a great option for RVers.



# PENNSYLVANIA



#### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit pennsylvaniastateparks.reserveamerica. com/welcome.do or call 888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757).

Reservations can be made up to 11 months in advance. Unreserved sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

A 2-night minimum applies over weekends between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

#### CAMPSITE SIZES

All campgrounds have sites that can accommodate RVs up to 40 feet. Many campgrounds can accommodate RVs up to 50 feet, although the number of sites may be limited. Campsites are searchable and bookable in the reservation system by RV length.

Search results display length and additional details per campsite, including driveway surface, overhead clearance, and slide-outs clearance.



#### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible campsites are searchable and bookable online and are intended to be used by persons with a disability. These sites should not be booked if accessible facilities are not required, unless there is no other suitable option available.

People with a disability can receive a \$4.50 discount on the base campsite price upon request.



#### CONNECTIVITY

Some Pennsylvania state parks offer WiFi. Check the park's website for details about WiFi and cell service, or contact the park directly.

Based on user feedback, WiFi and other technology employed in the parks is a priority for future planning.



#### HOOKUPS

Pennsylvania state parks offer electric hookups at most campgrounds. Water hookups are available at a limited number of campgrounds. Full hookups including sewer are offered at just under half of all RV-accommodating campgrounds.

In response to visitor requests, the Bureau of State Parks is adding more full-hookup sites to selected campgrounds.

Hookups are searchable and bookable through the reservation system. Surcharges apply for sites with hookups; see pricing information below and on the specific park's website.



#### **ADDITIONAL FACILITIES**

Campsites are categorized as Modern, Rustic, or Modern/Rustic, and priced accordingly.

All site types have a picnic table and fire ring. Modern sites are near restrooms with flush toilets and warm showers. Rustic sites have access to vault toilets. Modern/Rustic sites have access to limited facilities in the offseason. Most campgrounds have a dump station available.

Additional facilities can include camp stores, playgrounds, lodges, sports fields, marked trails, nature walks, watercraft rentals, and extensive educational programs. Details are provided on each park's website and in the reservation system.



### PET POLICIES

Dogs and cats are allowed, as long as they're kept on a leash. Check with the campground for specific leash length rules. Caged small pets are also permitted. Two uncaged pets are allowed per campground. Proof of current vaccinations may be requested. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

Note that pets are restricted to certain camping areas. Be sure to book a designated pet-friendly campsite through the reservation system.



## PENNSYLVANIA



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The base campground price is \$15 for state residents, \$20 for nonresidents.

#### Additional Fees:

Surcharges are added based on date and site amenities, for example water and electric hookups (\$13), electric hookup only (\$7), a modern campground with showers (\$4), and a pet-friendly site (\$2).

Surcharges are listed on the state park website under "Camping Prices". Complete prices are listed on each park's website, and prices per site / per date are displayed in the reservation system search results.

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$6.50

Change fee: \$10 (unless adding nights)

Cancellations up to 7 days prior to arrival: \$10 Cancellations within 6 days of arrival forfeit the first night's fee. Cancellations on the day of arrival must be made with the park directly.



#### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 days during the summer season, 21 days in the offseason.

#### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 1 vehicle, 5 people or immediate family.
- Check-in time: 3 p.m. Check-out time: 3 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 9 p.m. to 8 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Prohibited.
- Generator use: Prohibited during quiet hours.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Permitted in only 6 designated parks. Check the state park website for more information.



# PENNSYLVANIA

### **Featured Campgrounds**

#### **RICKETTS GLEN STATE PARK**

695 State Route 487, Benton, PA 17814 dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/RickettsGlenStatePark/Pages/default.aspx

In a state full of wilderness and natural beauty, Ricketts Glen is one of the most scenic areas to visit. The 13,000-acre park includes the Glens Natural Area, a National Natural Landmark. The main draw is the Falls Trail System, which extends through the lush, oldgrowth forest, wetlands, geological formations, and a series of 22 spectacular waterfalls. When you're not hiking, you can enjoy swimming and boating on Lake Jean, or join a ranger-led nature walk.

Over 100 campsites allow you to immerse yourself in the beauty of the park and spend as much time as possible on the trails. Note that there are no hookups, and sites are limited for RVs over 30 feet. Facilities include restrooms, potable water, a dump station, a camp store, and a concession stand by the lake. Keep in mind that some of the trails are challenging, and closed-toe shoes are required. There are three parking areas for easier access to waterfall viewing. If you have mobility issues or small children, consult a ranger for the best way to view the waterfalls.

#### **HICKORY RUN STATE PARK**

3 Family Camp Road, White Haven, PA 18661-9712 dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/HickoryRunStatePark/Pages/default.aspx

In the foothills of the Pocono Mountains in eastern Pennsylvania, this 16,000-acre state park encompasses wetlands, restored forest, trout streams, and a variety of wildlife, including black bears. Its most unusual feature is a vast boulder field, left behind by the glacial retreat about 20,000 years ago. Visitors can scramble over the boulders in this National Natural Landmark, some of which are 26 feet long. The park has almost 45 miles of trails for all levels. Many are accessible for wheelchairs and strollers, so everyone can enjoy the waterfalls and other park highlights up close. More challenging trails include the colorfully named "Shades of Death."

The park's campground has over 250 sites for RVs, including over 100 with electric hookups and a few sites with full hookups. The number of sites for RVs over 30 feet is limited. Facilities include restrooms with showers, potable water, a dump station, playgrounds, and a camp store. Close to the city of Scranton and less than 100 miles from Philadelphia, this is a popular park during summer and holiday weekends and for viewing fall foliage.

# PENNSYLVANIA

### **Featured Campgrounds**

#### **COWANS GAP STATE PARK**

6235 Aughwick Road, Fort Loudon, PA 17224-9801 dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/CowansGapStatePark/Pages/default.aspx

Located between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, close to I-76 and U.S. 30, Cowans Gap is a convenient state park to visit while traveling through southern Pennsylvania. A beautiful 42-acre lake and 13 miles of trails through the forest and mountains create fishing, boating, swimming, and hiking opportunities for all skill levels. The park itself is surrounded by Buchanan State Forest, with additional outdoors recreation and natural beauty to discover.

One of the few Pennsylvania state park campgrounds that can accommodate big rigs, Cowans Gap has about 60 sites that fit RVs up to 50 feet. Another 100 campsites are available, and almost all sites have electric hookups. Sites are well spaced out among the trees, ensuring privacy and shade. Basic facilities include modern restrooms with showers, a dump station, and potable water, and an interpretive center and ranger programs provide enrichment experiences.

### List of all Pennsylvania State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Bald Eagle State Park
- Black Moshannon State Park
- Blue Knob State Park
- Caledonia State Park
- Chapman State Park
- Cherry Springs State Park
- Clear Creek State Park
- Codorus State Park
- Cook Forest State Park
- Cowans Gap State Park
- Frances Slocum State Park
- French Creek State Park
- Gifford Pinchot State Park
- Greenwood Furnace State Park
- Hickory Run State Park

- Hills Creek State Park
- Hyner Run State Park
- Kettle Creek State Park
- Keystone State Park
- Kooser State Park
- Lackawanna State Park
- Laurel Hill State Park
- Leonard Harrison State Park
- Little Buffalo State Park
- Little Pine State Park
- Locust Lake State Park
- Lyman Run State Park
- Ohiopyle State Park
- Ole Bull State Park
- Parker Dam State Park

- Pine Grove Furnace State Park
- Poe Paddy State Park
- Poe Valley State Park
- Prince Gallitzin State Park
- Promised Land State Park
- Pymatuning State Park
- Raymond B. Winter State Park
- Ricketts Glen State Park
- Ryerson Station State Park
- Shawnee State Park
- Sinnemahoning State Park
- Sizerville State Park
- Tobyhanna State Park
- Trough Creek State Park
- Worlds End State Park

For more information on Pennsylvania state park campgrounds, visit dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/Pages/default.aspx.

## RHODE ISLAND

#### RIPARKS.COM

The Ocean State lives up to its name. With over 400 miles of coastline and more than a hundred fresh and saltwater beaches, Rhode Island is all about the water. Swimming, boating, sailing, paddling, and fishing opportunities abound in the ocean surf or calm inland waters. The diverse seafood, from deep-sea tuna to crabs and oysters, paired with produce from local farms, provides a bounty of fresh ingredients for home cooks and inventive chefs.

The smallest state in the nation is filled with culture, history, and attractions along with natural beauty, from the vibrant city of Providence and renowned universities to colonial-era towns and the gilded mansions of Newport. Its compact size means that you can tour the state from one central base, making it a great RVing destination. Rhode Island state parks offer four campgrounds for RVs. (A fifth, East Beach, is accessible only to four-wheel-drive, self-contained units.) Hookups are available at only one park, but all can accommodate RVs around 40 feet. The parks highlight the best of the state—camping on the ocean sand, around a pond in peaceful woodlands, or in the center of a small fishing town.

### List of all Rhode Island State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Burlingame State Campground
- Charlestown Breachway State Campground
- Fishermen's Memorial State Campground
- George Washington State Campground

For more information on Rhode Island state park campgrounds, visit riparks.com.

## RHODE ISLAND



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#### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit rhodeislandstateparks.reserveamerica.com or call 877-742-2675.

Reservations can be made up to 12 months in advance.

For reservations made prior to June 1, a minimum of two nights on weekends and three nights over holidays is required. One-night reservations can be made after June 1.

Peak season is defined as the Thursday before Memorial Day weekend through the Sunday of Labor Day weekend of each year.

#### **CAMPSITE SIZES**

All four state park campgrounds that can accommodate RVs have some sites for rigs up to 40 feet. Three of the four parks have a limited number of sites for larger RVs.

Sites are searchable and bookable by RV length in the reservation system.

#### ACCESSIBILITY

Call the park directly for information on ADA-accessible sites and facilities.

#### HOOKUPS

Partial and full hookups are currently available only at Fishermen's Memorial Campground. Sites with hookups are searchable and bookable online.



#### **ADDITIONAL FACILITIES**

Campgrounds are rustic and all about experiencing their natural surroundings. Restrooms and showers are available, except at Charlestown Breachway. This beach campground requires all camping units to be self-contained.

Dump stations are available at Burlingame and Fishermen's Memorial campgrounds, and can be used by registered campers from other parks. Additional facilities at these two parks include a camp store, a playground, sports fields, and watercraft rentals.

#### CONNECTIVITY

In general, WiFi is not offered. If connectivity is a priority, contact the park directly to ask about WiFi and cell service.



#### COST

Campsites are sorted into three tiers: Tier 3 for no hookups (\$36); Tier 2 for electric, water, and/or pull-through (\$45); and Tier 1 for full hookups and/ or waterfront site and/or pull-through (\$55). State residents receive a 50 percent discount on each.

Additional Fees:

State park entrance fee: \$8 for nonresidents

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$8.75

Cancellation fee: \$8.75

Cancellations within 7 to 2 days of arrival also forfeit the first night's fee.

Cancellations less than 2 days prior to arrival are nonrefundable.



#### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay during peak season is 14 nights in a 21 day period. Campers must vacate for a minimum of 7 nights before returning.

At Charlestown Breachway State Campground and East Beach State Campground, the maximum stay is 7 nights during peak season.

During the offseason, the maximum stay is 21 days in a 28 day period.

#### PET POLICIES

Dogs and cats are allowed at Burlingame State Campground, Fishermen's Memorial State Campground, and George Washington State Campground. Pets are not allowed at any Rhode Island state beaches.

Pets must be kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet and cannot be left unattended even inside your RV. A maximum of 2 pets is allowed per campsite. Proof of rabies vaccination is required. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

#### **ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS**

- Maximum occupancy per site: 2 vehicles, 6 people.
- Check-in time: 1 p.m. Check-out time: 11 a.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Prohibited.
- Generator use: Permitted between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Prohibited.







## RHODE ISLAND

### **Featured Campgrounds**

#### **BURLINGAME STATE CAMPGROUND**

1 Burlingame State Park Road, Charlestown, RI 02813 • riparks.com/camping.php#burlingame

With close to 700 RV-friendly campsites, Burlingame State Campground is a great choice for a centrally located base to tour Rhode Island. Just a few miles from several ocean beaches, the campground is in a wooded setting on Watchaug Pond, with swimming, boating, and fishing available. Additional recreational amenities include a playground, volleyball court, arcade, and naturalist programs. The Kimball Wildlife Rescue visitor center is next to the park and can be reached by hiking trail. Restrooms, showers, a camp store, potable water, and a dump station are available. There are no hookups, but the sites are well spaced apart, shaded, and provide a nice respite after a day at the beach.

#### CHARLESTOWN BREACHWAY STATE CAMPGROUND

Charlestown Beach Road, Charlestown, RI 02813 • riparks.com/camping.php#breachway

Rhode Island is all about beaches, and Charlestown Breachway State Campground provides the opportunity to park your RV right at the shore. Located on a barrier island, the campsite area has uninterrupted panoramic views of Block Island Sound and is within walking distance to Charlestown State Beach. There are three rows of 75 campsites. Sites are close together, and only one row is directly on the beach, but all sites are on the sand and just steps away from the ocean and the calmer waters of Ninigret Pond. Boating, kayaking, fishing, beachcombing, and birdwatching are all popular activities at the park. Note that there are no facilities provided—all RVs must be self-contanined. This is a high-demand destination in the summer and the campground can get crowded. The offseason may not be warm enough to swim, but provides a more peaceful environment to enjoy the natural surroundings.

### FISHERMEN'S MEMORIAL STATE CAMPGROUND

1011 Point Judith Road, Narragansett, RI 02882 • riparks.com/camping.php#fishermen

This state park campground is located in the charming town of Narragansett, in walking distance to shops, restaurants, and the waterfront. The Block Island Ferry, Point Judith Lighthouse, and several premier beaches are nearby, and the city of Newport is a scenic 30-minute drive away. The park's open campground has over 140 sites for RVs and is the only state park campground to offer both partial and full hookups. Facilities include a dump station, ranger station, playground, restrooms, and sports courts. This is an ideal location from which to see the highlights of Rhode Island and enjoy a peek into small-town life. It's also extremely popular, so early reservations are recommended.



## VERMONT

#### VTSTATEPARKS.COM

As one of the least populated states in the US, Vermont is a natural paradise for visitors and for those who call it home. The Green Mountain State's immense forests, mountains, pristine lakes, and extensive network of trails and waterways mean outstanding yearround outdoor recreational opportunities, like hiking, paddling, fishing, skiing—and of course, camping. While it may have a reputation for hardy backcountry and winter tent camping, Vermont is home to a wide array of camping experiences for families and all types of RVers.

Vermont has close to 60 state parks, half of which provide campgrounds that can accommodate RVers. There is some truth to the state's rugged reputation: The campgrounds are rustic, much more suited to smaller RVs, and have no hookups. However, the natural surroundings more than make up for the lack of amenities, and Vermont state parks have some of the best-loved campgrounds in the state. They're known for being well maintained, spacious, having friendly and knowledgeable rangers, and highlighting some of the most stunning landscapes in New England.

In addition to RV and tent sites, most campgrounds have cabins, plus an accommodation that's unique to Vermont state parks: the lean-to. These three-sided structures provide shelter from wind and rain, and can be used as a platform to pitch a tent or as a kitchen or gear area.

## VERMONT



#### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit vtstateparks-visit.com, or call 888-409-7579.

Reservations can be made from 11 months to 1 day in advance. Same-day reservations can be made only by calling the park. Unreserved sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Advance reservations require a 2-night minimum.

#### CAMPSITE SIZES

Unlike many state park reservation systems, Vermont does not offer searching for campsites by RV length.

Campsites are displayed as "Tent/RV" in the interactive campground map on each park's website, and in the reservation system search results. Click on a campsite to see its length and whether it accommodates RVs.

This document lists the largest sites available at all campgrounds:

vtstateparks.com/assets/pdf/rvsites.pdf

If your RV is more than 25 feet, it's best to call the park directly for information about site sizes

#### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible sites are searchable and bookable online. These sites are designated for persons with a disability or otherwise limited physical mobility. They should not be booked by a party not requiring accessibility unless there is no other site available at the time of booking.



#### HOOKUPS

There are no hookups at Vermont state park campgrounds. All parks have potable water, and many parks have dump stations.

#### **ADDITIONAL FACILITIES**

Campgrounds are rustic. Sites include a picnic table and fire ring, with restrooms and coin-operated showers available as shared facilities. Many parks also have playgrounds, beaches, trails, horseshoe pits, volleyball nets, nature centers, and picnic pavilions.

Vermont offers a Junior Ranger program for kids. Ask for a book at the ranger station or check-in desk.

#### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 21 nights.



#### COST

The base rate for most campgrounds is \$19.

Additional Fees:

Surcharges apply for prime sites (\$2), extra people over 4 (\$5 per person, per night, to a maximum of 8 people), and pets (\$1 per pet, per night).

Day use fee: \$4 per adult, \$2 per child.

An annual pass is available at \$30 for an individual, or \$90 for a vehicle.

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$7.

#### Cancellation fee: \$10.

Cancellations made after 2 p.m. the day prior to arrival forfeit the cost of the minimum stay for that date.

Changes that retain the original number of nights and campsites are free. Changing a reservation to a different campground in the same camping season is allowed. Reducing the number of nights requires a cancellation and rebooking, with applicable fees.



#### CONNECTIVITY

Free WiFi is offered at some campgrounds. Where available, WiFi is listed under "Services and Amenities" in the reservation system. WiFi hotspots are displayed on the campground map on each park's website. If connectivity is a priority, contact the park directly to ask about WiFi and cell service.

#### PET POLICIES

Domesticated pets are allowed at all campgrounds as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 10 feet. Current vaccination records may be required upon check-in. And of course, campers should always clean up after their pet.

#### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 2 vehicles, 8 people.
- Check-in time: 2 p.m. Check-out time: 11 a.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Permitted, with the exception of bulk containers.
- Generator use: Permitted only 8–10 a.m. and 4–6 p.m.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Prohibited.





## VERMONT

### **Featured Campgrounds**

#### **WOODFORD STATE PARK**

142 State Park Road, Bennington, VT 05201 • vtstateparks.com/woodford.html

Located in the Green Mountains in the southwestern corner of the state, Woodford State Park has the highest elevation campground in Vermont. It's set at 2,400 feet on a mountain plateau surrounding Adams Reservoir, with a dense forest of spruce, fir, and birch providing an idyllic setting. The elevation, shady trees, and swimming beach are perfect for a refreshing summer camping experience. The shoulder seasons are cooler, quieter, and a great time of year to enjoy boating, hiking, and fall colors.

Woodford's campground features just over 60 tent/RV sites, flush toilets, coin-operated hot showers, and a dump station. Many of the sites back up to the reservoir. Kayak and canoe rentals are available in the summer. The university city of Bennington is just a few miles west, making this a popular weekend getaway and also providing campers with easy access to the city's amenities and culture.

### HALF MOON POND STATE PARK

1621 Black Pond Road, Hubbardton, VT 05743 • vtstateparks.com/halfmoon.html

This gem of a park is tucked away within Bomoseen State Park's 3,500 acres of forest, in a densely wooded, sheltered basin surrounding Half Moon Pond. It's a serene environment to get away from it all for a day or a few nights. Kayaking, canoeing, and fishing are available on the picturesque pond, and swimmers will appreciate the clear, fresh water. Extensive trails allow visitors to enjoy a short, scenic walk or a full-day hike. Wildlife viewing opportunities include white-tailed deer and the occasional moose.

Half Moon Pond State Park's campsites are laid out around the pond, many of them on the waterfront. Sites are spacious and private. Campground facilities are typically basic, but well maintained. Located close to the western border with New York state, this Vermont state park is a peaceful getaway and also a good base to tour the area, including Fort Ticonderoga on the Hudson River.

For more information on Vermont state park campgrounds, visit vtstateparks.com.





### VERMONT

### **Featured Campgrounds**

#### **GRAND ISLE STATE PARK**

36 East Shore South, Grand Isle, VT 05458 • vtstateparks.com/grandisle.html

For an ultimate Vermont camping experience, Grand Isle State Park is located on the largest island in Lake Champlain. Unparalleled scenic views and water access attract visitors from all over the state, as well as from across the nearby borders with New York and Quebec, Canada. The park is relatively developed for Vermont, with a nature center hosting programs and games, volleyball, basketball, horseshoes, a play area, and nature walks. Campers also have free access to the beaches at Knight Point State Park and Alburgh Dunes State Park.

The campground is the second largest out of Vermont's state parks, with more than 100 sites. Restrooms, showers, potable water, and a dump station are available. Sites are spacious and shady, although limited for larger RVs. A scenic bike ride or drive around the island is an ideal way to take in a variety of beautiful views. About 30 miles from Burlington, Grand Isle makes a great base for day trips into the city and the area's charming small towns.

#### List of all Vermont State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Allis State Park
- Big Deer State Park
- Bomoseen State Park
- Branbury State Park
- Brighton State Park
- Button Bay State Park
- Coolidge State Park
- D.A.R. State Park
- Elmore State Park
- Emerald Lake State Park
- Fort Dummer State Park
- Gifford Woods State Park
- Grand Isle State Park
- Half Moon Pond State Park
- Jamaica State Park

- Lake Carmi State Park
- Lake St. Catherine State Park
- Little River State Park
- Maidstone State Park
- Molly Stark State Park
- Mount Ascutney State Park
- Mount Philo State Park
- New Discovery State Park
- Quechee State Park
- Ricker Pond State Park
- Silver Lake State Park
- Smugglers' Notch State Park
- Stillwater State Park

- Townshend State Park
- Wilgus State Park
- Woodford State Park

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## ALABAMA

#### ALAPARK.COM/CAMPING

Alabama is geographically diverse, from the Smoky Mountains foothills and open plains to the Gulf of Mexico beaches, and has a low-key Southern charm that can captivate first-time visitors. The state's history and culture are as much of a draw as its natural beauty, with large cities and universities, charming small towns, passionate football fans, delicious local foods like fresh seafood and barbecue, and a pivotal role in the civil rights movement.

Many RVers have learned that Alabama is an ideal destination. It may not be as well known, but wintering on the Gulf Coast can be a relaxing and economical experience, especially compared to the famous neighboring state of Florida. Alabama state park campgrounds are located

in some of the most spectacular natural settings in the state, from the coast to inland lakes, rivers, and forests. With hookups and many resort-like amenities, state park campgrounds can offer a rewarding RV experience at a great value.

For more information on Alabama state parks campgrounds, visit alapark.com/camping.

## ALABAMA



### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit alapark.com/reservations or call the park directly. Reservations are e ncouraged but not required.

Reservations can be made from 12 months to one day in advance.

During peak season, March 1–October 31, a minimum of two nights is required over weekends, three nights over holidays.

#### **CAMPSITE SIZES**

Site sizes vary by campground. General information about RV accommodation can be found on the specific park's website.

Alabama's campground reservation system does not allow searching by RV type or length, only by "Improved" or "Primitive" campsites. Search results can be filtered by "Premium" or "Standard" regarding types of hookups.

Details about site pad length and back-in or pull-through access is displayed in the site availability grid and map. Be sure to read carefully and select a site that can accommodate your rig.



#### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible sites are available at most campgrounds. Call the reservation line or the campground directly for information on booking.



#### HOOKUPS

Water and electric hookups are offered at all campgrounds that accommodate RVs. Full hookups including sewer are available at many campgrounds. Each park's website includes information about site amenities, and hookups can be searched for on the reservation website.



#### **ADDITIONAL FACILITIES**

"Improved" or "Modern" campsites include a fire pit and picnic table in addition to partial or full hookups. Most campgrounds have modern restrooms, a dump station, potable water, a playground, and a store.

Park facilities can include extensive activities like swimming beaches, watercraft rentals, fishing, multi-use trails, archery, golf, sports fields, and interpretive centers. Details can be found on each park's website.





## ALABAMA



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Campsite rates vary based on campground, specific site, and time of year. Each park's website has a link to its campground rates, and prices are displayed per site / per date in the reservation system.

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$4.75

Cancellations within 72 hours of arrival forfeit the first night's fee.

#### CONNECTIVITY

Alabama state parks campgrounds have been offering free WiFi since 2012. Service is available at most but not all parks, and may be accessible only from central areas like lodges. Check WiFi availability on the park website or by contacting the park directly.

#### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 nights at most campgrounds. Check the park website or contact directly for further details.



### PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. The owner may need to present current vaccination records upon check-in. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

#### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 2 vehicles, 8 people.
- Check-in time: 4 p.m. Check-out time: 11 a.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Not specifically prohibited, but check with the park for any restrictions.
- Generator use: Regulations vary; check with the specific park.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Prohibited over public parks and recreation areas.

### ALABAMA

### **Featured Campgrounds**

#### **GULF STATE PARK**

20115 State Park Road, Gulf Shores, AL 36542 • alapark.com/parks/gulf-state-park

Experience the best of both worlds at Gulf State Park with a woodsy camping experience on a lake, just a short walk from miles of white-sand coastline and a lively beach scene. Encompassing more than 6,000 acres, Gulf State Park has extensive amenities and outdoor activities available, including nature walks and an interpretive center, miles of hiking and biking trails, a fishing pier, a large pool and splash pad, activity center, store, and watercraft rentals to enjoy on the inland lakes or open waters.

The campground is extensive, with almost 500 large, paved sites with full hookups, and an additional dozen primitive sites. WiFi, laundry facilities, and newly renovated bathhouses are available. Note that the cost reflects the location and amenities, from \$59 to \$77 per night on peak season weekends. This may be pricey for a state park campground, but the facilities and spectacular beachfront location set it apart. This is a popular destination for returning campers, and reservations are strongly recommended.

Note: Gulf State Park sustained flooding and damage from Hurricane Sally in September 2020. Check the park website for updates on the campground and facilities.

### LAKE GUNTERSVILLE STATE PARK

1155 Lodge Drive, Guntersville, AL 35976 • alapark.com/parks/lake-guntersville-state-park

Located along the banks of the Tennessee River and Alabama's largest lake, with 6,000 acres of natural woodlands, Lake Guntersville State Park is beloved by Alabamans. In addition to extensive trails, renowned bass fishing, and boating, the park has many recreational activities, including a swimming beach, nature center, dog park, zip line, and 18-hole championship golf course. Stunning panoramic views and a large population of bald eagles draw photographers and wildlife admirers from all over.

The Main Campground, next to Lake Guntersville, has more than 250 campsites with water and electric hookups. Some sites have full hookups, and additional primitive sites are available. Site sizes and quality vary, some with concrete pads, large outdoor areas, or shade trees. See the reservation website for campsite details and pricing. Campground facilities include a store, playground, recreation area, laundry, and restrooms. Additional accommodation options at Lake Guntersville State Park include a main lodge, cabins, and chalets, making it a popular location for family vacation gatherings.



### ALABAMA

### **Featured Campgrounds**

#### **DESOTO STATE PARK**

7104 DeSoto Parkway Northeast, Fort Payne, AL 35967 • alapark.com/parks/desoto-state-park

Experience another side of Alabama in this mountainous state park full of lush forest, stunning waterfalls, and abundant wildflowers. Situated atop Lookout Mountain in Alabama's scenic northeast, DeSoto State Park is a destination for families, nature lovers, and thrill seekers alike. Kayaking, fishing, hiking, biking, cycling, rappelling, and bouldering are all available at different ability levels. Wildflower expeditions, a nature center, and accessible boardwalks bring the natural wonders of the park to everyone.

Additional park facilities include a playground, Civilian Conservation Corps museum, and a seasonal Olympic-size pool. The wooded campground has more than 90 full hookup sites spacious enough to accommodate big rigs. Free WiFi is available. DeSoto State Park is a peaceful and comfortable base to tour the area, including Little River Canyon Nature Preserve, DeSoto Falls, and historic Fort Payne.

### List of all Alabama State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Bladon Springs State Park
- Blue Springs State Park
- Buck's Pocket State Park
- Cathedral Caverns State Park
- Cheaha State Park
- Chewacla State Park
- Chickasaw State Park
- DeSoto State Park

- Frank Jackson State Park
- Gulf State Park
- Joe Wheeler State Park
- Lake Guntersville State Park
- Lake Jackson RV Park
- Lake Lurleen State Park
- Lakepoint State Park
- Meaher State Park

- Monte Sano State Park
- Oak Mountain State Park
- Paul M. Grist State Park
- Rickwood Caverns State Park
- Roland Cooper State Park
- Wind Creek State Park

For more information on Alabama state parks campgrounds, visit alapark.com/camping.

### ARKANSAS

#### **ARKANSASSTATEPARKS.COM**

Arkansas is known as The Natural State, and first-time visitors will quickly understand why when they experience the beauty, geological diversity, and active outdoor lifestyle here. Enjoy hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing, kayaking, and fishing in the forests, lush valleys, creeks, and lakes found throughout the state. Camping is a popular activity, and Arkansas has an excellent state park system for RVers and backcountry tent campers alike.

Starting with its user-friendly website, you can search for Arkansas state parks by type: adventure, historic, forest, lake, river, and others. Campgrounds are developed and maintained, with partial or full hookups, restrooms with showers, and dump stations. Campers can enjoy the natural setting and amenities available in the parks, from lodges, visitor centers, and engaging ranger programs to sport courts and boat rentals. Most parks include a variety of accommodations, including cabins and rental RVs, making them ideal for family gatherings. A few parks still have original Civilian Conservation Corps buildings from the 1930s, which add to the historic feel and are reminiscent of national parks.

For more information on Arkansas state parks campgrounds, visit arkansasstateparks.com.

## ARKANSAS



#### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit arkansasstateparks.com/reservations or call the park directly. Reservations can be made up to 12 months in advance. A minimum of two nights is required on regular weekends, three nights over holiday weekends.



#### **CAMPSITE SIZES**

Sizes vary by campground. The reservation system does not allow searches by RV size, but each campsite description includes a maximum length. As RV details are not required to make a reservation, be sure to read the description and book a site that will fit your RV. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the park directly.

#### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible sites are displayed in the reservations system search results. These sites may be booked by someone who doesn't meet the ADA's definition of disabled if there are no other sites available. However, if a comparable non-ADA site is available upon arrival, the property manager reserves the right to transfer the reservation to the non-ADA site.



#### HOOKUPS

Partial and full hookups are available at all RV sites and vary per campground. Arkansas state park campsites are categorized as follows:

Class AAA: Full hookups with 50 amp electric

Class AA: Full hookups with 30 amp electric

Class A: Partial hookups, water, and 50 amp electric

Class B: Partial hookups, water, and 30 amp electric

Class C: Either water or 30 amp electric

The park information page and the reservations system display the options available at each campground.



#### **ADDITIONAL FACILITIES**

Most Class A to AAA campsites have a picnic table, lantern hanger, and grill. Many include a separate tent pad. Some Class B and C sites have these features, too. Flush toilets, hot showers, and dump stations are located in most campground areas.

Arkansas state parks offer an array of amenities that are often found at private RV resorts. Many have standard services like visitor centers, interpretive programs, playgrounds, and stores, and some include lodges with shopping and dining, water parks, and an extensive selection of outdoor activities and rental gear.

#### COST

The per-night camping fee ranges from \$18 for a Class C site (water or electric) to \$36 for a Class AAA site with full hookups.

Additional Fees:

Nonrefundable reservation fee: One night's basic camping fee.



### ARKANSAS



### CONNECTIVITY

Some Arkansas state parks offer free WiFi. This information is included in the park information page. Details may be noted in the reservations system if the WiFi reception is good or spotty for each campsite.



#### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 days in a 30-day period.

#### PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed as long as they're kept on a leash and the owner has vaccination records. Of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.



- Maximum occupancy per site: 8 people and 1 or 2 vehicles.
- Check-in time: Varies by park. Check-out time: 3 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to sunrise.
- Alcoholic beverages: Permitted.
- Generator use: Permitted except during quiet hours.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Permitted only with a Special Use Permit from the Office of the Director.



### ARKANSAS

### **Featured Campgrounds**

#### DEVIL'S DEN STATE PARK

11333 West Arkansas Highway 74, West Fork, AR 72774 • arkansasstateparks.com/parks/devils-den-state-park

Established as a state park in the 1930s, Devil's Den is iconic and one of the most intact Civilian Conservation Corps sites in the country. The CCC's rustic structures, built from local wood and stone, complement the park's natural beauty. Situated in a lush, wooded valley, Devil's Den gets its name from a series of caverns and caves that were rumored to be used as hideouts by outlaws. Multiple trails of varying skill levels explore the highlights of the park, from unusual rock formations to fossils, streams, springs, and waterfalls. Scenic Devil's Lake provides opportunities for boating and fishing. Hiking, biking, and horseback riding trails lead into the surrounding Ozark National Forest. The well-developed campground has more than 130 sites, most of them with full hookups that can accommodate big rigs. Note that cell service is spotty to nonexistent, but there is free WiFi at the visitor center.

#### **MOUNT MAGAZINE STATE PARK**

16878 AR-309, Paris, AR 72855 • arkansasstateparks.com/parks/mount-magazine-state-park

This resort-like state park is built around Mount Magazine, the highest point in Arkansas at 2,753 feet. There are outdoor activities for everyone to enjoy, from scenic drives, hiking, and horseback riding to technical rock climbing and hang gliding. The Lodge at Mount Magazine features a heated indoor swimming pool, restaurant, and spectacular views. The wooded campground includes concrete padded sites with full hookups that are spacious and private. The campground is small, with less than 20 sites, so a reservation is recommended.

### PETIT JEAN STATE PARK

1285 Petit Jean Mountain Road, Morrilton, AR 72110 • arkansasstateparks.com/parks/petit-jean-state-park

The natural beauty and fascinating geology of the Petit Jean Mountain inspired the creation of the first Arkansas state park and the entire state park system. Petit Jean features original Civilian Conservation Corps trails, bridges, cabins, and the historic Mather Lodge. The park grounds offer plenty of amenities, including ranger programs, two swimming pools, basketball and tennis courts, playgrounds, and pedal boating on Lake Bailey. Hiking trails display the geological formations of the park—sheer bluffs, natural bridges, waterfalls, and much more. There are more than 120 campsites with full or partial hookups available near Lake Bailey. The campground is shady, spacious, and well maintained, although sizes vary. Note that the closest store is at least a 30-minute drive away, so stock up before arrival.

## ARKANSAS

### List of all Arkansas State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Bull Shoals-White River State Park
- Cane Creek State Park
- Cossatot River State
  Park-Natural Area
- Crater of Diamonds State Park
- Crowley's Ridge State Park
- Daisy State Park
- Davidsonville Historic State Park
- Degray Lake Resort State Park
- Delta Heritage Trail State Park

- Devil's Den State Park
- Hobbs State Park-Conservation Area
- Jacksonport State Park
- Lake Catherine State Park
- Lake Charles State Park
- Lake Chicot State Park
- Lake Dardanelle State Park
- Lake Fort Smith State Park
- Lake Frierson State Park
- Lake Ouachita State Park
- Lake Poinsett State Park

- Logoly State Park
- Millwood State Park
- Mississippi River State Park
- Moro Bay State Park
- Mount Magazine State Park
- Mount Nebo State Park
- Petit Jean State Park
- Queen Wilhelmina State Park
- Village Creek State Park
- White Oak Lake State Park
- Withrow Springs State Park
- Woolly Hollow State Park



For more information on Arkansas state parks campgrounds, visit arkansasstateparks.com.

### FLORIDA

#### FLORIDASTATEPARKS.ORG

Given the natural beauty of its endless coasts, tropical landscape, and exotic wildlife; attractions such as Walt Disney World and the Kennedy Space Center; and its mild winter weather, it's no wonder that the Sunshine State is one of the biggest tourist destinations in the world. RVers are not immune to the lure of Florida, making it one of the most popular states for RV fulltimers, snowbirders, and vacationers alike.

Because of this demand, many private RV parks in Florida are able to charge a premium. The state park system, by contrast, can be a great value, with spacious campgrounds and amenities in some of the most desirable locations. Because of this, state park campgrounds are highly coveted and require advanced booking. The featured parks below are well worth the effort to plan a stay. At the same time, more than 50 developed campgrounds accommodate RVs, so finding a state park off the beaten path is a great way to see lesser-known gems and "the real Florida."

For more information on Florida state park campgrounds, visit floridastateparks.org

## FLORIDA



#### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com or call 800-326-3521.

Reservations can be made from 11 months up to 1 day in advance. Any sites not reserved are available on a first-come. first-served basis.

A minimum of two nights may apply on weekends and holidays during peak season.

#### **CAMPSITE SIZES**

Campsites can accommodate RVs from 10 feet to over 100 feet. Sizes vary per campground. Check the specific park's website for information on maximum length.

Campsites are searchable and bookable in the reservation system by RV length. Details about site pad length and backin or pull-through access are displayed in the site availability list and map.



#### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible sites are designed for visitors with mobility disabilities. Accessible sites are only able to be reserved by non-disabled people if they are the last sites available that will accommodate the customer's camping equipment. Accessible sites are searchable and bookable online.

Some parks offer beach wheelchairs in addition to accessible boardwalks. Check details on the park's website or contact directly for more information.



#### HOOKUPS

All campsites that can accommodate RVs have water and electric hookups. About a dozen campgrounds offer some sites with full hookups, including sewer. Most parks have a dump station available.



#### **ADDITIONAL FACILITIES**

Most campsites have a picnic table and a fire ring and/or grill. Basic campground facilities include restrooms with hot showers, sometimes laundry, and a playground. Additional amenities may include a store, visitor center, pool, swimming beach, bike rentals, and other outdoor activities.

Ranger programs and campfire circles are offered at several parks. See details on each park's website, or search for a park by desired experience, amenities, or by category (for example, "Beaches and Coast" or "History and Culture").

Florida has an excellent Junior Ranger program, so be sure to request a book at the visitor center or check-in booth.



#### COST

Prices range from \$16 to \$42 depending on the park. Prices are displayed on each park's website, and per site / per date in the reservation system.

Additional Fees:

Vehicle park pass: \$5–10, or \$120 for an annual family pass

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$6.70

Change fee: \$10

Cancellation fee: \$17.75

Cancellations on the day of arrival also forfeit the first night's fee.

Note that additional fees may apply for activities or facilities in the park. Check the specific park website for details.



## FLORIDA



#### CONNECTIVITY

Few Florida state parks offer WiFi. If available, information can be found on the park website. If connectivity is a priority, contact the park directly to ask about WiFi and cell service.



#### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 nights during peak season. Visitors must vacate the park for at least 3 nights before returning. Based on availability after check-in, the park manager may approve a stay for an additional 14 nights, for a total maximum continuous stay of 28 nights. Campers are permitted a total of 56 days occupancy at any one park in a 6-month period.



#### PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Some campgrounds have a limit on the number of pets allowed per site. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.



#### **ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS**

- Maximum occupancy per site: 1 vehicle, 8 people
- Check-in time: 3 p.m. Check-out time: 11 a.m.
- Quiet hours: 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Prohibited in public areas.
- Generator use: Prohibited during quiet hours.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Prohibited.



## FLORIDA

### **Featured Campgrounds**

### ANASTASIA STATE PARK IN ST. AUGUSTINE

300 Anastasia Park Road, St. Augustine, FL 32080 floridastateparks.org/anastasia

One of the best known campgrounds in the state park system, Anastasia's ideal location lets visitors easily enjoy both the beach and the destination city of St. Augustine, which dates back to the 16th century and is full of charm and historical sites, including Castillo de San Marcos National Monument. The architecture, shopping, and dining scene on St. George Street draw visitors from all over.

Anastasia State Park spans 1,600 acres of scenic Atlantic Coast, including beaches, sand dunes, and wetlands. When you're not playing in the waves or building a sand castle, hike the nature trail, observe wildlife, join a ranger program, or explore the park on a bike. The campground has about 70 sites that can accommodate RVs, with partial hookups. Maximum RV length is 38 feet, although many sites can accommodate only smaller rigs. Facilities include restrooms with showers, laundry, a store, and concessions. This highly coveted campground is an ideal place to see the natural beauty and unique history of North Florida.

#### **TOPSAIL HILL PRESERVE STATE PARK**

7525 West County Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459 floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/topsail-hill-preserve-state-park

In a state that is world renowned for its beaches, with state parks known for having great beachfront campgrounds, Topsail Hill Preserve stands out. Named for the white quartz dunes that rise like a ship's sails, Topsail's main draw is three miles of sandy beach and emerald-green ocean. Rare freshwater dune lakes, wetlands, and old-growth pine forest make this park an ideal destination for hikers and bird-watchers.

The campground is spacious, well maintained, and lush with palm trees and tropical plants. Over 150 RV sites are available, all with concrete pads and full hookups. Park amenities include a pool, store, ranger programs, and rentals from bikes to kayaks. Note that the beach is a good 10–20 minute walk from the campground, but a free trolley service is available. It's recommended to book as far in advance as possible—up to 11 months—to nab a site at this high-demand campground.



## FLORIDA

### **Featured Campgrounds**

#### SILVER SPRINGS STATE PARK

1425 Northeast 58th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34470 • floridastateparks.org/silversprings

While the Atlantic and Gulf coasts get most of the attention, Florida is also full of lakes, rivers, and springs that are loved by locals and offer a unique experience for visitors to the Sunshine State. Silver Springs State Park, located about 80 miles north of Orlando in Ocala, features one of the largest springs in the country. The main spring is surrounded by gardens and historical structures, reflecting its establishment as a tourist destination in the 1870s. Glass-bottom boats are still a favorite attraction for viewing the abundant aquatic life. Kayakers can wend into the narrow waterways and thrill at the sight of wild monkeys, manatees, otters—and yes, alligators.

Silver Springs' campground offers almost 60 spacious, shady sites that can accommodate RVs up to 50 feet. The sites have water and electric hookups, and a dump station is available. The activities, museum and nature program at the springs are the main attraction, but Silver Springs campground is also an excellent base to explore the area, including the Ocala National Forest.

#### List of all Florida State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Alafia River State Park
- Anastasia State Park
- Bahia Honda State Park
- Big Lagoon State Park
- Blackwater River State Park
- Blue Spring State Park
- Collier-Seminole State Park
- Colt Creek State Park
- Curry Hammock State Park
- Dr. Julian G Bruce St. George Island State Park
- Falling Waters State Park
- Faver-Dykes State Park
- Florida Caverns State Park
- Fort Clinch State Park
- Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park
- Gamble Rogers Memorial State Recreation Area at Flagler Beach
- Grayton Beach State Park
- Henderson Beach State Park

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• Highlands Hammock State Park

- Hillsborough River State Park
- John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park
- Jonathan Dickinson State Park
- Kissimmee Prairie Reserve State Park
- Koreshan State Park
- Lake Griffin State Park
- Lake Kissimmee State Park
- Lake Louisa State Park
- Lake Manatee State Park
- Little Manatee River State Park
- Little Talbot Island State Park
- Long Key State Park
- Manatee Springs State Park
- Marjorie Harris Carr Cross
  Florida Greenway
- Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park
- Myakka River State Park
- O'Leno State Park
- Ochlockonee River State Park

- Oscar Scherer State Park
- Paynes Prairie Reserve State Park
- Rainbow Springs State Park
- Ross Prairie Trailhead & Campground
- Ruth B. Kirby Gilchrist Blue Springs State Park
- Sebastian Inlet State Park
- Silver Springs State Park
- St. Andrews State Park
- Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park
- Suwannee River State Park
- T.H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph Peninsula State Park
- Three Rivers State Park
- Tomoka State Park
- Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
- Torreya State Park
- Wekiwa Springs State Park



## GEORGIA

#### **GASTATEPARKS.ORG**

From the forested foothills of the Appalachian Mountains to the white sandy beaches, wetlands, and barrier islands of the Atlantic Coast, the state of Georgia is one of the most scenic in the southeast. The vibrant metropolis of Atlanta, renowned architecture of Savannah, and the big and small towns in between reveal the state's history, cuisine, and culture to travelers.

Georgia's geographic diversity provides rich opportunities for hiking, biking, boating, fishing, and many other outdoor activities. Its 48 state parks protect some of the most scenic and unique parts of the state, and are highly regarded by RVers and campers who have grown to love the Peach State. The 38 campgrounds that accommodate RVs are generally big rig friendly and well maintained, with sites including partial hookups. Whether you're traveling through to Florida or planning a regional trip, Georgia state parks offer an excellent experience for RVers.

For more information on Georgia state park campgrounds, visit gastateparks.org.

## GEORGIA



#### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit gastateparks. org/Reservations or call 800-864-7275. Reservations can be made up to 13 months in advance. Note that Georgia transitioned from camping on a first-come, first-serve basis to reservations in 2018.



#### **CAMPSITE SIZES**

Almost every park has campsites that can accommodate RVs up to 40 feet. Most can accommodate larger RVs, although the number of sites varies per campground.

Sites are searchable and bookable by RV length in the reservation system. Details about site pad length and back-in or pullthrough access are displayed in the site availability list and map.



#### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible sites are available at most campgrounds and are searchable online. Since degrees of accessibility vary, it's best to call the park to discuss specific needs and book directly.



#### HOOKUPS

Developed campsites for tents, trailers, and RVs have water and electric hookups. Sewer hookups are also available at about a dozen campgrounds. Hookups are searchable and bookable through the reservations system.



#### ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

Developed campsites have a fire ring or grill and picnic table. Some sites are built with curved pull-through access specifically for large RVs.

Campground facilities include comfort stations with hot showers, flush toilets, and electrical outlets. All campgrounds have dump stations, and several offer cable TV hookups. Most parks have laundry facilities and a camp store. Additional facilities may include lodges, interpretive centers, nature programs, watercraft rentals, and multi-use trails.



#### COST

The average rate is \$30–\$35 per night. Prices are displayed on each park's website, and per site / per date in the reservation system. Additional Fees:

Vehicle entry fee: \$5, or \$50 for an annual pass

Change fee: One complimentary change is allowed. Any additional reservation changes are \$10.

Cancellations up to 3 days prior to arrival: \$10. Cancellations within 3 days prior to arrival forfeit the first night's fee.



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#### CONNECTIVITY

Several Georgia state parks offer WiFi. Information is available on each park's website, including hot spot locations. If connectivity is a priority, contact the park directly to ask about WiFi and cell service.

#### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 consecutive days at any one park. Visitors must vacate the park for at least 3 nights before returning.

#### PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

#### **ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS**

- Maximum occupancy per site: 2 vehicles, 6 people
- Check-in time: 1 p.m. Check-out time: 12 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Prohibited in public-use areas.
- Generator use: Prohibited during quiet hours.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Prohibited.



### GEORGIA

### **Featured Campgrounds**

#### SKIDAWAY ISLAND STATE PARK

52 Diamond Causeway, Savannah, GA 31411• gastateparks.org/SkidawayIsland

Immerse yourself in the iconic Southern Georgia landscape by camping among live oaks dripping with Spanish moss. This beautiful barrier island state park feels like its own world, yet is located just outside a village with stores, and only 20 minutes from downtown Savannah. Skidaway Island State Park is the perfect base to tour the area, including the nearest open-ocean beach at Tybee Island. Hiking trails wind through maritime forest and salt marshes, with a boardwalk and wildlife observation tower. Historical sites along the trails include Civil War earthworks and moonshine stills from the Prohibition era.

Skidaway Island is one of the few Georgia state parks whose campground has some fullhookups sites, although there are less than 20 and they get booked up fast. That leaves around 70 additional sites with partial hookups, and all the campsites can accommodate big rigs with room to spare. Well-maintained restrooms, laundry facilities, WiFi, and decent cell service add to the comforts of this notable campground.

#### **VOGEL STATE PARK**

405 Vogel State Park Road, Blairsville, GA 30512 • gastateparks.org/Vogel

One of Georgia's oldest state parks is located in the mountainous Chattahoochee National Forest, less than two hours north of Atlanta. Civilian Conservation Corps facilities from the 1930s enhance the history and natural beauty of the park. Spectacular fall colors, swimming, hiking, and boating make the park a yearround destination, and a variety of trails include an easy lake loop that leads to Trahlyta Falls and a challenging backcountry hike.

The wooded campground includes more than 80 sites with electric and water hookups. A dump station and modern restrooms are available. Most sites can accommodate rigs up to 40 feet, but be cautious of tree branches when parking. Cell service is reportedly spotty; WiFi is available in some areas of the park. Shopping and restaurants in the charming town of Blairsville are nearby.



### GEORGIA

### **Featured Campgrounds**

#### **CLOUDLAND CANYON STATE PARK**

122 Cloudland Canyon Park Road, Rising Fawn, GA 30738 • gastateparks.org/CloudlandCanyon

Cloudland Canyon State Park lives up to its magical name with some of the best scenery and hiking in the state. Located on the western edge of Lookout Mountain in northwest Georgia, the park has more than 50 miles of forested trails. Take the Overlook Trail to peer over 1,000 feet down into the canyon, or hike down for a close-up view of beautiful waterfalls. Mountain bikers can enjoy 30 miles of dedicated trails, and wild cave tours are an option for the adventurous.

More than 70 campsites with partial hookups are available between the East and West Rim campgrounds. Sites are big enough to accommodate RVs over 40 feet, but be sure to verify site length when booking. Cottages and yurts are also available as alternative accommodations. Cloudland Canyon is an easy drive from the restaurants, shops, and attractions in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

### List of all Georgia State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- A. H. Stephens State Historic Park
- Black Rock Mountain State Park
- Chattahoochee Bend State Park
- Cloudland Canyon State Park
- Crooked River State Park
- Dames Ferry
- Don Carter State Park
- Elijah Clark State Park
- F. D. Roosevelt State Park
- Florence Marina State Park
- Fort McAllister State Historic Site
- Fort Mountain State Park
- Fort Yargo State Park

- General Coffee State Park
- George L. Smith State Park
- Hamburg State Park
- Hard Labor Creek State Park
- Hart State Park
- High Falls State Park
- Indian Springs State Park
- Jack Hill State Park
- James H. "Sloppy" Floyd State Park
- Kolomoki Mounds State
  Historic Park
- Laura S. Walker State Park
- Magnolia Springs State Park

- Mistletoe State Park
- Moccasin Creek State Park
- Red Top Mountain State Park
- Reed Bingham State Park
- Richard B. Russell State Park
- Seminole State Park
- Skidaway Island State Park
- Stephen C. Foster State Park
- Tallulah Gorge State Park
- Tugaloo State Park
- Victoria Bryant State Park
- Vogel State Park
- Watson Mill Bridge State Park

For more information on Georgia state park campgrounds, visit gastateparks.org.



## KENTUCKY

#### PARKS.KY.GOV

Famous for bluegrass, bourbon, and horses, Kentucky may not be the first place that comes to mind when planning an RV trip. But in fact, the commonwealth is full of stunning natural scenery, from the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to the Appalachian Mountains. Kentucky is home to five National Park Service sites, including the famous Mammoth Caves National Park, Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, and Abraham Lincoln's birthplace. Additional federally protected recreation areas and forests all add up to make Kentucky a premier destination for families, history buffs, and outdoors adventurers alike.

The Kentucky state park system has locations near NPS sites but also highlights lesser-known historical and natural destinations in the state. Did you know that one of Kentucky's state parks is considered the birthplace of paleontology in the United States? Keep reading!

State park campgrounds have partial hookups and amenities like pools,

playgrounds, and mini golf, in addition to hiking trails and water activities. "Resort" parks include a lodge with restaurants, shops, and WiFi. Since 2016, several state park improvement projects have been initiated with additional funding from the state government. Kentucky state park campgrounds are a comfortable and economical way to explore the state, and it's never been a better time to visit.

For more information on Kentucky state park campgrounds, visit parks.ky.gov.

## **KENTUCKY**



#### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit parks.ky.gov/parks/reservecampground or call 888-459-7275.

Reservations can be made up to one year in advance. Reservations are recommended but not required. Unreserved sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

A minimum of 2 nights applies over weekends during peak season, 3 nights over holidays.

#### **CAMPSITE SIZES**

Campsite sizes vary within each campground. The reservation system allows searching for campsites per park by maximum RV length.



#### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible sites are designed for customers with disabilities and/or mobility difficulty. Accessible sites are searchable and bookable online. These sites can be reserved by anyone if they are the last site available that fits their camping needs.



#### HOOKUPS

All campgrounds offer sites with electric and water hookups. Some sewer hookups are available. Each park's website gives a description of their sites, and hookups are searchable online by campground.

#### **ADDITIONAL FACILITIES**

Each campsite has a fire ring and picnic table. Some offer additional amenities, such as wooden decks. Site details including ground cover are available in the reservation system search results.

Basic campground facilities include a dump station, store, playground, restrooms with showers, and trails. Additional amenities can include a ranger station, interpretive center, laundry, and a wide range of outdoor activity access, sports fields, and gear rentals. Details are available on each park's website and under "Services and Amenities" in the reservation system search results.

Kentucky state parks "resorts" include a lodge with overnight accommodations and WiFi.



#### COST

Prices range from \$16 for a standard site to \$45 for a premium site over a holiday. A \$2 premium fee is applied over weekends during peak season.

Additional Fees:

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$6

Cancellations up to 15 days prior to arrival: \$10

Cancellations within 14 days of arrival also forfeit the first night's fee.

#### CONNECTIVITY

All 17 Kentucky state park resorts have WiFi available at their lodge. If connectivity is a priority, contact the park directly for information on WiFi and cell service.



#### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 consecutive nights out of 16. Longer stays may be allowed with permission from the park manager.

#### **PET POLICIES**

Pets are allowed as long as they're kept on a leash. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

#### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 1 vehicle, 8 people.
- Check-in time: 2 p.m. Check-out time: 1 p.m.
- Quiet hours begin at 11 p.m.; end time varies by park.
- Alcoholic beverages: Public display of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- · Generator use: Rules may vary; check with the specific campground.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Permitted with an approved permit. Contact the park directly for a permit form prior to arrival.









## KENTUCKY

### **Featured Campgrounds**



### **BIG BONE LICK STATE HISTORIC SITE**

3380 Beaver Road, Union, KY 41091 parks.ky.gov/union/parks/historic/big-bone-lick-state-historic-site

A family-friendly state park, Big Bone Lick gets its funny name from the fossils of prehistoric mammals who were attracted to a salt lick here and became stuck in the marshy ground, where their bones were preserved. A museum, ranger programs, and outdoor megafauna dioramas all help bring this fascinating past to life. Another thrilling sight and a unique highlight of the park is a bison herd.

The park's spacious campground has just over 60 sites with partial hookups. Campground facilities include restrooms with showers, laundry, and a grocery store. In addition to the fossils and bison, playgrounds, a pool, mini golf, and marked wooded hiking trails make this state park campground a great family destination. Note that the campground is closed seasonally from November 13 through March 14.

### NATURAL BRIDGE STATE RESORT PARK

2135 Natural Bridge Road, Slade, KY 40376 parks.ky.gov/slade/parks/resort/natural-bridge-state-resort-park

Though it makes a great base for touring the adjacent Red River Gorge Geological Area, Natural Bridge State Resort Park also has its own scenic wonders to enjoy and amenities to keep everyone entertained. The highlight of this 2,200-acre park in Daniel Boone National Forest is a majestic sandstone arch accessible by hiking trail or by "sky lift." The ski chairlift carries an additional cost, but is a fun way for small children or anyone with mobility limitations to view the natural bridge. Several other hiking trails are available, along with fishing, canoeing, and kayaking on Mill Creek Lake.

Family-friendly activities include pedal boats, a swimming pool, and mini golf. Additional amenities are available at Hemlock Lodge in the park, such as a gift shop, a restaurant, and WiFi. The park's campground features over 70 sites that can accommodate RVs: 50 with partial hookups, the rest dry sites that can also be used by tent campers. A dump station is available. Site sizes vary and options are limited for big rigs. The campground is basic, clean, and all about its location among the spectacular natural surroundings.

For more information on Kentucky state park campgrounds, visit parks.ky.gov.



## KENTUCKY

### **Featured Campgrounds**

#### **COLUMBUS-BELMONT STATE PARK**

350 Park Road, Columbus, KY 42032 parks.ky.gov/columbus/parks/historic/columbus-belmont-state-park

This is a small state park that packs a punch with beautiful grounds, a commanding location overlooking the Mississippi River, family-friendly amenities, and fascinating history. Columbus-Belmont State Park is a National Scenic Byway, a National Trail of Tears Site, and part of the Civil War Heritage Trail. The Civil War museum is housed in a former hospital from the period, and the park grounds include uncovered earthworks and an anchor and chain that was used strategically in the Mississippi River during the war.

The well-maintained campground has just under 40 sites spaciously arranged in a loop. All have electric and water hookups. Ten sites have full hookups and an ideal location backing up to the river. Sites are big rig friendly and have easy access to shared facilities including restrooms with showers, a playground, and a ranger station. The campground also has a mini golf course, a snack bar, and a few trailers and a log cabin that can be booked directly. Altogether, Columbus-Belmont State Park is a great campground for families, with beautiful scenery and interesting history that everyone will enjoy.

### List of all Kentucky State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Barren River Lake State
  Resort Park
- Blue Licks Battlefield State
  Resort Park
- Carr Creek State Park
- Carter Caves State Resort Park
- Columbus-Belmont State Park
- Cumberland Falls State Resort Park
- Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park
- Fort Boonesborough State Park
- General Burnside Island State Park

- General Butler State Resort Park
- Grayson Lake State Park
- Green River Lake State Park
- Greenbo Lake State Resort Park
- Jenny Wiley State Resort Park
- John James Audubon State Park
- Kenlake State Resort Park
- Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park
- Kincaid Lake State Park
- Lake Barkley State Resort Park
- Lake Cumberland State
  Resort Park

- Lake Malone State Park
- Levi Jackson Wilderness Road Park
- My Old Kentucky Home State Park
- Natural Bridge State Resort Park
- Nolin Lake State Park
- Paintsville Lake State Park
- Pennyrile Forest State
  Resort Park
- Taylorsville Lake State Park
- Yatesville Lake State Park

For more information on Kentucky state park campgrounds, visit parks.ky.gov.

## LOUISIANA

#### LASTATEPARKS.COM

Louisiana, best known for the annual Mardi Gras and jazz festivals in New Orleans, is home to a culture, history, and landscape unlike anywhere else in the U.S. The varied foods, dialects, and customs found throughout Louisiana reflect its unique combination of French and Afro-Caribbean influences. The abundance of bayous, swamps, and wetlands, defined by the Mississippi River's alluvial plains and the Gulf of Mexico, create a rich and fragile ecosystem. Armadillos, alligators, and myriad species of waterfowl draw nature lovers to the state.

Camping opportunities in Louisiana vary from backcountry tent camping to resorts packed with amenities. The funding, maintenance, and reputation of the state park system has had its ups and downs. However, new investments since 2018 have brought about improved infrastructure and development in the parks. Almost all state park campgrounds offer electric and water hookups, and sites that can accommodate big rigs with space to spare. The parks highlight natural and historical features around the state, with a focus on the water: Kayaking, swimming, tubing, fishing, and birding are all popular activities.

#### List of all Louisiana State Parks Campgrounds that accommodate RV camping

- Bayou Segnette State Park
- Bogue Chitto State Park
- Chemin-A-Haut State Park
- Chicot State Park

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- Fairview-Riverside State Park
- Fontainebleau State Park
- Grand Isle State Park

- Jimmie Davis State Park
- Lake Bistineau State Park
- Lake Bruin State Park
- Lake Claiborne State Park
- Lake D'Arbonne State Park
- Lake Fausse Pointe State Park
- North Toledo Bend State Park
- Palmetto Island State Park
- Poverty Point Reservoir State Park
- Sam Houston Jones State Park
- South Toledo Bend State Park
- St. Bernard State Park
- Tickfaw State Park

## LOUISIANA



#### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit louisianastateparks.reserveamerica.com or call 877-226-7652.

Reservations can be made from 13 months up to 2 days in advance. Reservations within 48 hours of arrival must be made with the campground directly. A minimum of 2 nights is required on all weekends.



#### CAMPSITE SIZES

All Louisiana state park campgrounds have sites that accommodate big rigs, although the number of sites vary and may be limited per park. You can search and book sites by maximum RV length in the reservation system.



#### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible sites are searchable in the reservation system, but they must be booked through the call center. Proof of disability is required upon check-in. An accessible site can be reserved by any customer if there are no other available sites remaining that can accommodate an RV.



#### HOOKUPS

Almost every campsite in the Louisiana state park system has water and electric hookups and are categorized as "improved sites." "Premium sites" have water, electricity, sometimes sewer, and are often pull-through. Full hookup options are limited to about 5 campgrounds. Hookups by site are searchable in the reservation system.



#### ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

Both improved and premium campsites have a picnic table and fire ring. Driveway surface (paved or gravel) and site length are specified under campsite details in the reservation system.

Most campgrounds have restrooms, a dump station, potable water, and a visitor center. Many have multi-use trails, playgrounds, water sports, disc golf, and gear rentals. Details about each campground are shared on its park's website and in the reservation system. You can also search for a campground based on activity type.

Louisiana state parks offer a junior ranger program. Ask for a book at the visitor center or check-in desk.



### COST

Campsite fees range from \$18 for a site with no hookups to \$33 for a premium, full-hookup site over a peak season weekend. Rates are displayed per site / per date in the reservation system.

Additional Fees:

Park entrance fee: \$3 per person

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$6

Cancellations or changes up until 14 days prior to arrival: \$10

Cancellations or changes within 14 days of arrival also forfeit the first night's fee.

There is no charge for adding nights to an existing reservation.

For more information on Louisiana state park campgrounds, visit lastateparks.com.

# LOUISIANA



### CONNECTIVITY

Many Louisiana state parks offer WiFi. This information is included on the specific park's website. The Louisiana State Parks FAQ also includes a current list of parks with WiFi, and notes parks with connectivity issues: lastateparks.com/ louisiana-state-parks-frequentlyasked-questions

Note that many parks are in remote areas without cell service. If connectivity is a priority, contact the campground in advance to ask about WiFi and cell service.



#### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 consecutive nights. Campers must vacate for 7 nights before returning to the same campground. From October through March, unlimited nights are available at select campgrounds.



#### PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

#### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 1 or 2 vehicles, 6 people (Approval from campsite required for immediate family groups exceeding 6 people.)
- Check-in time: 2 p.m. Check-out time: 1 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Permitted.
- Generator use: Permitted except during quiet hours.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Permitted, but contact the specific park in advance for any local restrictions.



## LOUISIANA

### **Featured Campgrounds**

#### **BOGUE CHITTO STATE PARK**

17049 State Park Boulevard, Franklinton, LA 70438 lastateparks.com/parks-preserves/bogue-chitto-state-park

Experience one of the most scenic river systems in Louisiana and a diversity of natural habitats at this sprawling state park. Kayaking and tubing are popular activities here, along with swimming and a water playground for the kids. Miles of hiking, biking, and horseback riding trails let you explore the cypress tupelo swamps, forests, and wetland preserves. Boardwalks lead to an accessible viewpoint of unique and delicate sandstone spires at Fricke's Cave. About 80 big rig friendly premium campsites with water and electric hookups are available between two campgrounds. The Upland RV Area provides sweeping views from atop a bluff, and the Bottomland RV Area has easy access to the water. The well-maintained and comfortable campgrounds allow visitors to enjoy the peace and beauty of the park after a full day of fun outdoor activities.

#### **GRAND ISLE STATE PARK**

Admiral Craik Drive, Grand Isle, LA 70358 lastateparks.com/parks-preserves/grand-isle-state-park

Located on a breakwater island between the Gulf of Mexico and bayou tributaries of the Mississippi River, Grand Isle State Park is both an impressive and a relaxing place to enjoy the natural beauty of the Gulf Coast. While Grand Isle is a well-known deep-sea fishing destination, the swimming beach, nature trails, observation tower, and piers also provide opportunities for additional activities, from hiking to bird-watching and photography.

The campground features 40 premier pull-through sites, all with partial hookups and enough space for rigs over 40 feet. Two meticulously cleaned restrooms, a dump station, laundry, free WiFi, and decent cell service all make for a comfortable stay. Because of its location in the barrier islands south of New Orleans, Grand Isle is not a convenient overnight stop, but it's worth planning for a few nights. Note that there is a toll bridge to access the park.



## LOUISIANA

### **Featured Campgrounds**

#### POVERTY POINT RESERVOIR STATE PARK

1500 Poverty Point Parkway, Delhi, LA 71232 lastateparks.com/parks-preserves/poverty-point-reservoir-state-park

Just a few miles north of I-20, Poverty Point Reservoir is a convenient overnight stop. It's worth planning on more than one night, however, to enjoy the spacious and well-kept campground, beautiful surroundings, and nearby Poverty Point World Heritage Indian Park and Museum.

A 2,700-acre lake is the star attraction, popular for fishing, boating, and birding as well as hiking and biking. Beyond the artificial reservoir, nature trails wind along an offshoot of the Bayou Macon to show you another side of the natural landscape.

The park's campground offers more than 50 sites, almost all of which have full hookups. The rest have partial hookups, and all sites are large, level, and well spread out between the trees and open areas. With clean restrooms, laundry, a playground, and a splash pad, visitors will quickly discover why this is a favorite camping spot among locals.

For more information on Louisiana state park campgrounds, visit lastateparks.com.

### MISSISSIPPI

#### **MDWFP.COM/PARKS-DESTINATIONS**

Unique landscapes, history, and culture attract visitors to the Southern state of Mississippi, where the natural attractions include the pristine sandy beaches and wetlands of the Gulf Coast, majestic oak forests, swamps, lakes, and the Mississippi Delta.

While it may not spring first to mind as a camping destination, Mississippi nonetheless has a wide array of camping opportunities, from backcountry sites to RV resorts full of amenities. Mississippi state parks offer almost 20 campgrounds, highlighting lesser-known natural and historical places of interest. Campgrounds are generally big rig friendly with partial or full hookups, and many have facilities like sports fields, swimming pools or beaches, activity centers, and watercraft rentals. Note that Mississippi state parks are under a tight budget, and this may be reflected in deferred maintenance at some parks. Check recent online reviews for the most accurate assessments.

#### List of all Mississippi State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Buccaneer State Park
- Clarkco State Park
- George P. Cossar State Park
- Hugh White State Park
- John W. Kyle State Park
- J.P. Coleman State Park

- Lake Lincoln State Park
- Lake Lowndes State Park
- Legion State Park
- Leroy Percy State Park
- Natchez State Park
- Paul B. Johnson State Park
- Percy Quin State Park
- Roosevelt State Park
- Tishomingo State Park
- Tombigbee State Park
- Trace State Park
- Wall Doxey State Park

For more information on Mississippi state park campgrounds, visit mdwfp.com/parks-destinations.

## MISSISSIPPI



#### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit mississippistateparks.reserveamerica.com, call 800-GO-PARKS (800-467-2757), or call the park directly.

Reservations can be made up to 24 months in advance and are optional, but highly recommended during peak season, May 15 through August 15. A minimum of 2 nights is required on all weekends during peak season, 3 nights over holiday weekends or during special events.

#### **CAMPSITE SIZES**

All Mississippi state park campgrounds have at least some sites that accommodate RVs up to 40 feet. Campgrounds with sites for RVs over 40 feet are limited. You can search and book sites by maximum RV length in the reservation system.



#### ACCESSIBILITY

Call the reservation line or campground directly for information on booking an ADAaccessible campsite.



### HOOKUPS

Almost every campsite in the Mississippi state park system has water and electric hookups. At least some sites with full hookups including sewer are available at most campgrounds. Hookups are searchable in the reservation system.



#### **ADDITIONAL FACILITIES**

Developed campsites include a fire pit, grill, and picnic table. Campgrounds have restrooms, a dump station, potable water, and a ranger station.

Many parks offer a wide range of amenities including playgrounds, water sports, disc golf, sports fields and courts, activity centers, and nature trails. Details per campground are shown on each park's website and in the reservation system. Extensive recreation facilities like water parks and pools are also available at some parks, although an additional entrance fee may apply.

Note that RV campsite rentals also include fishing and boat launch access. Check with the specific campground for details.



#### COST

Fees range from \$22 for a campsite with partial hookups to \$28 for a premium site with full hookups. Rates are displayed per site / per date in the reservation system.

Additional Fees:

Park entrance fee: \$4, or \$40 for an annual pass

Cancellations up to 7 days prior to arrival: \$10

Cancellations within 6 days prior to arrival: 50 percent of the full stay

Note that in case of cancellation, the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks issues a voucher toward a future stay for the remaining balance less fees charged instead of a refund.

#### CONNECTIVITY

WiFi is generally not offered at Mississippi state parks. If connectivity is a priority, contact the park directly to ask about WiFi and cell service coverage.

#### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 days. Select parks offer a monthly camping rate.

#### **PET POLICIES**

Pets are allowed as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

#### **ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS**

- Maximum occupancy per site: 2 vehicles, 8 people.
- Check-in time: 4 p.m. Check-out time: 2 p.m. If you anticipate arriving after 5 p.m., contact the park office before 5 p.m. to make arrangements for late check-in.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Permitted.
- Generator use: Regulations vary; check with the specific park.
- · Campfires: Permitted in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Permitted, following Federal Aviation Administration guidelines.

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## MISSISSIPPI

### **Featured Campgrounds**

#### **ROOSEVELT STATE PARK**

2149 Highway 13 South, Morton, MS 39117 • mdwfp.com/parks-destinations/state-parks/roosevelt

A convenient stop off I-20 between Georgia and Texas, Roosevelt State Park offers a range of outdoor activities in a peaceful, natural setting. Fishing, boating, swimming, and biking the flat, paved trails are all popular around scenic Shadow Lake. The park also features a pool with a water slide (for an additional entrance fee), sports fields, playgrounds, and nature trails through the surrounding woodland.

More than 100 developed campsites are available, with partial or full hookups. Sites are divided between two campgrounds on opposite sides of the lake. The east section is the original campground, with more mature trees, located close to the swimming pool and facilities. The newer west section may have ambient noise from the highway, but cell service is reportedly better. Some sites are directly on the lake and include a wooden deck.

#### **TISHOMINGO STATE PARK**

105 County Road 90, Tishomingo, MS 38873 • mdwfp.com/parks-destinations/state-parks/tishomingo

In northeastern Mississippi among the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, Tishomingo State Park, named after Chief Tishomingo of the Chickasaw Nation, has a deep history and scenic beauty unique to the area. Archaeological excavations here have found evidence of human settlements from more than 9,000 years ago. The historic Natchez Trace Parkway, now a national scenic trail, runs through the park. Majestic trees, peaceful waterways, unique rock formations, and lush ferns and wildflowers all contribute to the park's natural beauty.

In addition to hiking, nature trails, and fishing, the park includes a swimming pool, recreational fields, playgrounds, and a lodge. There are 60 developed campsites with electric hookups, a dozen primitive sites, central restrooms, and a dump station. Sites vary in size, and caution must be taken with slide-outs among the trees. Overall, Tishomingo offers a peaceful stay in a beautiful setting with a unique history.

#### **BUCCANEER STATE PARK**

1150 South Beach Boulevard, Waveland, MS 39576 • mdwfp.com/parks-destinations/state-parks/buccaneer

Buccaneer State Park has something for everyone: beautiful moss-draped oak trees, a Gulf Coast beach, fascinating history—and a full-size water park. The park saw heavy damage from Hurricane Katrina, but has been rebuilt and restored since 2013. Note that an additional entrance fee is required for the water park. The campground features a seasonal pool, activity room, playground, camp store, and nature trails.

More than 200 campsites range from primitive to premier beachfront with full hookups. Several loops have sites with varying degrees of length, evenness, and privacy. Take some time to read the campground map and online reviews of specific sites to find the best fit for your rig and your location preferences. Note that some sites are closer to the nearby railroad tracks. Buccaneer's attractions, its location near New Orleans and I-10, and its full hookup options make it an ideal family destination and a good option for an overnight stop.





## NORTH CAROLINA

#### NCPARKS.GOV

North Carolina's majestic forested mountains are as iconic as its wide sandy beaches. The Tar Heel State is packed with a wide diversity of landscapes, from the Smoky and Blue Ridge Mountains to the Outer Banks. In addition to natural beauty, North Carolina is home to cities full of cultural and historical sites, plus a host of interesting small towns and tourist attractions in between. Hiking, biking, paddling, fishing, and rock climbing opportunities abound throughout the state.

This mix of city culture and outdoor activities makes North Carolina a popular RV destination. The North Carolina state park system protects some of the most spectacular mountain, forest, river, and coastal locations in the state. It includes 19 RV-friendly campgrounds that are well maintained and well regarded, with spacious sites and hookups available. Whether you're traveling through or planning a longer stay, the state park system offers RVers excellent options to experience the highlights of North Carolina at a good value.

#### List of all North Carolina State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Carolina Beach State Park
- Cliffs of the Neuse State Park
- Falls Lake State Recreation Area
- Goose Creek State Park
- Hanging Rock State Park
- Jones Lake State Park

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- Jordan Lake State Recreation Area
- Kerr Lake State Recreation Area
- Lake Norman State Park
- Medoc Mountain State Park
- Merchants Millpond State Park
- Morrow Mountain State Park
- Mount Mitchell State Park
- New River State Park

- Pettigrew State Park
- Pilot Mountain State Park
- Raven Rock State Park
- South Mountains State Park
- Stone Mountain State Park

## NORTH CAROLINA



#### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit northcarolinastateparks.reserveamerica.com/ welcome.do or call 877-722-6762.

Reservations are required and can be made up to 11 months in advance. Unreserved campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

A minimum of 2 nights is required over holiday weekends during peak season.

#### CAMPSITE SIZES

All campgrounds have sites that can fit RVs up to 50 feet, although campsite sizes vary and the number of big rig sites may be limited.

The reservation system shows site size and allows searching by RV length.



#### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible sites are designated for guests requiring accessible facilities. They are searchable and bookable through the reservation system, and the number of accessible sites per campground is shared on each park's website under "Camping Details." Sites can be booked online or over the phone.



#### HOOKUPS

Most campgrounds offer electric and water hookups; a few offer full hookups with sewer. Hookups are searchable in the reservation system and displayed under the campsite details.

In addition to the reservation system, each park's website shows the number of sites with or without hookups.



#### CONNECTIVITY

WiFi is generally not offered at North Carolina state parks. If connectivity is a priority, contact the park directly to ask about WiFi and cell service.



#### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 consecutive nights in a 30 day period. Campers must vacate for 16 nights before returning to the same park.



#### ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

Campsites have a picnic table and fire ring on gravel or concrete pads. Details and photos are provided per site in the reservation system search results.

Basic campground facilities include restrooms, a dump station, and potable water. Many parks offer visitor centers, interpretive programs, multi-use trails, and a variety of water sports access and rentals. Activity and program details are on the park websites.

The North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation offers a Junior Ranger program, so be sure to request a book at the visitor center or checkin booth.

#### COST

Prices vary based on site amenities, season, and demand and can range up to \$33. View prices per site/per date in the reservation system.

Additional fees:

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$3 per night

Cancellation fee: \$3 per night

A few parks charge an entrance fee, or additional fees for activities. Check the specific park's website for details.

#### PET POLICIES

In general, pets are allowed as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Some campgrounds do not allow pets; check the specific park's rules. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

#### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 1 vehicle, 6 people.
- Check-in time: 4 p.m. Check-out time: 11 a.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Prohibited.
- Generator use: Prohibited during quiet hours.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Prohibited.







# NORTH CAROLINA

### **Featured Campgrounds**

#### CAROLINA BEACH STATE PARK

1010 State Park Road, Carolina Beach, NC 28428 • ncparks.gov/carolina-beach-state-park/home

Ideally situated between the Atlantic Ocean and the Cape Fear River in the Outer Banks, this state park beach has some of the most spectacular scenery on the East Coast and miles of trails for exploring. A variety of distinct habitats exist in the park, which is home to rare, wild Venus flytraps and other carnivorous plants. Learn about the unique ecology and history of the area at the visitor center, through ranger programs, and on hosted nature walks. Being surrounded by water, with access to some of the best fishing spots in the state, Carolina Beach is a popular destination for boaters and anglers.

The park's secluded, wooded campground offers more than 60 sites with no hookups, and 10 sites with full hookups. Most can accommodate big rigs. Facilities include drinking water and restrooms with hot showers. A convenience store and concession stand are located at the marina, while convenient shopping and dining options are just outside the park in the town of Carolina Beach. The town of Wilmington, Fort Fisher State Historic Site, and the North Carolina Aquarium are a short drive away. Note that even though this is a coastal campground, swimming is prohibited due to dangerous currents and sharp drop-offs near the shores.

#### HANGING ROCK STATE PARK

1790 Hanging Rock Park Road, Danbury, NC 27016 • ncparks.gov/hanging-rock-state-park/home

Created in the 1930s as a Civilian Conservation Corps project, this state park has it all: a wooded campground, picturesque lake, lush forest with streams and waterfalls, dramatic rock formations, and spectacular panoramic views. Well-marked trails vary from easy to strenuous. Rowboats and canoes can be rented at the lake, which also has a seasonal swimming beach. Paddling and tubing are popular activities on the Dan River.

The campground offers just over 30 sites that can accommodate RVs of varying sizes. Check the reservation system for details. Note that there are no hookups or dump stations available. A few restrooms and drinking water facilities are available throughout the park. Sites are well spaced among the trees, providing some privacy and a peaceful camping experience. Located less than an hour north of both Winston-Salem and Greensboro, Hanging Rock is a popular destination for locals and out-of-state visitors alike.

## NORTH CAROLINA

### **Featured Campgrounds**

#### **NEW RIVER STATE PARK**

358 New River State Park Road, Laurel Springs, NC 28644 • ncparks.gov/new-river-state-park/home

The New River is a designated National Wild and Scenic River that winds through some of the most spectacular North Carolina mountain landscapes. Appropriately, New River State Park makes a fine base camp for traversing the river from two major access points. Short trips or multi-day excursions are available for everyone from novice to expert paddlers and can be booked through local outfitters. Other activities include swimming at a designated beach, wildlife viewing, and hiking on trails from the river to the top of the surrounding hills. A visitor center and interpretive programs shed light on the history and ecology of this wild river.

In addition to walk-in and paddle-in tent camping sites, there is a small campground that can accommodate RVs in the U.S. 221 Access area of the park. Of the 20 sites, half are full hookups and the other half electric only. Nearly all can fit RVs up to 40 feet. The campground also offers bathroom facilities with hot showers, a dump station, and potable water. Campsites are spaced well apart, providing plenty of privacy to enjoy the beautiful surroundings.



Photo Credit: NC State Parks

For more information on North Carolina state park campgrounds, visit ncparks.gov.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

#### SOUTHCAROLINAPARKS.COM

South Carolina has a unique natural and cultural diversity that makes it easily distinguishable from its neighbor state to the north. From the Blue Ridge Mountains to the Atlantic Coast, the state is full of small towns, farmlands, local characters, and rich cuisine. The historical and sophisticated city of Charleston is its own destination that draws visitors from all over the world.

South Carolina state parks protect more than 80,000 acres, preserving and sharing the state's best natural, cultural, and historical treasures. Forested mountains, waterfalls, wild rivers, inland lakes, and white sandy beaches all provide ample opportunity for recreational activities and make the state a popular destination with campers and RVers year-round.

South Carolina state park campgrounds have a mixed

reputation. Several parks have spectacular locations, wellmaintained facilities, and are in high demand among all campgrounds in the state, public or private. Other parks show signs of deferred maintenance, have smaller, primitive sites, and might serve best as a regional getaway. But if you do your research and plan accordingly, South Carolina's 30-plus state park campgrounds can provide some of its most rewarding RVing experiences at a great value.

For more information on South Carolina state park campgrounds, visit southcarolinaparks.com.

### SOUTH CAROLINA



#### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit reserve.southcarolinaparks.com, call 866-345-7275, or call the park directly.

Reservations are required and can be made from 13 months to 1 day in advance.

A minimum of 2 nights, or longer over holidays, may apply at some parks. Check specific requirements at the time of booking.



#### **CAMPSITE SIZES**

The reservation system allows searching for campgrounds by maximum RV length. Details on campsite size and maximum RV length are also available on each park's website.



#### ACCESSIBILITY

Two sites at each campground are designated for use by disabled persons. ADA-accessible sites are searchable through the reservation system and can be booked there or over the phone.



#### HOOKUPS

All campgrounds have sites with electric and water hookups; some also offer sewer. The reservation system and each park's website both give a detailed description of their campsite types.



#### **ADDITIONAL FACILITIES**

Campsites have a picnic table, fire ring, and/ or grill on gravel or concrete pads. Details are provided per site in the reservation system search results, including the amount of shade.

Basic facilities include a dump station, park store, playground, and restrooms. Many parks offer visitor centers, interpretive programs, auided tours, marked trails for all levels, and watercraft rentals. Additional features like mini golf and splash pads may be offered. Amenity and activity details can be found on the park websites.

South Carolina state parks offer a Junior Ranger program, so be sure to request a book at the visitor center or check-in booth.



#### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 nights.



#### COST

Prices range from \$15 to \$50 and vary based on site amenities, season, and demand. View prices per site / per date in the reservation system.

Additional Fees:

Park admission: Adults: \$3-\$12. Children ages 6-15: \$1-\$7.

Annual and 7-day passes are available for all parks or individual parks. Check details and prices online, or call the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism general information number.

Change fee: \$10 within 7 days of arrival

Cancellation fees vary based on the amount of notice given in advance of arrival:

60 or more days: No charge.

59-15 days: \$10.

14–4 days: First night's fee.

3 or fewer days: No refund.

#### CONNECTIVITY

Many South Carolina state parks offer free WiFi, although service may only be available in certain locations in the park. Details are on each park's website under FAOs.

#### PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

#### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 1 vehicle, 6 people or 1 family.
- Check-in time: 2 p.m. Check-out time: 12 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Prohibited in public areas and also in some campgrounds. Check the specific park's posted restrictions.
- Generator use: Rules may vary; check with the camparound.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Contact the park directly for rules and regulations.





## SOUTH CAROLINA

### **Featured Campgrounds**

#### HUNTING ISLAND STATE PARK

2555 Sea Island Parkway, Hunting Island, SC 29920 southcarolinaparks.com/hunting-island

Hunting Island State Park is located between Charleston and Savannah, on one of the most beautiful coastal beaches in South Carolina. Five miles of pristine beach, thousands of acres of maritime forest and marsh, a saltwater lagoon, and an ocean inlet are all encompassed in the park. Hiking trails, a nature center, and interpretive programs let visitors explore and learn in-depth about the park's unique ecology. Another highlight is the Hunting Beach Lighthouse, the only one in the state that is publicly accessible.

This is a popular destination, and the 100 campsites book up fast. Partial hookups, clean showers and restroom facilities, a camp store, a playground, and WiFi make for a comfortable stay while you enjoy the abundance of natural beauty and wildlife in the park. The nearest town with grocery shopping is a 30-minute drive away. Note that the park is prone to flooding and damage from storms. Check the park website for advisories. If the campground is limited or inaccessible, nearby Edisto Beach State Park is a good alternative.

#### HUNTINGTON BEACH STATE PARK

16148 Ocean Highway, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576 southcarolinaparks.com/huntington-beach

Not to be confused with Hunting Island, Huntington Beach State Park is located a couple hundred miles north. About 20 miles outside the town of Myrtle Beach, Huntington Beach provides a relaxing camping experience while still being close enough to enjoy the fun attractions and lively atmosphere of the famous beach town.

The wide-open, pristine beach at this state park is its big draw. Marshland, creeks, and a freshwater lagoon provide incredible wildlife viewing, including alligators and some of the top bird-watching on the East Coast. A variety of nature programs keep kids of all ages engaged. The park also includes the cultural and architectural landmark of the Atlalaya Estate and Brookgreen Gardens. Tours are available for an additional fee.

The beachside campground has over 100 sites with partial hookups, and another 60 with full hookups. Sites accommodate RVs up to 30 feet, and several are big enough for a 40-foot rig. Facilities include a camp store, well-maintained restrooms, and WiFi.



## SOUTH CAROLINA

### **Featured Campgrounds**

#### CALHOUN FALLS STATE PARK

46 Maintenance Shop Road, Calhoun Falls, SC 29628 southcarolinaparks.com/calhoun-falls/camping

Located on the Savannah River at the border with Georgia, Calhoun Falls State Park has one of the most coveted campgrounds in the South Carolina state park system. The park is a natural wonderland, with pine-covered spits of land providing unparalleled access and viewpoints into Lake Russell. The protected lake, over 26,000 acres, is a beautiful and peaceful place to swim, kayak, paddleboard, and fish.

More than 80 campsites are spaced out among the trees and along the water. All have electric and water hookups and can accommodate rigs up to 30 or 40 feet. Facilities include restrooms and a camp store. This gem of a park provides the ideal opportunity to relax and get away from it all in a pristine natural setting.

### List of all South Carolina State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Aiken State Park
- Andrew Jackson State Park
- Baker Creek State Park
- Barnwell State Park
- Calhoun Falls State Park
- Cheraw State Park
- Chester State Park
- Colleton State Park
- Croft State Park
- Devils Fork State Park
- Dreher Island State Park
- Edisto Beach State Park

- Givhans Ferry State Park
- H. Cooper Black Jr. Memorial Field Trial and Recreation Area
- Hamilton Brand State Park
- Hickory Knob State Park Resort
- Hunting Island State Park
- Huntington Beach State Park
- Keowee-Toxaway State Park
- Kings Mountain State Park
- Lake Greenwood State Park
- Lake Hartwell State Park
- Lake Wateree State Park

- Lee State Park
- Little Pee Dee State Park
- Myrtle Beach State Park
- Oconee State Park
- Paris Mountain State Park
- Poinsett State Park
- Sadlers Creek State Park
- Santee State Park
- Sesquicentennial State Park
- Table Rock State Park

For more information on South Carolina state park campgrounds, visit southcarolinaparks.com.

### TENNESSEE

#### **TNSTATEPARKS.COM**

Tennessee is a popular tourist destination for its central location between the South and the Midwest, its vibrant cities, rich musical culture, and deep history. It's also an ideal state for campers, with an abundance of forests, lakes, rolling hills, and mountains including the Southern Appalachians and the Great Smokies. Many people are familiar with Great Smoky Mountains National Park, but fewer know that Tennessee is home to 13 other National Park Service units, including national cemeteries, battlefields, scenic trails, and rivers.

Tennessee has more than 35 state parks with RV camping available. Campgrounds are rustic but well maintained, and many are beloved by visitors who return annually. Almost all campsites are big rig friendly and have partial hookups. Focusing on nature and history, most parks have interpretive programs, a variety of marked trails, and access to other outdoor activities. Hiking, biking, birding, boating, fishing, and horseback riding are all popular activities throughout the state. Many campgrounds also have cabins or a

lodge for accommodation options to plan a family gathering.

Many parks are in hilly and wooded areas. While there may be plenty of space for a big rig once you're parked at your site, maneuvering inside the campground and along access roads may be trickier than usual. Be sure to review your route in advance, contact the park directly for specific advice, and factor in plenty of time. The extra effort will be worth it for the serene beauty and unique history in Tennessee state parks.

## TENNESSEE



#### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit reserve.tnstateparks.com or call the park directly.

Reservations are required and can be made up to 12 months in advance.

Cancellations and changes can be made only by calling the park directly.



#### **CAMPSITE SIZES**

Tennessee state parks offer developed RV sites for vehicles ranging from 20 to 100 feet. Most campgrounds have sites that can fit RVs up to 50 feet, although campsite sizes vary and the number of big rig sites may be limited.

The reservation system allows searching by RV length. Available campsite details include site size.



#### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible sites are searchable and bookable through the reservation system. The number of accessible sites per campground is shared on each park's website under "Camping." An ADA discount is available with proof of qualification upon check-in. Contact the park directly for more information.



#### HOOKUPS

RV sites are equipped with electric and water hookups. Full hookups with sewer are available at a few campgrounds. Hookups are searchable in the reservation system, and displayed in campsite details.

The reservation system and each park's website both list the number of sites with or without hookups.



#### COST

Prices vary based on campground, site, and date. Prices range from \$10 for a primitive site to \$35 for full hookups. View prices per site / per date in the reservation system.

Additional Fees:

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$5 per night

Cancellations on the day prior to arrival forfeit the first night's fee.

Cancellations on the day of arrival forfeit two nights' fee.



#### **ADDITIONAL FACILITIES**

Campsites have picnic tables and grills. Site details and photos are provided per site in the reservation system search results, including ground cover and amount of shade.

Facilities available at most campgrounds include a dump station, park store, laundry, playground, and restrooms with showers. Information can be found on the park website under "Camping."

Many parks have historical buildings and museums, interpretive programs, water sports rentals, and hiking, biking, and equestrian trails. Details are shared under "Activities" on each park's website.

Tennessee state parks offer a Junior Ranger program, so be sure to request a book at the visitor center or check-in booth.

#### CONNECTIVITY

WiFi is offered at many Tennessee state parks. Check the specific park's website or call directly for information.

#### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay March through November is 14 days. The maximum stay December through February is 28 days.

#### **PET POLICIES**

In general, pets are allowed as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

#### **ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS**

- Maximum occupancy per site: 1 vehicle, 6 people.
- Check-in/check-out time: Varies by campground.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Permitted at campsites.
- · Generator use: Prohibited during quiet hours.
- · Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Requires written permission from the park director.







### TENNESSEE

### **Featured Campgrounds**

#### FALL CREEK FALLS STATE PARK

2009 Village Camp Road, Spencer, TN 38585 • tnstateparks.com/parks/fall-creek-falls

Home to one of the highest waterfalls in the eastern United States, Fall Creek Falls State Park's spectacular beauty and outdoor adventure opportunities make it one of the most visited state parks in Tennessee. It's also one of the largest. Its more than 29,000 acres include 50 miles of hiking and biking trails, rock climbing, and a tree canopy ropes course. Boating, fishing, golfing, and nature programs round out the activities available.

Enjoy all of the amenities and beautiful natural surroundings with a stay at one of the spacious campgrounds. More than 100 sites with water and electric hookups, and an additional 90 sites with full hookups, can accommodate RVs up to 65 feet. Site lengths and space between them varies by campsite loop. Check details and photos in the reservation system. Facilities include well-maintained restrooms, a general store, and free WiFi. With multiple waterfalls and cascades, gorges, and old-growth forest, this sprawling state park on the Cumberland Plateau highlights the beauty of Tennessee. Experience even more with a day trip to nearby Rock Island State Park.

#### NATCHEZ TRACE STATE PARK

24845 Natchez Trace Road, Wildersville, TN 38388 • tnstateparks.com/parks/natchez-trace

Located about an hour west of Nashville, Natchez Trace State Park encompasses almost 10,000 acres of pine and hardwood forest. Swimming, boating, and fishing are popular activities at the park's three lakes. Hiking trails for all skill levels range from half a mile to a 40-mile overnight trek. Additional trails accommodate mountain bikers and horseback riders. Bird-watchers come from all over to spot one of over 130 species that have been observed in the park. Playgrounds, a sandy beach, and ranger programs will keep the kids engaged.

The seasonal Cub Lake Campground comprises a mix of partial hookups and primitive sites, and can accommodate RVs under 25 feet. The newer Pin Oak Campground is open yearround, offers partial hookups, and has sites that can accommodate RVs up to 80 feet. Note that cell service is reportedly weak to nonexistent in Pin Oak. Historical Civilian Conservation Corps buildings, camping cabins, and a lodge with modern rooms, restaurants, and WiFi make Natchez Trace a great destination for families and groups. After a night or two in the peaceful, natural surroundings, it will be easy to understand why visitors return year after year to this beloved West Tennessee park.





## TENNESSEE

### **Featured Campgrounds**

#### **ROAN MOUNTAIN STATE PARK**

1015 Highway 143, Roan Mountain, TN 37687 • tnstateparks.com/parks/roan-mountain

Among dense hardwood forest, rolling foothills, and crystal-clear rivers, Roan Mountain State Park offers an ideal mountain camping experience with over 12 miles of hiking trails for all levels, excellent trout fishing, and an abundance of wildlife and wildflowers (including the largest natural garden of rhododendrons in the world). Breathtaking views of Roan Mountain peak, towering at over 6,000 feet, are accessible on foot and by car. The park is beloved by both day-trippers and campers, and a visitor center and historical homestead provide interesting interpretive programs.

The well-maintained campground has more than 100 sites, in addition to cabins. The spacious, shady campsites have partial hookups with a dump station available, and most can accommodate big rigs. Facilities include modern restrooms, a camp store, and free WiFi. The small town of Roan Mountain nearby has some shopping and dining options. Located just over 70 miles from the vibrant city of Asheville, North Carolina, Roan Mountain State Park is an excellent stopover and a destination in its own right.

#### List of all Tennessee State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Big Hill Pond State Park
- Big Ridge State Park
- Bledsoe Creek State Park
- Cedars of Lebanon State Park
- Chickasaw State Park
- Cove Lake State Park
- Cumberland Mountain State Park
- David Crockett Birthplace State Park
- David Crockett State Park
- Edgar Evins State Park
- Fall Creek Falls State Park
- Fort Pillow State Historic Park
- Frozen Head State Park

- Harrison Bay State Park
- Henry Horton State Park
- Hiwassee/Ocoee Scenic River State Park
- Indian Mountain State Park
- Long Hunter State Park
- Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park
- Montgomery Bell State Park
- Mousetail Landing State Park
- Natchez Trace State Park
- Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park
- Norris Dam State Park
- Old Stone Fort State Park

- Panther Creek State Park
- Paris Landing State Park
- Pickett CCC Memorial State Park
- Pickwick Landing State Park
- Reelfoot Lake State Park
- Roan Mountain State Park
- Rock Island State Park
- Rocky Fork State Park
- South Cumberland State Park
- Standing Stone State Park
- T.O. Fuller State Park
- Tims Ford State Park
- Warriors Path State Park

For more information on Tennessee state park campgrounds, visit tnstateparks.com.

### VIRGINIA

#### DCR.VIRGINIA.GOV/STATE-PARKS

The commonwealth of Virginia is rich with history, stunning natural beauty, and a vibrant local culture. From mountain peaks and rugged highlands to the Atlantic Coast and Chesapeake Bay, Virginia's diverse landscapes offer something for everyone. The rural expanse of Virginia is relatively accessible from Washington, D.C., Baltimore, and its capital city of Richmond, yet still surprising for those who wander off the beaten track.

It can be easy to overlook the state park system in a state with 19 National Park Service units, not to mention the nearby monuments of Washington, D.C. The state parks highlight many lesser-known destinations and beautiful landscapes. Visitors will appreciate the parks' focus on outdoor recreation, local historical sites, nature and history programs, and comfortable campgrounds. Virginia state park campgrounds can accommodate big rigs, although the smaller the RV the more options are available. Most parks also have lodges, cabins, and/or yurts, making them a good option for family gatherings.

Prices are on the higher end for a state park campground, but the parks are well maintained and highly regarded. A reservation for a site with hookups can be a good alternative to the first-come, first-served dry camping at a nearby national park.

For more information on Virginia state park campgrounds, visit dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks

## VIRGINIA



#### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit virginiastateparks.reserveamerica.com or call 800-933-7275.

Reservations can be made up to 11 months in advance. Reservations are recommended but not required.

Note that Virginia operates a hybrid reservation system for developed camparounds. At least half of the sites can be individually reserved. The rest are reserved by site type, and guests select a specific site on arrival. The state parks are transitioning to 100-percent site-specific reservations by the year 2022.



#### **CAMPSITE SIZES**

Campsite sizes and layouts vary within each campground. Most campgrounds have sites that can accommodate RVs around 40 feet, although selection is limited.

Details can be found on each park's website under "Lodging, Camping," and campsites can be searched for by RV length on the reservation website.

This document lists all campgrounds with their maximum RV length: dcr.virginia.gov/ state-parks/recreational-vehicles



#### ACCESSIBILITY

Call the reservation line for information on booking accessible campsites.

### HOOKUPS

Most parks have sites with electric and water hookups. Sewer hookups are offered at only two parks. Site amenity details can be found on each park's website under "Lodging, Camping." Hookups are also searchable in the reservation system.



#### CONNECTIVITY

WiFi is offered at some Virginia state parks. Information is provided on each park's website, including hot spot locations.



#### **ADDITIONAL FACILITIES**

Developed campsites have picnic tables, arills, and access to bathhouses. Bathhouses include hot showers, dishwashing sinks, and sometimes laundry. Most campgrounds that can accommodate RVs have a dump station, camp store, and playground. Additional facilities range from visitor centers and ranger programs to hiking and biking trails and water access for boating and fishing. Amenity details can be found on each park's website.



#### COST

Prices range from \$18 to \$47, depending on the park, campsite amenities, and site location. View prices per site / per date in the reservation system. Note that Virginia residents are discounted \$5 per night.

Additional Fees:

Nonrefundable transaction fee: \$5.

Cancellation fee: \$10.

Cancellations within 24 hours of arrival also forfeit the first night's fee.

#### **MAXIMUM STAY**

The maximum stay is 14 nights in a 30 day period.

#### PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed, as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

#### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 1 vehicle, 6 people or immediate family.
- Check-in time: 4 p.m. Check-out time: 1 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Permitted in private areas only (inside camping unit).
- Generator use: Prohibited.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Prohibited.









### VIRGINIA

### **Featured Campgrounds**

#### **DOUTHAT STATE PARK**

14239 Douthat State Park Road, Millboro, VA 24460 • dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/douthat

One of Virginia's original six state parks opened in 1936, Douthat is listed on the National Register of Historic Places for the role its design played in the development of parks nationwide. It lives up to this lofty reputation, with historic lodges and log cabins, forest, expansive views, a picturesque lake, creeks, waterfalls, and comfortable camping. More than 40 miles of wooded trails provide hiking and wildlife viewing opportunities for all skill levels. The 50-acre Douthat Lake has a swimming beach in addition to boating and fishing.

Douthat's camping experience is highly regarded, with almost 90 sites spread out around the grounds, some right on the lake. Sites vary in size, although most can accommodate RVs up to 40 feet and have decent privacy. Over half the sites have water and electric hookups. Note that bathhouse and site facility upgrades have been taking place in 2020. Cabins and lodges provide additional accommodations, and everyone can enjoy a meal on the deck of the Main Lodge overlooking the lake. Just under 200 miles west of Richmond and convenient to I-64, Douthat is an accessible destination to truly get away from it all.

#### **GRAYSON HIGHLANDS STATE PARK**

829 Grayson Highland Lane, Mouth of Wilson, VA • dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/grayson-highlands

Tucked into the southwest corner of the state, Grayson Highlands State Park can impress even the most jaded camper with its spectacular, rugged beauty. Near Virginia's two highest mountains, Grayson Highlands offers expansive views of alpine peaks and a landscape that evokes the dramatic Scottish Highlands. The park is also home to a herd of extremely photogenic wild ponies. Facilities include a visitor center, small store, and extensive hiking trails leading to waterfalls and overlooks. The park provides year-round access to the Appalachian Trail and the Virginia Highlands Horse Trail.

More than 55 campsites can accommodate RVs up to 40 feet. More than half have water and electric hookups. Keep in mind that the campground is set at over 4,300 feet and exposed, so it's best to be prepared with gear for all types of weather. It's also a good idea to stock up on groceries and gas before arriving at this remote park. Read up on the hiking options and talk to a ranger about your interests and skill level to get the most out of your visit to this magical park.

### VIRGINIA

### **Featured Campgrounds**

#### **KIPTOPEKE STATE PARK**

3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles, VA 23310 • dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/kiptopeke

Kiptopeke State Park highlights the beauty, history, and natural bounty of its stunning location on Virginia's Eastern Shore and Chesapeake Bay. Fishing, crabbing, beachcombing, and swimming at the sandy beaches are all easily accessible from the campground. The park is a popular destination for bird-watchers to observe the coastal habitats of birds migrating along the Atlantic Flyway. More than five miles of hiking and biking trails lead through hardwood forest and over sand dunes via wooden boardwalk. The fishing pier is a great spot to watch the sunset over the bay.

Kiptopeke's campground has more than 80 sites with water and electric hookups, some with sewer. Most sites can accommodate RVs up to 40 feet. The campground is a mix of sites in shade or full sun. Cabins, lodges, and yurts are available for alternative accommodations. Dog owners will love the dedicated dog beach for their pets to play off leash. Note that the park is accessible via the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, which requires a toll paid both ways. Be sure to check pricing details, budget for this in advance, and stock up on groceries before arrival.

### List of all Virginia State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Bear Creek Lake State Park
- Belle Isle State Park
- Chippokes Plantation
  State Park
- Claytor Lake State Park
- Douthat State Park
- Fairy Stone State Park
- First Landing State Park
- Grayson Highlands State Park

- Holliday Lake State Park
- Hungry Mother State Park
- James River State Park
- Kiptopeke State Park
- Lake Anna State Park
- Natural Tunnel State Park
- Occoneechee State Park
- Pocahontas State Park

- Powhatan State Park
- Shenandoah River State Park
- Smith Mountain Lake State Park
- Staunton River State Park
- Twin Lakes State Park
- Westmoreland State Park

For more information on Virginia state park campgrounds, visit dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks



## WEST VIRGINIA

#### WVSTATEPARKS.COM

West Virginia is full of natural beauty and wonders. This smaller Appalachian state may be easy to overlook as a drive-through state on a visit to more famous destinations on the coast, West Virginia surprises and delights travelers who choose to stay for a night or longer. The Mountain State is home to old-growth forest, magnificent rivers, and dramatic gorges and valleys. It's a magnet for outdoor adventurers to white-water raft, kayak, mountain bike, off-road, and much more.

Boating, fishing, hiking, birding, and photography are activities for everyone that can be enjoyed throughout the state. Camping is very popular, due to West Virginia's wealth of state parks and forests, in addition to its federally protected lands. West Virginia's state park campgrounds highlight some of the most spectacular scenery in the region. Campgrounds are rustic, allowing visitors to focus on their natural surroundings. Parks are generally well maintained and well regarded. A 2019 increase in funding has brought additional improvements to the parks.

Many campgrounds are located in thick forests and valleys. Cell service is typically spotty, although up-todate information is helpfully shared on each park's website and in the reservation system.

Given the mountainous topography, roads can be narrow, steep, and winding. Be sure to review your route thoroughly in advance, factor in extra time, and contact the park directly for tips on accessibility.

## WEST VIRGINIA



#### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit reservations.wvstateparks.com or call 833-WV-PARKS.

Reservations can be made up to 1 year in advance. Reservations are recommended but not required. Unreserved sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

A minimum of 2 nights applies over weekends.

#### **CAMPSITE SIZES**

Campsite sizes vary within each campground. In the reservation system, the "Unit Amenities" search filter includes the number of sites with maximum RV length. The maximum length is also shown under specific campsite amenities in the search results.

This information is somewhat hidden on the website, so it is best to use the search filter for your RV size. In general, West Virginia state park campgrounds are big rig friendly.

#### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible sites are designed for customers with disabilities and/or mobility difficulty. Each park's website details the number of accessible sites per campground. Accessible sites are searchable and bookable online.



#### HOOKUPS

All campgrounds offer sites with electric hookups, most also offer water hookups. Some sewer hookups are available. Each park's website gives a description of their campsites. In the reservation system, you can search by "Unit Type" for electric or non-electric. A "Unit Amenities" search includes water or sewer hookups.

#### ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

Campsites are rustic. Only some campgrounds include picnic tables, fire rings, and/or concrete pads. Basic campground facilities include restrooms, a dump station, laundry, a store or newsstand, a playground, and marked trails.

Additional facilities are based on historical or outdoor activities available at the park, like biking, hiking, and fishing. Details available on each park's website.



#### COST

Prices range from \$15 to \$35, depending on the park, campsite, and date. View prices per site / per date in the reservation system.

Additional Fees:

Cancellations up to 60 days prior to arrival: Full refund.

Cancellations between 59 and 8 days prior to arrival: Credit toward a future stay, less the deposit amount.

Cancellations within 7 days of arrival: No refund.

#### CONNECTIVITY

WiFi is offered at some West Virginia state parks. WiFi plus general cell service availability is noted under "Campground Amenities" on each park's website. The reservation system also displays details about cell service per campsite.

#### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay from May 1 through Labor Day is 14 nights. After Labor Day, longer stays are subject to the discretion of the park supervisor.

#### PET POLICIES

Dogs and cats are the only pets allowed, as long as they're kept on a leash. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

#### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 2 vehicles. Maximum number of people not specified; check with the campground if traveling with a party larger than 6.
- Check-in time: 12 p.m. Check-out time: 12 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Check with the specific park for any restrictions.
- Generator use: Prohibited during quiet hours.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Permitted with the written permission of the state park superintendent.



### WEST VIRGINIA

### **Featured Campgrounds**

#### **BABCOCK STATE PARK**

486 Babcock Road, Clifftop, WV 25831 • wvstateparks.com/park/babcock-state-park

Babcock State Park is home to one of the most photographed sites in West Virginia, the Glade Creek Gristmill. Although it is a replica, the fully functioning mill was created out of wood and stone pieces from older mills. The view of the rustic building surrounded by trees and a rocky river is iconic. Get your fill of photos, and explore the rest of this scenic Appalachian Mountain park. More than 20 miles of hiking trails for all levels lead through the lush forest, along streams and past cascades. Boley Lake and Glade Creek provide boating and fishing fun.

Babcock State Park's campground was originally developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. Just over 50 sites are available, about half with electric hookups. Modern amenities including restrooms, laundry, and a dump station have been added, and the park is well maintained. However, the campground's age does mean that site sizes are better suited for smaller rigs, and maneuvering may be tight in spots. With its scenic beauty, history, and proximity to the famous New River Gorge, Babcock State Park offers a quintessential West Virginia camping experience.

#### HOLLY RIVER STATE PARK

680 State Park Road, Hacker Valley, WV 26222 • wvstateparks.com/park/holly-river-state-park

Located in the rugged Hacker Valley, Holly River's 8,000-plus acres encompass lush forest, rivers and streams, and six waterfalls. Tecumseh Falls is the most accessible, with an easy hike just over two miles. A 3.5-mile hike rewards views of the 20-foot Tenskwatawa Falls. The park's website has detailed descriptions of the different trails available. At the park, rangers can provide information on the best hikes for a range of abilities. A playground and seasonal pool will keep the kids occupied when they're not exploring the forest and streams.

More than 80 campsites are nestled under a dense canopy of old-growth trees, all with electric hookups, picnic tables, and grills. Central restrooms, laundry facilities, and a dump station are available. RVs up to 30 feet long will have more choices in campsites, although a few sites can accommodate big rigs. Holly River State Park has been referred to as the "rain forest of the east," evident in its lush greenery, moss-covered rocks, and thick ground cover. It's a magical place to camp and explore West Virginia's natural beauty.



# **WEST VIRGINIA**

### Featured Campgrounds

#### WATOGA STATE PARK

4800 Watoga Park Road, Marlinton, WV 24954 • wvstateparks.com/park/watoga-state-park

West Virginia's largest state park can be found in the mountains of Pocahontas County. Covering over 10,000 acres of forested land, Watoga offers many recreational activities including hiking, swimming, boating, and fishing. During the summer, a variety of watercraft are available to rent at Watoga Lake. Tubing down the Greenbrier River is a fun and relaxing activity on a hot day. Over 40 miles of hiking trails range from easy to strenuous. Hikers who make it to the Anne Bailey Lookout Tower are rewarded with sweeping views of the Appalachian Mountains.

The park has over 80 campsites between two campgrounds, Beaver Creek and Riverside. Riverside is the larger and more desirable camparound, with a location right on the Greenbrier River. Some electric hookups are available. Both campgrounds have picnic tables and fire pits at the sites, well-maintained restrooms, laundry, and a camp store. Sites can fit RVs up to 40 feet, and a few sites accommodate larger rigs. If you tire of the lake and river, the park also has a seasonal heated pool.

### List of all West Virginia State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Audra State Park
- Babcock State Park
- Beek Fork State Park
- Blackwater Falls State Park
- Bluestone State Park
- Cabwaylingo State Park
- Camp Creek State Park and Forest
  Lost River State Park
- Canaan Valley Resort State Park
- Cedar Creek State Park

- Chief Logan State Park
- Coopers Rock State Park
- Greenbrier State Park
- Holly River State Park
- Kumbrabow State Forest
- Little Beaver State Park
- Moncove Lake State Park
- North Bend State Park

- Panther State Forest
- Pipestem Resort State Park
- Seneca State Forest
- Stonewall Resort State Park
- Tomlinson Run State Park
- Twin Falls State Park
- Tygart Lake State Park
- Watoga State Park

For more information on West Virginia state park campgrounds, visit wvstateparks.com.

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## ILLINOIS

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With the Mississippi River as a western border, Illinois can be experienced as a gateway to the Great Plains, featuring rolling farmland, prairies, wetlands, and some unexpected forests and geological features. Between its natural beauty, strings of small cities and charming towns, a host of roadside attractions, and long straight roads, Illinois is an inviting state for RVers.

Illinois state parks are a convenient and affordable way to explore the state, with no entrance fee, flat rates, and more than 50 parks with RV campsites. The parks protect some of the most scenic areas for camping and recreation, as well as fascinating historical sites. Hiking, mountain and road biking, fishing, and boating are all popular activities in the state parks. There are even opportunities for rock climbing and cave exploration. Be aware that Illinois state parks have strict restrictions on alcoholic beverages, and they're not known for meticulous maintenance.

For more information on Illinois state park campgrounds, visit www2.illinois.gov/dnr/Parks/Pages/default.aspx.



# ILLINOIS



#### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit reserveamerica.com. Reservations can be made only online, not over the phone. Note that Illinois does not have its own reservation website. Instead, search for a specific park, or filter and search for Illinois state parks, on the Reserve America website.

Most campgrounds are available to reserve May through September, from 6 months up to 3 days in advance. Many campsites are also available on a firstcome, first-served basis. Contact the specific park for details. A minimum of 2 nights is required on regular weekends, 3 nights over holiday weekends.



#### CAMPSITE SIZES

Sizes vary by the campground. Search by RV length, or view maximum length per campsite in the reservation system.

#### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible campsites are searchable and bookable online. A disability placard or license plate must be provided at check-in.



#### HOOKUPS

Partial and full hookups are available and vary by campground. Almost all campsites have electricity, with water and sewer hookups less prevalent. Sites with hookups are searchable in the reservation system.



#### ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

Many campsites are developed, with parking pads, picnic tables, and fire rings or grills. The reservation system displays details per site, including the type of pad (cement or gravel), back-in or pull-through access, and shade cover.

Campgrounds have a range of facilities, from pit toilets to restrooms with showers, dump stations, visitor centers, stores and concessions, and outdoor activity guides and rentals. Details can be found on the reservation website under the park's "Activities and Amenities" section.



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Prices range from \$10 for a campsite with no hookups, to \$35 for a site with full hookups in a premier location. Holiday premium rates may apply.

Illinois state parks have a letter categorization for campsite types and pricing, for example Class AA, A, A-P, B/S, or B/S-P. Amenities are detailed in the reservation system, and prices are displayed per site and date.

Peak season runs from May 1 through September 30. If water is turned off due to cold weather, discounts for unusable services are applied.

#### Additional Fees:

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$5 Cancellations within 72 hours of arrival forfeit the first night's fee.

#### CONNECTIVITY

WiFi is generally not offered at Illinois state parks. If connectivity is a priority, contact the park for more information about WiFi coverage and cell service.



#### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 nights within a 30-day period.

#### PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 10 feet. Of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

#### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 4 adults or immediate family members (such as parents with minor children) and 1 or 2 vehicles.
- Check-in time: 3 p.m. or earlier if available. Check-out time: 3 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Prohibited at several sites, including campgrounds. Some bans are in effect on a seasonal basis. Check the park website for specific rules.
- Generator use: Check with the specific campground if generator use is restricted in addition to quiet hours.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Regulations vary; check with the specific park.



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## ILLINOIS

### **Featured Campgrounds**

#### **STARVED ROCK STATE PARK**

PO Box 509, Utica, IL 61373 • www2.illinois.gov/dnr/Parks/Pages/StarvedRock.aspx

Starved Rock is one of the top attractions in the state and a favorite place to camp. Outof-state visitors will understand the appeal when they experience the park's 18 stunning canyons. Glacial meltwater sliced through sandstone to create dramatic, tree-topped stone walls. More than 13 miles of trails explore the lush vegetation, waterfalls, and natural springs. The campground is located a short drive from the main park area, which has a lodge, visitor center, and access to hiking trails. It's a peaceful spot, and a convenient way to get into the park early and avoid the day-tripping crowds. All 129 campsites include a cement pad, picnic table, grill, and electric hookups. Note that the number of sites for RVs over 30 feet is limited.

#### **ROCK CUT STATE PARK**

7318 Harlem Road, Loves Park, IL 61111 • www2.illinois.gov/dnr/Parks/Pages/RockCut.aspx

Rock Cut State Park's more than 3,000 acres feature two large lakes, miles of hiking and horseback riding trails, and an abundance of wildlife. Bring your own equipment or rent a bike, kayak, or paddleboard from the lakeside concessions. More than 200 campsites with electric hookups are available with centralized potable water, dump stations, and restrooms. Rigs of all sizes can easily maneuver through the park, although site lengths vary and there are limited options for rigs over 40 feet. Less than 2 hours from Chicago, located near Rockford and just off the I-90, Rock Cut State Park is a great way to experience the natural beauty of northern Illinois.

#### **KICKAPOO STATE RECREATION AREA**

10906 Kickapoo Park Road, Oakwood, IL 61858 • www2.illinois.gov/dnr/Parks/Pages/Kickapoo.aspx

Trail running, hiking, biking, canoeing, trout fishing, and even scuba diving are just a few of the outdoor activities that make Kickapoo a destination for adventure seekers of all ages. A former surface mining operation has been transformed into this state recreation area, with forest, wetlands, rivers, and 22 deep-bottom lakes. The campgrounds have over 90 sites that can accommodate RVs, although site sizes vary. About half have electric hookups, and in general sites are spread out, shaded, and level.

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### List of all Illinois State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Argyle Lake State Park
- Beaver Dam State Park
- Cave-In-Rock State Park
- Chain O' Lakes State Park
- Clinton Lake State
  Recreation Area
- Delabar State Park
- Dixon Springs State Park
- Eagle Creek State Park
- Eldon Hazlet State Park
- Ferne Clyffe State Park
- Fort Massac State Park
- Fox Ridge State Park
- Giant City State Park
- Hamilton County State Fish and Wildlife Area
- Horseshoe Lake-Alexander State Fish and Wildlife Area
- Illini State Park
- Illinois Beach State Park
- Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area
- Johnson Sauk Trail State Park
- Jubilee College State Park
- Kankakee River State Park
- Kickapoo State Recreation Area

- Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Recreation Area
- Lake Murphysboro State Park
- Lincoln Trail State Park
- Lowden State Park
- Marshall State Fish and Wildlife Area
- Mississippi Palisades State Park
- Moraine View State Recreation Area
- Morrison-Rockwood State Park
- Nauvoo State Park
- Pere Marquette State Park
- Prophetstown State Park
- Ramsey Lake State Park
- Randolph County State Recreation Area
- Red Hills State Park
- Rice Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area
- Rock Cut State Park
- Sam Dale Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area
- Sam Parr State Park
- Sangchris Lake State Park
- Shabbona Lake State Park

- Siloam Springs State Park
- Starved Rock State Park
- Stephen A. Forbes State Recreation Area
- Walnut Point State Park
- Washington County State
  Recreation Area
- Wayne Fitzgerrell State Park
- Weinberg-King State Park
- Weldon Springs State Park
- White Pines Forest State Park
- Wolf Creek State Park
- World Shooting and Recreational Complex



For more information on Illinois state park campgrounds, visit www2.illinois.gov/dnr/Parks/Pages/default.aspx.

### INDIANA

#### IN.GOV/DNR/PARKLAKE

From rolling farmland to forests, canyons, and the grand shores of Lake Michigan, Indiana has something for every type of camper. The state has more than 30 state parks with campgrounds for RVers, featuring basic yet well-maintained amenities and knowledgeable rangers. Hiking and fishing opportunities are plentiful, and most parks with lakes and rivers offer a variety of watercraft rentals. Campsites are generally big rig friendly, and almost all have electric hookups.

The state parks do charge a vehicle entrance fee, and prices can sometimes be comparable to a private RV park. But if you're looking for a peaceful overnight in some of the most beautiful settings around, Indiana state park campgrounds are worth a look.

#### List of all Indiana State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Brookville Lake
- Brown County State Park
- Chain O Lakes State Park
- Charlestown State Park
- Clifty Falls State Park
- Covered Bridge State
  Forest Retreat
- Deam Lake State Recreation Area
- Greene-Sullivan State Forest
- Hardy Lake
- Harmonie State Park
- Indiana Dunes State Park

- Lieber State Recreation Area
- Lincoln State Park
- McCormicks Creek State Park
- Mississinewa Lake
- Monroe Lake
- Mounds State Park
- O'Bannon Woods State Park
- Ouabache State Park
- Patoka Lake
- Pokagon State Park
- Potato Creek State Park
- Prophetstown State Park

- Raccoon Lake State
  Recreation Area
- Salamonie Lake
- Shades State Park
- Shakamak State Park
- Spring Mill State Park
- Starve Hollow State Recreation Area
- Summit Lake State Park
- Tippecanoe River State Park
- Turkey Run State Park
- Versailles State Park
- Whitewater Memorial State Park

For more information on Indiana state park campgrounds, visit in.gov/dnr/parklake.



# INDIANA



#### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit camp.in.gov or call 866-622-6746. Reservations are required during peak season, from late April through early November. Specific dates vary per campground. In the offseason, both reservable and first-come, firstserved sites are offered. Reservations at most campgrounds are available 6 months in advance. A minimum of 2 nights is required on regular weekends, 3 nights over holiday weekends.

#### CAMPSITE SIZES

Sizes vary by campground, although almost all have sites that can fit RVs up to 45 feet. Search for campgrounds and campsites by RV length in the reservation system.

#### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible sites are available and searchable online. They may be booked by someone who doesn't meet the ADA qualifications for disabled if there are no other sites available. However, if a comparable non-ADA site is available upon arrival, the property manager reserves the right to transfer the reservation to it.



## HOOKUPS

Partial and full hookups are available and vary by the campground. Almost all campsites have electricity; water and sewer hookups are less prevalent. Sites with hookups are searchable in the reservation system.

### **ADDITIONAL FACILITIES**

Campsites are equipped with picnic tables and fire rings or grills. The reservation system displays details per site, including the type of pad (cement or gravel), back-in or pull-through access, and shade cover.

Campgrounds have a range of facilities, from pit toilets to restrooms with showers, dump stations, visitor centers, stores and concessions, and outdoor activity guides and rentals. Information can be found on each park's website, and under "Campground Details" in the reservation system.



#### COST

Indiana state park campgrounds have flat rates for peak season, from late April through early November. For camping availability and rates outside this period, contact the park directly. Peak season rates range from \$16 for a site with no hookups during the week to \$44 for a site with full hookups over a holiday weekend. Additional Fees:

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$5 Change fee: \$5

Cancellation fee: \$10

Cancellations within 7 days of arrival also forfeit the first night's fee. Cancellations on the day of arrival or later forfeit the full stay. The vehicle entrance fee is \$9, or \$70 for an annual pass for out-of-state residents. Note that the pass is valid only during the calendar year issued.

#### CONNECTIVITY

WiFi is generally not offered at Indiana state parks. If connectivity is a priority, contact the park for more information about WiFi coverage and cell service.

#### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 consecutive nights. Campers can return after vacating the campground for at least 2 nights.

#### PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

#### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 6 people and 1 or 2 vehicles.
- Check-in time: 2 p.m. or earlier if available. Check-out time: 2 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Permitted, except at Indiana Dunes State Park.
- Generator use: Permitted, except during quiet hours.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Permitted in designated areas only. Check with the specific park for details.

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## **Featured Campgrounds**

### INDIANA DUNES STATE PARK

Chesterton, IN 46304 • in.gov/dnr/parklake/2980.htm

Indiana Dunes National Park is one of the newest national parks (since 2019) and an easy getaway from the greater Chicago area. Indiana Dunes State Park, adjacent to the national park, was founded in 1925 and gives visitors the opportunity to immerse themselves in this unique natural environment. High sand dunes and the spectacular Lake Michigan shoreline are the highlights, but the state park also includes peaceful wooded trails where you can escape the sun and the crowds. There are close to 140 large campsites with electric hookups available. Campground facilities include basic but clean restrooms and showers, potable water, and a dump station. Families will love the nature center and The 3 Dune Challenge (climbing the three tallest sand dunes in the park). Note that the park entrance fee is \$12 for out-of-state visitors.

### SHADES STATE PARK

7751 South 890 West, Waveland, IN 47989 • in.gov/dnr/parklake/2970.htm

An hour's drive east of Indianapolis, Shades State Park is a true getaway in nature, with peaceful, wooded campsites and hiking trails that take you through dense forest, deep ravines, sandstone cliffs, babbling springs, and streams. Close to the more popular Turkey Run State Park, Shades attracts in-the-know locals enjoying the same beautiful landscape with fewer crowds. Trails are well marked but some can get challenging, with rock scrambles and wooden ladders, so be sure to consult the map or a ranger before heading out. The campground does not have hookups, but restrooms, potable water, and a dump station are available. Most of the more than 100 sites are spacious and can accommodate RVs around 40 feet—but look out for overhanging tree branches.

## **BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK**

1801 Indiana 46 East, Nashville, IN 47448 (The park has multiple entry points; see website for details.) in.gov/dnr/parklake/2988.htm

Nicknamed "The Little Smokies," Brown County State Park resembles the famous Great Smoky Mountains National Park, with rolling hills, dense forests, and misty mornings. This 16,000-acre park is known for spectacular fall colors but is worth visiting any time of year. Brown County is popular with both day-trippers and campers and has a nature center, naturalist programs, miles of trails, lakes, indoor and outdoor pools, and amenities at the Abe Martin Lodge. Campsites are spread among four different campgrounds and are a mix of electric and no hookups. Potable water and a dump station are available, and restrooms and showers are well maintained. Big rigs can be accommodated, but site length and ease of maneuverability vary widely. Check the campground map carefully or contact the park directly for guidance.



## IOWA

#### IOWADNR.GOV/THINGS-TO-DO/CAMPING

lowa is home to some stunningly beautiful protected lands, from dense forests, dramatic cliffs, caves, and clear lakes to the mighty Mississippi River, and it has plenty of camping and outdoor recreation opportunities for the whole family to enjoy. Fishing, hiking, mountain and road biking, kayaking, and rock climbing are all popular activities here.

Iowa state parks offer a great value to RVers. Well-maintained campgrounds, standard amenities, and big rig friendly sites with electric hookups are available for \$20 during peak season. With a few exceptions, there are no entrance fees at Iowa state parks. RV camping is available at 50 sites and dozens more dedicated historical, recreational, and protected areas in the state park system, making lowa an ideal stop on a cross-country route.

#### List of all Iowa State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Backbone State Park
- Beeds Lake State Park
- Bellevue State Park
- Black Hawk State Park
- Brushy Creek State Recreation Area
- Clear Lake State Park
- Dolliver Memorial State Park
- Elinor Bedell State Park
- Elk Rock State Park
- Emerson Bay State Recreation Area
- Fairport State Recreation Area
- George Wyth State Park
- Green Valley State Park
- Gull Point State Park

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- Honey Creek State Park
- Lacey Keosaugua State Park
- Lake Ahquabi State Park

- Lake Anita State Park
- Lake Darling State Park
- Lake Keomah State Park
- Lake Macbride State Park
- Lake of Three Fires State Park
- Lake Wapello State Park
- Ledges State Park
- Lewis and Clark State Park
- Maguoketa Caves State Park
- Marble Beach State Recreation Area
- McIntosh Woods State Park
- Nine Eagles State Park
- Palisades-Kepler State Park
- Pikes Peak State Park
- Pilot Knob State Park
- Pine Lake State Park
- Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area

- Prairie Rose State Park
- Red Haw State Park
- Rock Creek State Park
- Shimek Forest Campground
- Springbrook State Park
- Stephens Forest Campground
- Stone State Park
- Union Grove State Park
- Viking Lake State Park
- Volga River State Recreation Area
- Walnut Woods State Park
- Wapsipinicon State Park
- Waubonsie State Park
- Wildcat Den State Park
- Wilson Island State Recreation Area
- Yellow River State Forest



## IOWA



#### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit iowastateparks.reserveamerica.com or call 877-427-2757.

Reservations are required and can be made from 3 months up to 2 days in advance of arrival. Due to unpredictable weather, all campsites are first come, first served between November 1 and March 31.

Two nights are required over weekends, 3 nights over holidays during peak season.

#### **CAMPSITE SIZES**

All campgrounds have sites that accommodate RVs up to 35 feet, and most fit rigs over 40 feet. Search by RV length on the reservations website.



#### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible campsites are available for reservations on the website or over the phone.



## HOOKUPS

Partial and full hookups are available. Most campgrounds have electric hookups and many have water and/or sewer, although the number of sites with all three is limited. Campsites with hookups are searchable through the reservation system.



### ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

Park facilities range from restrooms and a dump station to playgrounds, visitor centers, concessions, and outdoor activities such as marked hiking trails and swimming beaches. Facilities are listed under each campground website and in the reservation system.

"Modern" campgrounds include heated shower buildings and flush toilets. "Nonmodern" campgrounds have vault toilets, and may not have potable water available.

### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 days. Campers must vacate for at least 3 days before returning to the same park.



## COST

Campsite fees range from \$6 per night for a site with no hookups in a nonmodern campground during the offseason to \$16 per night for a site with electricity in a modern campground in peak season.

Water and sewer hookups are an additional \$3. Peak season dates are May 1 through September 30.

Additional Fees:

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$4 if booked online, \$6 if booked through the call center.

Nonrefundable change fee: \$5. Changes can be made only through the call center.

Cancellation fee: \$5 if canceled online, \$7 if canceled through the call center.

Cancellations one day prior to arrival also forfeit the first night's fee. Cancellations on the day of arrival incur two nights' fee.



#### CONNECTIVITY

WiFi is generally not available in Iowa state parks. If connectivity is a priority, contact the park for more information about WiFi coverage and cell service.

#### PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

#### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 6 people and 1 or 2 vehicles.
- Check-in time: 4 p.m. Check-out time: 3 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Beer and wine permitted, hard liquor and kegs are prohibited.
- Generator use: Permitted except during quiet hours.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Regulations vary; check with the specific park.

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## IOWA

## **Featured Campgrounds**

### PIKES PEAK STATE PARK

32264 Pikes Peak Road, McGregor, IA 52157 iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks/Pikes-Peak-State-Park

Located on a national scenic byway, Pikes Peak State Park is one of Iowa's top outdoor destinations. Miles of forested hiking trails, a waterfall, and scenic bluffs and valleys all enhance the park's highlight: the magnificent views over the Mississippi River at the confluence of the Wisconsin River. The campground has almost 70 sites, most with electric hookups. Restrooms, a dump station, a playground, and a visitor center are available. Pikes Peak was established as a state park in 1936, and its campsites are a mix of sizes and spacing from one another. Check the reservation system map for maximum RV length and accessibility. With good cell service and convenient access to stores, Pikes Peak is a great base to explore this scenic area, including charming river towns and Effigy Mounds National Monument.

### **BACKBONE STATE PARK**

1347 129th Street, Dundee, IA 52038

#### iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks/Backbone-State-Park

lowa's oldest state park is an ideal summer camping experience with more than 20 miles of scenic hiking trails, streams for fishing, and a lake for swimming and boating. Established in 1920, Backbone State Park is named after a strikingly steep, narrow ridge of bedrock carved by the Maquoketa River. Hiking and water activities, rock climbing, rappelling, and cave exploring opportunities are available for the adventurous visitor. The park includes a beach, lodge, playground, market, dump station, restrooms, and a Civilian Conservation Corps museum. More than 100 campsites, half with electricity, can accommodate big rigs. Note that the campground is operated seasonally and open only from May through September.

## MAQUOKETA STATE PARK

#### 9688 Caves Road, Maquoketa, IA 52060

iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks/Maquoketa-Caves-State-Park

There are a variety of landscapes to see in lowa, and one of the most surprising is Maquoketa State Park. The drive up to the entrance passes flat cornfields, but once inside, park visitors are transported to another world of dense forest, bright green moss and ferns, and rocky streams. Rock formations and dramatic bluffs reveal the park's highlight: a series of caves connected by trails, walkways, and stairways. For an overnight stay, 30 campsites are nestled in the forest. Most can fit RVs up to 40 feet, and a few sites accommodate bigger rigs. All have electric hookups. Park facilities include a restroom, dump station, playground, museum, visitor center, and showers. Check the park website for notifications on cave closures. Even if the caves are closed, the park is still well worth a visit to explore the family-friendly trails through this unique landscape.

For more information on Iowa state park campgrounds, visit iowadnr.gov/Things-to-Do/Camping.

## KANSAS

#### KSOUTDOORS.COM/STATE-PARKS

Kansas offers beautiful lakes, rolling hills, bluffs, and woods in addition to its famous prairie and its sunflower fields. Charming towns and vibrant small cities are waiting to welcome those who exit the interstate. RVers who take their time in the Sunflower State are rewarded with spacious, developed campgrounds in expansive natural settings through the Kansas state park system.

Of the 28 parks throughout the state, 24 have campgrounds suitable for RVs with plenty of hookups, amenities, and big rig friendly sites. In addition to convenient locations near east-west highways, Kansas state parks are ideal for hiking, fishing, biking, wildlife viewing, and simply relaxing in beautiful natural settings. Kansas state parks are a good value for their price compared to many private campgrounds.

#### List of all Kansas State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Cedar Bluff State Park
- Cheney State Park
- Clinton State Park
- Crawford State Park
- Cross Timbers State Park
- Eisenhower State Park
- El Dorado State Park
- Elk City State Park

- Fall River State Park
- Glen Elder State Park
- Hillsdale State Park
- Historic Lake Scott State Park
- Kanopolis State Park
- Lovewell State Park
- Meade State Park
- Milford State Park

- Perry State Park
- Pomona State Park
- Prairie Dog State Park
- Sand Hills State Park
- Tuttle Creek State Park
- Webster State Park
- Wilson State Park

For more information on Kansas state park campgrounds, visit ksoutdoors.com/State-Parks.



## KANSAS



## RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit kshuntfishcamp.com/campinghome.page or call 800-918-2877. Reservations are available up to a year in advance. Minimum nights apply during holiday weekends.



### CAMPSITE SIZES

Site sizes vary per campground, and there are plenty of options for RVs over 40 feet long, including sites that are 100 feet long. The reservation system allows filtered searches based on RV length.



### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible sites are searchable in the reservation system and can be booked online or through the call center. A valid placard or license plate number must be visible at the campground.



## HOOKUPS

All campgrounds offer partial hookups and most offer some sites with full hookups. Sites with hookups are searchable on the reservation website under "Advanced Options".



## ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

Campsites include a picnic table and fire ring, and many are paved. Campground facilities include restrooms, potable water, dump stations, and playgrounds. State parks have additional amenities and activities such as nature trails, interpretive centers, and convenience stores. Specific amenities per campground and per site can be found in the reservation system search results.



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## CONNECTIVITY

Some Kansas state park campgrounds offer free WiFi. Check with the campground directly regarding WiFi and cell service.



## COST

Prices range from \$10 for a site with no hookups to \$24 for a prime campsite with full hookups. Kansas has a tiered reservation pricing system as follows:

Base camping fee: \$10

Prime site fee: Add \$2

One utility: Add \$9

Two utilities: Add \$11

Three utilities: Add \$12

A 14-day camping pass that covers the base fee is available for \$112.50. A vehicle entry fee is required in addition to the camping fee.

Additional Fees:

Nonrefundable transaction fee: \$3

## MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 consecutive days. A longer stay may be approved by the park supervisor on a case-by-case basis. Campers must vacate for at least 5 days before returning to the same park.

## PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 10 feet. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 8 people and 2 to 3 vehicles.
- Check-in time: 4 p.m. or earlier if available. Check-out time varies per campground.
- Quiet hours: 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Prohibited on swimming beaches.
- Generator use: Prohibited during quiet hours.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Prohibited unless in a designated area.





## KANSAS

## **Featured Campgrounds**

## **KANOPOLIS STATE PARK**

200 Horsethief Road, Marquette, KS 67464 • ksoutdoors.com/State-Parks/Locations/Kanopolis

Located in central Kansas' Smoky Hills region convenient to Interstate 70, Kanopolis serves as a gateway into the state's rugged beauty. Kansas' oldest state park is known for its extensive system of trails meandering through stunning canyons, woods, and prairie. The trails are used by hikers, mountain bikers, and horseback riders. The beautiful Kanopolis Reservoir is a relaxing spot for fishing and scenic views. RV campers have the option of over 100 partial hookup sites, a few full hookup sites, and additional primitive sites among several campgrounds, all on or near the water.

## **EISENHOWER STATE PARK**

29810 South Fairlawn Road, Osage City, KS 66523 • ksoutdoors.com/State-Parks/Locations/Eisenhower

This sprawling, scenic, and well-maintained state park is popular with locals and an excellent overnight choice when traveling through northeastern Kansas. Located on Malvern Lake, Eisenhower State Park allows campers easy access to swimming, fishing, and kayaking as well as beautiful water views. The park includes acres of tallgrass prairie and is adjacent to a 10,000-acre wildlife area, providing ample opportunity to escape into nature. The campground itself is well developed, with full and partial hookups, modern restrooms, a dump station, a general store, and playgrounds. Campsites are spacious and private.

## **PRAIRIE DOG STATE PARK**

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13037 State Highway 261, Norton, KS 67654 • ksoutdoors.com/State-Parks/Locations/Prairie-Dog

U.S. Route 36, which passes through the counties bordering Nebraska, is a scenic eastwest alternative to I-70. RVers enjoy Prairie Dog State Park as a convenient overnight stop along the route. It offers 80 big rig friendly sites with partial hookups that have shade cover and are spaced out. This scenic park, which includes a prairie dog colony viewing area and a large reservoir, is also near the town of Norton for shopping and restaurants.





# MICHIGAN

#### MICHIGAN.GOV/DNR

Michigan is home to some of the most beautiful scenery and abundant wildlife to be found east of the Mississippi. With the longest freshwater coastline in the U.S., spring-fed lakes, rivers, dense forest, and dramatic rock cliffs, Michigan's stunning natural beauty is home to endless outdoor opportunities all year round.

Michigan state parks are beloved by locals and can get busy, but they offer plenty of space to enjoy the outdoors in addition to convenient amenities. From Lake Michigan to the wild north, more than 70 of these park units have RV camping sites, some of them the highest-rated campgrounds in the state. Most campsites have electric hookups with centralized water and dump stations. Many parks have stores, visitor centers, and outdoor activities from hiking trails to paddleboard rentals.

#### List of all Michigan State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Algonac State Park
- Aloha State Park
- Baraga State Park
- Bay City Recreation Area
- Bewabic State Park
- Big Bear Lake State Park
- Brighton State Park
- Brimley State Park
- Burt Lake State Park
- Cheboygan State Park
- Clear Lake State Park
- Craig Lake State Park
- Fayette State Park
- Fisherman's Island State Park
- Fort Custer State Park
- Fort Wilkins State Park
- Grand Haven State Park
- Harrisville State Park
- Hartwick State Park
- Hayes State Park
- Highland State Park
- Hoeft State Park
- Hoffmaster State Park
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- Indian Lake State Park
- Interlochen State Park
- Ionia State Park
- Lake Gogebic State Park
- Lake Hudson State Park
- Lake Margrethe State Park
- Lakeport State Park
- Leelanau State Park
- Lime Island State Park
- Ludington State Park
- McLain State Park
- Mears State Park
- Metamora-Hadley State Park
- Mitchell State Park
- Muskallonge State Park
- Muskegon State Park
- North Higgins Lake State Park
- Onaway State Park
- Orchard Beach State Park
- Otsego Lake State Park
- Petoskey State Park
- Pinckney State Park
- Pontiac Lake State Park
- Porcupine Mountains State Park
- Port Crescent State Park

- Proud Lake State Park
  Rifle River State Park
- Seven Lakes State Park
- Silver Lake State Park
- Sleeper State Park
- Sleepy Hollow State Park
- South Higgins State Park
- Sterling State Park
- Straits State Park
- Tahquamenon State Park
- Tawas Point State Park
- Tippy Dam State Park
- Traverse City State Park
- Twin Lakes State Park
- Van Buren State Park
- Van Riper State Park
- Warren Dunes State Park
- Waterloo State Park
- Wells State Park
- Wilderness State Park
- Wilson State Park
- Yankee Springs State Park
- Young State Park



# MICHIGAN



#### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit midnrreservations.com or call 800-447-2757. Reservations can be made up to 6 months in advance of arrival. Sites are also available on a first-come, first-served basis.



#### **CAMPSITE SIZES**

Campsite sizes vary per campground. The reservation system allows searching by a range of trailer or RV lengths, from up to 20 feet to over 50 feet.

#### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible campsites are searchable and bookable in the reservation system. Each park's website includes information on accessibility throughout the park.



#### HOOKUPS

Sites with electric hookups are widespread. Water and sewer hookups are offered at only a few campgrounds. Hookups are searchable in the reservation system, but be prepared to use centralized services for water and dumping.



#### **ADDITIONAL FACILITIES**

Most campsites have a fire pit and picnic table. Specific campsite details are displayed in the reservation system.

Basic campground amenities include restrooms with showers, potable water, and a dump station. A wide variety of park amenities may also be available, like visitor centers, interpretive programs, stores, restaurants, lodges, and activities. Many state parks offer a Junior Ranger program and other nature programs for kids. Details are available on each park's website. The Department of Natural Resources website also allows searching for campgrounds by "Activities and Features."



#### MAXIMUM STAY

Generally, the maximum stay is 15 days. Check with the specific campground for additional information if needed.



## COST

Rates are set annually and vary by the campground. Per-night costs range from \$15 for a rustic site to \$45 for a full hookup site in a prime location. A Recreation Passport is required to visit Michigan state parks. Nonresident fees are \$9 for daily entrance or \$34 for an annual pass (good through the end of the calendar year only).

For nonresident annual pass holders, an additional \$7 fee applies for towed motor vehicles that will be used in the park.

Additional Fees:

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$8 online, \$10 through the call center.

Modification/cancellation fee: \$10

In order to reduce no-shows and keep inventory free for other campers, an additional fee is imposed for cancellations or reductions in nights booked, based on the length of time a reservation has been held. This ranges from 10 percent of the unused nights for a reservation held up to 2 months, to 40 percent for a reservation held 5 months or more.



#### CONNECTIVITY

Only some Michigan state park campgrounds offer WiFi. If connectivity is a priority, contact the park for more information about WiFi and cell service coverage.

#### PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

#### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 6 people and 2 vehicles.
- Check-in time: 3 p.m. Check-out time: 1 p.m.
- Quiet hours: Check specific hours at each campground.
- Alcoholic beverages: Possession and use are limited or prohibited at some parks.
- Generator use: Must not create excessive noise.
- · Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Regulations vary; check with the specific park before operating a drone.













# MICHIGAN

## **Featured Campgrounds**

## TAHQUAMENON FALLS STATE PARK

41382 West M-123, Paradise, MI 49768 • www2.dnr.state.mi.us/ParksandTrails/Details.aspx?id=428&type=SPRK

Michigan's Upper Peninsula, or the U.P., is one of the most rugged and scenic areas of the northeastern U.S. It's as culturally interesting as it is beautiful, with a dialect distinctive to Yoopers (U.P. residents) and a specialty cuisine based on the hearty foods brought by various immigrant groups. Tahquamenon Falls State Park fits right in, with stunning waterfalls and the Tahquamenon River flowing through pristine forest. Accessible viewpoints and miles of hiking trails are available to visitors. The well-maintained campground has large sites with electric hookups, clean restrooms, and access to the park concessions. This state park makes for a convenient home base from which to explore the area, including Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore.

## LUDINGTON STATE PARK

8800 West M-116, Ludington, MI 49431 • www2.dnr.state.mi.us/ParksandTrails/Details.aspx?id=468&type=SPRK

One of Michigan's best coastal destinations is Ludington State Park. Situated between Lake Michigan and Hamlin Lake, with a mile stretch of the Big Sable River running through it, the park is full of opportunities for swimming, paddling, tubing, fishing, and hiking. Home to the iconic Big Sable Lighthouse, the park has more than 5,000 acres of sandy beaches, sand dunes, wetlands, and forest. RVers have their choice of three separate campgrounds with electric hookups. This is a popular park that gets busy on the weekends, so it's best to reserve in advance.

## SOUTH HIGGINS LAKE STATE PARK

106 State Park Drive, Roscommon, MI 48653 • www2.dnr.state.mi.us/ParksandTrails/Details.aspx?id=496&type=SPRK

Though easily overshadowed by the Great Lakes shoreline, South Higgins Lake is also worth a visit. Situated near Interstate 75, the park is a convenient overnight stop when traveling to the Upper Peninsula, but also a suitable base to explore mid-Michigan. The spring-fed, crystal-clear waters of South Higgins are the perfect spot to enjoy swimming and water activities and to watch the sunset after the day-trippers leave. The campground has close to 400 spacious, shaded sites with electric and water hookups available, modern restrooms, and a central dump station. Amenities include a park store, playgrounds, sports fields, and boat rentals.

For more information on Michigan state park campgrounds, visit michigan.gov/dnr.



# MINNESOTA

#### DNR.STATE.MN.US/STATE\_PARKS/INDEX.HTML

Bordering Canada, Lake Superior, and the Dakotas, Minnesota is a natural wonderland filled with forests and wilderness areas, prairie grasslands, and thousands of pristine lakes and rivers. From the shores of the largest of the Great Lakes to the headwaters of the Mississippi River, Minnesota's harsh winters give way to amazing outdoor opportunities for RVers in the warmer months.

Minnesota is home to 75 state parks, nearly all with camping available. True to form, these parks are rustic, with a focus on the natural surroundings over amenities. Not many other states have a reservation system where you can filter campsites by "walkin", "bike-in", and "canoe-in". Still, standard "drive-in" campgrounds have the basics covered, with restrooms, picnic tables, fire rings, some electric hookups, and a surprising number of big rig friendly sites. These state park campgrounds deliver spectacular settings that highlight the beauty of Minnesota, making them some of the best-reviewed and most beloved campgrounds in the state. Their spotty WiFi and cell service are simply an ideal opportunity to get away from it all and recharge in nature.

For more information on Minnesota state park campgrounds, visit dnr.state.mn.us/state\_parks/index.html.

# MINNESOTA



#### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit reservemn.usedirect.com/MinnesotaWeb or call 866-857-2757. Campsite reservations are required. Same-day reservations are accepted, for no reservation fee, based on availability. Reservations can be made up to 120 days in advance.



#### **CAMPSITE SIZES**

Sizes vary greatly per campground. RV length limit is provided on each park's camping information webpage. Use the reservations system to search for sites by RV type and length. Note that many campgrounds are in wooded settings and may have overhanging branches. Be sure to read campsite details for any restrictions on slideouts.



#### ACCESSIBILITY

About 21 of Minnesota's 75 parks currently offer ADA-accessible campsites. Call the reservation line for information and assistance in booking. Minnesota state parks are managed by the Department of Natural Resources. More information regarding accessibility can be found at dnr.state.mn.us/accessible\_ outdoors/index.html.



#### HOOKUPS

Partial and full hookups are offered, but vary among campgrounds. Each state park's webpage includes details on the number of sites with hookups, and they can be searched for in the reservation system.

#### ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

All standard campsites include access to shower and toilet facilities, a picnic table, and a fire ring. During the offseason, showers and flush toilet facilities are not available. Offseason dates vary per campground. Some parks have visitor centers, stores, playgrounds, and other amenities available. Information can be found on each park's website or in the reservation system.



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Rates vary by campground and date and range from \$16 to \$24 per night. Prices are displayed in the reservation system search results, and under park information. There is an additional electric hookup fee for \$8 and a water and/or sewer hookup fee for an additional \$8. One parking permit is included with a paid campground reservation.

Additional Fees:

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$7 online, \$10 through the call center.

Modification fee: \$5 online, \$7 through the call center.

Cancellation fee: \$10. Cancellations within 4 days of arrival also forfeit the first night's fee.



Do not expect WiFi at Minnesota state parks. Many parks have spotty to no cell service. If connectivity is a priority, contact the campground directly for information.

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#### MAXIMUM STAY

There is no standard policy for maximum stay at Minnesota state park campgrounds. Check with the specific campground for guidance.

#### PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

#### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 6 people and 1 vehicle.
- Check-in time: 4 p.m. Check-out time: 4 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 8 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Public display or consumption of alcohol is prohibited.
- Generator use: Prohibited during quiet hours.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Restricted. Check with the park on specific rules.





# MINNESOTA

## **Featured Campgrounds**

## TETTEGOUCHE STATE PARK

5702 Highway 61, Silver Bay, MN 55614 dnr.state.mn.us/state\_parks/park.html?id=spk00269#homepage

This state park has a stunning location on the cliffs above Lake Superior, with lake views, waterfalls, and secluded campsites in the forest alongside Baptism River. There are 23 miles of hiking trails—ranging from moderate to difficult—that lead through the park and to the lakeshore, where peregrine falcons are often spotted. The park's office, visitor center, and gift shop are a 30-minute walk or a short drive from the campground. Groceries are available in the town of Silver Bay, less than 10 miles away. The drive-in campground is small, with 28



sites, but 22 have electric hookups and all of the campsites are big rig friendly. Securing a reservation at Tettegouche State Park is worth the effort for an unforgettable experience on the North Shore of Lake Superior.

### **ITASCA STATE PARK**

36750 Main Park Drive, Park Rapids, MN 56470 dnr.state.mn.us/state\_parks/park.html?id=spk00181#homepage

In the land of 10,000 lakes, more than 100 are contained within the 32,000 acres of Itasca State Park. Itasca is the oldest of Minnesota's state parks, established in 1891 to protect the basin around the source of the Mississippi River and the remaining old-growth pine trees. Visitors can partake in the unforgettable experience of walking across the beginning of the Mississippi River. This state park is also designated as a National Historic District. More than 200 standard campground sites are available, most with electric hookups and a maximum RV length of 60 feet. History, hiking, biking, swimming, and wildlife viewing opportunities abound in this remarkable state park.

For more information on Minnesota state park campgrounds, visit dnr.state.mn.us/state\_parks/index.html.

# MINNESOTA

## **Featured Campgrounds**

## **KILEN WOODS STATE PARK**

50200 860th Street, Lakefield, MN 56150 dnr.state.mn.us/state\_parks/park.html?id=spk00196#homepage

Kilen Woods is an unassuming state park that campers quickly fall in love with for its peaceful natural setting, large grassy sites, and well-maintained restrooms. Campsites with and without shade cover are available. In its idyllic location between the Des Moines River and a prairie bush natural area, park trails lead through woods and creeks, grassland, oak savannas, and to a breathtaking view over the river valley. About 30 RV sites, half with electric hookups, can accommodate RVs up to 50 feet. No dump station is available. With a location just 15 minutes off of I-90, Kilen Woods is a convenient stop and an unexpected gem.

### List of all Minnesota State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Afton State Park
- Banning State Park
- Bear Head Lake State Park
- Beaver Creek Valley State Park
- Big Bog State Recreation Area
- Big Stone Lake State Park
- Blue Mounds State Park
- Buffalo River State Park
- Camden State Park
- Carley State Park
- Cascade River State Park
- Charles A. Lindbergh State Park
- Crow Wing State Park
- Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area
- Father Hennepin State Park
- Flandrau State Park
- Forestville Mystery Cave State Park
- Fort Ridgely State Park
- Fort Snelling State Park
- Franz Jevne State Park
- Frontenac State Park
- Garden Island State
  Recreation Area
- George H. Crosby Manitou State Park
- Glacial Lakes State Park

- Glendalough State Park
- Gooseberry Falls State Park
- Grand Portage State Park
- Great River Bluffs State Park
- Greenleaf Lake State
- Recreation Area
- Hayes Lake State Park
- Hill-Annex Mine State Park
- Interstate State Park
- Iron Range Off-Highway Vehicle
  State Recreation Area
- Itasca State Park
- Jay Cooke State Park
- John A. Latsch State Park
- Judge C. R. Magney State Park
- Kilen Woods State Park
- La Salle Lake State Recreation Area
- Lac Qui Parle State Park
- Lake Bemidji State Park
- Lake Bronson State Park
- Lake Carlos State Park
- Lake Louise State Park
- Lake Maria State Park
- Lake Shetek State Park
- Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park
- McCarthy Beach State Park

- Maplewood State Park
- Mille Lacs Kathio State Park
- Minneopa State Park
- Minnesota Valley State Recreation Area
- Monson Lake State Park
- Moose Lake State Park
- Myre-Big Island State Park
- Nerstrand Big Woods State Park
- Old Mill State Park
- Red River State Recreation Area
- Rice Lake State Park
- St. Croix State Park
- Sakatah Lake State Park
- Savanna Portage State Park
- Scenic State Park
- Schoolcraft State Park
- Sibley State Park
- Split Rock Creek State Park
- Split Rock Lighthouse State Park
- Temperance River State Park
- Tettegouche State Park
- Upper Sioux Agency State Park
- Whitewater State Park
- Wild River State Park
- William O'Brien State Park
- Zippel Bay State Park



# MISSOURI

#### MOSTATEPARKS.COM/ACTIVITY/CAMPING

Forests, glades, plains, mountains, and endless waterways make Missouri an ideal camping destination. With the culture and cuisine of two major cities and six National Park Service sites, including the famous Gateway Arch National Park, there are plenty of headline attractions for out-ofstate visitors. But those who venture off the main tourist path and into the more rural parts of the state are rewarded with diverse camping and outdoor opportunities, highlighted by the Missouri State Park system.

With 91 parks, historic sites, and an extensive trail system, Missouri state parks are ranked among the best in the country. The park system campgrounds, almost 40 of which can accommodate RVs, are well maintained and live up to the high reputation. Campgrounds offer hookups and standard amenities in spacious, natural settings. Hiking, camping, fishing, and exploring the state's history are all popular pursuits among campers and day-trippers alike.

Unlike many states, Missouri state parks are free to enter. The parks are primarily funded by a dedicated sales tax that's placed on the ballot every 10 years for renewal. Two-thirds of Missouri voters approved the tax the past four times it's been on the ballot, reaffirming support for the state park system.

#### List of all Missouri State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Arrow Rock State Historic Site
- Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial State Park
- Sam A. Baker State Park
- Bennett Spring State Park
- Big Lake State Park
- Crowder State Park
- Cuivre River State Park
- Echo Bluff State Park
- Finger Lakes State Park
- Graham Cave State Park
- Hawn State Park

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- Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park
- Knob Noster State Park

- Lake of the Ozarks State Park
- Lake Wappapello State Park
- Lewis and Clark State Park
- Long Branch State Park
- Meramec State Park
- Montauk State Park
- Onondaga Cave State Park
- Pershing State Park
- Pomme de Terre State Park
- Roaring River State Park
- Robertsville State Park
- St. Francois State Park
- St. Joe State Park
- Stockton State Park

- Table Rock State Park
- Thousand Hills State Park
- Trail of Tears State Park
- Harry S Truman State Park
- Mark Twain State Park
- Annie and Abel Van Meter State Park
- Wakonda State Park
- Wallace State Park
- Washington State Park
- Watkins Mill State Park
- Weston Bend State Park



# MISSOURI



#### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit icampmo1.usedirect.com/MSPWeb or call 877-422-6766. Reservations are required at most state parks and can be made from 12 months to 1 day in advance of arrival. A minimum stay of 2 nights is required over weekends at most parks.



#### **CAMPSITE SIZES**

Campsite sizes vary per campground. The reservation system allows searching for campsites by RV type and length. If you have any concerns or questions, contact the specific park for details.



#### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible campsites are reservable only by or for persons with disabilities. Proof of disability is required at check-in. ADA sites are searchable and bookable in the reservation system. Each park's website includes information on accessibility throughout the park.



### HOOKUPS

Electric, electric/water, and electric/water/sewer hookups options are available. Electric sites with 50 amps are considered premium sites and cost slightly more than 30 amp sites.

### **ADDITIONAL FACILITIES**

All campsites include a parking pad, table, grill, and lantern post. Some campgrounds have restrooms with showers, potable water, and/or dump stations. A wide variety of park amenities are also available, like visitor centers, nature programs, stores, restaurants, lodges, and activities. Amenity and recreation details are available on each park's website. Note that water services may be shut off during the offseason (November 1 through March 30). If you're traveling during this time, contact the campground directly for information on restricted facilities.



## COST

Rates vary by campground, and range from \$12 for a basic site during the offseason to \$37 for a full hookup site during peak season. Peak season is April 1 through October 31.

Additional Fees:

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$8.50

Change fee: \$5.25

Cancellation fee: \$8.50

### CONNECTIVITY

Some Missouri state park campgrounds offer free WiFi. Service ranges from hot spots in a common area to full coverage. Signs are posted to indicate where internet access is located. If connectivity is a priority, contact the park for more information about WiFi coverage and cell service.

## MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay allowed is 15 days within a 30-day consecutive period at any one park.

### **PET POLICIES**

Pets are allowed as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 10 feet. No more than two dogs per campsite are recommended. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

## **ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS**

- Maximum occupancy per site: 6 people and 1 vehicle.
- · Check-in time: 3 p.m. Check-out time: 2 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Prohibited on beaches, in parking areas, and in offroad-vehicle areas in all state parks and historic sites.
- · Generator use: Prohibited during quiet hours. Some parks do not allow generator use at any time.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Regulations vary; check with the specific park before operating a drone.







## MISSOURI

## **Featured Campgrounds**

## ECHO BLUFF STATE PARK

34489 Echo Bluff Drive, Eminence, MO 65466 • mostateparks.com/park/echo-bluff-state-park

Echo Bluff, nicknamed "the Cadillac of state parks," opened in 2016. And it lives up to the nickname, with a lodge, restaurant, camp store, cabins, and a playground that mimics the surrounding landscape. Hiking trails and easy access to the water allow visitors to explore forests, bluffs, and riverbanks complete with stunning views. This state park is ideal for RV camping, as all sites have large, level concrete pads and partial or full hookups. Plus, brand-new clean restrooms and strong WiFi service make Echo Bluff State Park an ideal base to explore the Ozark National Scenic Riverways. It's also popular for family gatherings, with a range of accommodations including cabins and contemporary lodge rooms.

## WASHINGTON STATE PARK

13041 State Highway 104, De Soto, MO 63020 • mostateparks.com/park/washington-state-park

Located about an hour southwest of St. Louis, this sprawling state park features 1,000-yearold petroglyphs, hiking trails, native forest, and scenic overlooks of the Ozarks. Amenities and educational facilities include a historic interpretive center, lodge, store, and an Olympic-size pool. Swimming is also enjoyed on beaches and at swimming holes along the Big River. Hiking, biking, and wildlife viewing opportunities abound. The campground includes spacious standard and electric sites, but no water hookups. This is a classic, peaceful state park highlighting the natural beauty of the area.

## **JOHNSON'S SHUT-INS STATE PARK**

148 Taum Sauk Trail, Middle Brook, MO 63656 • mostateparks.com/park/johnsons-shut-ins-state-park

The geology and wilderness of Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park, located in the St. Francois Mountains, make it a one-of-a-kind place to visit. A "shut-in" refers to rock formations found in the Ozarks, where streams have carved through a mountain range to create a complex of pools, falls, and rapids. Kids will want to spend all day splashing in the water, scrambling over rocks, and sliding down natural slides. Hiking and biking trails explore the surrounding rugged terrain and forest. Enjoy a campfire and the dark night sky after the day-trippers have left, in spacious sites with some hookups available. Park amenities include a store, laundry facility, dump station, and an excellent visitor center.

For more information on Missouri state park campgrounds, visit mostateparks.com/activity/camping.





## NEBRASKA

#### OUTDOORNEBRASKA.GOV/STATEPARKS

Known as part of the Midwestern Great Plains, Nebraska contains surprising landscapes, including soaring sand dunes, majestic buttes, rock formations, pine forests, and an abundance of lakes and rivers. Travelers are frequently delighted by all that Nebraska has to offer, from its waterfalls, caves, and fossil beds to a range of year-round outdoor activities, rich history, and vibrant cities.

Nebraska has a robust state park system for its population, with 76 park units including 26 developed, big rig friendly campgrounds. Nebraska's state parks are divided into different categories: state parks and state historical parks. The latter are preserved areas of significant historical and/or scenic value, with amenities and interpretive programs. State recreation areas possess valuable resources for outdoor recreation, with fewer amenities, although their campgrounds are still developed. They include all of the state's major wateroriented areas, making Nebraska a paradise for boaters, paddlers, and anglers. With fewer crowds, lots of space, and incredible views, Nebraska is a lesser-known RV destination waiting to welcome you.

List of all Nebraska State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Branched Oak State Recreation Area
- Calamus State Recreation Area
- Chadron State Park
- Eugene T. Mahoney State Park
- Fort Kearny State Recreation Area
- Fort Robinson State Park
- Fremont State Recreation Area
- Indian Cave State Park
- Johnson Lake State Recreation Area
- Lake McConaughy State Recreation Area
- Lake Minatare State Recreation Area
- Laka Ogallala State Recreation Area
- Lewis and Clark State Recreation Area
- Louisville State Recreation Area
- Medicine Creek State Recreation Area
- Merritt Reservoir State Recreation Area
- Mormon Island State Recreation Area
- Niobrara State Park
- Pawnee State Recreation Area
- Platte River State Park
- Ponca State State Park
- Rock Creek Station State Historical Park
- Two Rivers State Recreation Area
- Victoria Springs State Recreation Area
- Willow Creek State Recreation Area
- Windmill State Recreation Area

For more information on Nebraska state park campgrounds, visit outdoornebraska.gov/stateparks.

# NEBRASKA



#### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit nebraskastateparks.reserveamerica.com or call 402-471-1414. Reservations can normally be made up to 12 months in advance, but circumstantial restrictions may apply. About half of the campsites are reservable, and the rest are on a first-come, first-served basis.



#### CAMPSITE SIZES

All campgrounds offer sites that can fit RVs around 40 feet. Site sizes vary per campground, but for the most part, there are plenty of options for big rigs. The reservation system allows filtered searches by RV length.



#### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible sites are reservable through the call center only, not online. Either a disability placard or a license plate number is required at the time of booking.

## HOOKUPS

Electric or electric and water hookups are available at nearly all campgrounds. Additional sewer hookups are offered at a few. Sites with hookups are searchable on the reservation website under "Site Types."



#### ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

All but primitive campsites include a picnic table and fire ring, and most are paved. Campground facilities include restrooms, potable water, dump stations, and playgrounds. State parks offer additional amenities and activities such as ranger programs, interpretive centers, and archery ranges. Specific amenities per campground and per site can be found in the reservation system search results.



#### CONNECTIVITY

Check with the campground directly regarding WiFi and cell service availability.



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Nebraska has set fees for campgrounds throughout its system:

Sites with electric, water, and sewer hookups are \$35 per night; sites with electric and water hookups are \$30; sites with just electric hookups are \$25; and basic sites are \$15. Note that primitive sites are also offered for \$10, but are not suitable for RVs. All sites are \$5 less during the offseason. Seasonality varies per park.

#### Additional Fees:

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$8.5

Cancellation fee: \$5

Cancellations within 7 days of arrival also forfeit the first night's fee.

For out-of-state vehicles, an \$8 vehicle entry fee or a \$46 annual pass is required in addition to the camping fee.



#### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 days out of any 30. A longer stay may be approved by the park supervisor on a case-by-case basis.

#### PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

#### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 8 people and 1 vehicle.
- Check-in time: 4 p.m. Check-out time: 2 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Permitted outside of quiet hours. No containers over one gallon allowed. Alcohol use is prohibited at Willow Creek and Lake McConaughy.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Generator use: Prohibited during quiet hours.
- Drone use: Prohibited.



# NEBRASKA

## **Featured Campgrounds**

## NIOBRARA STATE PARK

89261 522 Avenue, Niobrara, NE 68760 • outdoornebraska.gov/niobrara

Niobrara State Park offers an ideal combination of modern amenities and natural setting in its commanding location at the confluence of the Niobrara and Missouri rivers. Enjoy hiking, fishing, boating, swimming, and wildlife viewing in this serene and scenic park. The excellent interpretive center explains the history of the Ponca Tribe, Lewis and Clark, and the Mormon Trail. Its 38 RV campsites are spacious, paved, big rig friendly, and most have partial hookups. Additional campground amenities include a dump station, laundry room, pool, and free WiFi. The campground is well kept and has good cell service.

## EUGENE T. MAHONEY STATE PARK

28500 West Park Highway, Ashland, NE 68003 • outdoornebraska.gov/mahoney

Conveniently located between the cities of Omaha and Lincoln, Eugene T. Mahoney offers an abundance of family-friendly amenities and activities with a state park price tag. Kids will love the ropes course, water park, miniature golf, multiple playgrounds, and arts programs. Other activities, like kayaking, horseback trail rides, and hiking, are available for all ages. The campground offers close to 150 sites in a spacious forest setting. Most sites are electric hookup only, but many offer water and a few have full hookups. A dump station, water, and restrooms are available, as well as food services.

## FORT ROBINSON STATE PARK

3200 Highway 20, Crawford, NE 69339 • outdoornebraska.gov/fortrobinson

Fort Robinson is steeped in history and the natural beauty of western Nebraska. Its 22,000 acres include stately buttes, rolling hills, and open grassland filled with miles of hiking trails. As its name suggests, Fort Robinson was a military base until the end of World War II. Many of the original buildings remain in use at the park as a museum, lodging, or other facilities. A poignant memorial marks the place where Oglala Sioux Chief Crazy Horse was killed. More than 100 spacious campsites with partial and full hookups are available on the grounds. Dinosaur enthusiasts will love the adjacent Trailside Museum and, less than an hour away, Agate Fossil Beds National Monument.

For more information on Nebraska state park campgrounds, visit outdoornebraska.gov/stateparks.



# NORTH DAKOTA

#### PARKREC.ND.GOV/STAY/CAMPING

Considering that less than one million people call North Dakota home, the state is all about enjoying the outdoors. With gorgeous lakes, rivers, badlands, and wide-open spaces, North Dakota is made for roadtripping. The state has five National Park Service sites, including Theodore Roosevelt National Park, beloved by those who make the trek to visit.

But North Dakota's state parks highlight both the natural beauty and the rich cultural heritage of the state. Given its deep Native American history, Scandinavian immigrant roots, and a vibrant arts scene, camping in North Dakota's state parks provides the opportunity

to appreciate both the abundant outdoors and the charming towns of this underrated state. State park campgrounds generally have limited amenities, but they are clean and well run, and most have electric hookups.

#### List of all North Dakota State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Beaver Lake State Park
- Cross Ranch State Park
- Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park
- Fort Ransom State Park
- Fort Stevenson State Park
- Grahams Island State Park
- Icelandic State Park
- Lake Sakakawea State Park
- Lake Metigoshe State Park
- Lewis & Clark State Park
- Little Missouri State Park
- Sully Creek State Park
- Turtle River State Park

For more information on North Dakota state park campgrounds, visit parkrec.nd.gov/stay/camping.





## NORTH DAKOTA



#### RESERVATIONS

Reservations can be made online at travel.parkrecnd.com or by calling 800-807-4723. Reservations can be made up to 95 days in advance.



#### CAMPSITE SIZES

All campgrounds accommodate big rigs, although site sizes vary. Once you're in the reservation system, you enter details about RV type, length, width, and slide-outs before selecting a site. For general information about site sizes, it's best to call the campground directly.



#### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible sites are searchable and bookable through the reservation system. A valid disability placard or license plate must be visible.



#### HOOKUPS

Full and partial hookups are available and searchable on the reservation system. Only three campgrounds offer full hookups, but all of the state park campgrounds have some sites equipped with 50-amp electric and water.



#### ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

All state park campgrounds have a dump station, potable water, and picnic areas. Most have convenience stores.

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department's reservation website is user friendly and allows you to filter searches by a detailed list of "Amenity & Lifestyle Options," plus by "Activities" and "Atmosphere" (for example, quiet or family friendly).



#### CONNECTIVITY

A few North Dakota state parks offer WiFi. The reservation system allows filtering searches by WiFi under "Amenity & Lifestyle" options. If connectivity is a priority, contact the campground directly to ask about WiFi and cell service.



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"Modern Plus" campsites (full hookups) are \$30 per night; "Modern" campsites (partial hookups) are \$25 per night; and "Primitive" campsites (no hookups) are \$17 per night.

Additional Fees:

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$9

Change fee: \$10 (except when extending stay)

Cancellation fee until 7 days prior to arrival: \$10 Cancellations within 7 days of arrival forfeit the first night's fee.

The Park Entrance fee, in addition to camping fees, is \$7 per vehicle. An annual vehicle entrance permit is available for \$35 and can be booked online at travel.parkrecnd.com/ campgrounds-and-rv-parks/all/North-Dakota-Parks-and-Recreation/permits.



#### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 days within a 30 day period.

#### PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed, as long as they're kept on a leash. Many parks offer off-leash areas and dog parks. Of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

#### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 6 people or immediate family, and 1 vehicle.
- Check-in time: 4 p.m. Check-out time: 3 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Contact the park directly for any restrictions.
- Generator use: Allowed from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Campfires: Allowed only in designated fire rings, following local restrictions.
- Drone use: Allowed following Federal Aviation Administration requirements and state laws.

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# NORTH DAKOTA

## **Featured Campgrounds**

### FORT ABRAHAM LINCOLN STATE PARK

4480 Fort Lincoln Road, Mandan, ND 58554 • parkrec.nd.gov/fort-abraham-lincoln-state-park

History buffs and roadschooling families won't want to miss the oldest state park in North Dakota. Established in 1907, Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park displays the history of the Native American Mandan Tribe, Lewis and Clark's expedition, and the U.S. Army troops who were stationed here. Step back in time through reconstructed buildings, exhibits, informative signs, walking trails, and commanding views of the Missouri River. The campground offers spacious and shady sites close to the river, most with partial hookups. Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park is conveniently located close to the city of Bismarck, yet remains steeped in history and natural beauty.

## LAKE SAKAKAWEA STATE PARK

720 Park Avenue, Pick City, ND 58545 • parkrec.nd.gov/lake-sakakawea-state-park

This stunning North Dakota state park is surrounded by miles of lakeshore on one of the largest artificial reservoirs in the country. Water sports like swimming, kayaking, sailing, windsurfing, and pier fishing are popular here. On land, you can enjoy peaceful nature trails, shady picnic areas, stunning sunsets, and panoramic views of the lake. The campground has more than 150 sites with partial hookups and 42 more primitive sites. Large rigs can be accommodated. The campground is open, but sites are spaced widely apart. Other plusses, like its convenience store, visitor center, playgrounds, and strong cell service, may convince you to extend your stay at Lake Sakakawea State Park.

## SULLY CREEK STATE PARK

1465 36th Street, Medora, ND 58645 • parkrec.nd.gov/sully-creek-state-park

Located just a few miles from the entrance to Theodore Roosevelt National Park, this state park makes for a convenient home base. Compared to the nearby national park campgrounds, Sully Creek offers showers, central water, a dump station, some cell service (call ahead to verify carrier coverage), and miles of dog-friendly hiking trails. Plus, spots can be booked in advance to avoid the uncertainty of first come, first served. Campers still get to experience breathtaking views of the surrounding badlands in spacious sites, as well as the convenience of being close to the charming Old Western town of Medora. Note that this park is only open seasonally, from May through September.





## OHIO

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Ohio is a state that links the Northeast to the Midwest, sharing history and customs with both areas to create its own identity. The state's varied terrain, vibrant cities, world-class attractions, and year-round abundance of outdoor activities attract all different types of visitors. From Cedar Point amusement park and the Columbus Zoo to the Cleveland Museum of Art and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, there's plenty for locals and visitors alike to enjoy in Ohio's towns and cities.

Still, Ohioans are big on the outdoors, and there are many lesser-known destinations to see via the state parks. The state is full of lakes, rivers, and reservoirs besides the more-famous Lake Erie and Ohio River. Many Ohio state parks have a body of water as their main feature, making their campgrounds particularly appealing to boaters and anglers—or anyone who simply enjoys a water view close to their campsite. There are some surprisingly dramatic landscapes to traverse, from deep forest to dramatic gorges, rock formations, and waterfalls, and of course the spectacular Cuyahoga Valley National Park. With close to 30 big rig friendly campgrounds, the state parks provide a great, economical opportunity to discover Ohio from the comfort of your RV.

For more information on Ohio state park campgrounds, visit ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/about-odnr/division-parks-watercraft/state-parks-boating.

## OHIO



#### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit reserveohio.com/OhioCampWeb or call 866-644-6727.

Reservations are required and can be made up to six months in advance. Walk-ins are not accepted.

A minimum of 2 nights applies over weekends, 3 three nights for holidays.



### CAMPSITE SIZES

Campsite sizes vary, although in general Ohio state park campgrounds are big rig friendly. Many parks have large campgrounds with over 100 sites, which can accommodate a variety of RV types and sizes.

Campsites can be searched for by RV length for each park on the reservation website.



## ACCESSIBILITY

Call the reservation line for information on booking ADA-accessible campsites.

## HOOKUPS

Ohio state park campgrounds offer sites with partial and full hookups. Information on the number of hookup sites can be found under "Camping Facilities" on each park's website. Details per site are provided in the reservation system.



## ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

Most campsites have picnic tables and grills. Details can be found per site in the reservation system. Basic facilities at campgrounds include restrooms with showers and a dump station. Other features may include a camp store, sports courts, nature programs, hiking trails, beaches, and boating access. Parks with lodges will have additional amenities.

Details can be found under "Camping Facilities" on each park's website.

## MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 nights in a 30 day period.



### CONNECTIVITY

Ohio state parks have started offering WiFi, although information on which parks have it is not readily available. If connectivity is a priority, contact the park directly to ask about WiFi and cell service.

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Prices range from \$20 to \$50, depending on the park, campsite amenities, and site location. View prices per site / per date in the reservation system.

Additional Fees:

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$6

Change fee: The first change is allowed for free. Any additional changes are \$6.

Cancellations more than 30 days prior to arrival: No additional fee.

Cancellations between 30 and 4 days prior to arrival: \$6

Cancellations less than 4 days prior to arrival: One night's fee.

### PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. A maximum of 2 pets is allowed per campsite, and vaccination records may be requested. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

Many parks have off-leash areas, such as dog parks and designated beaches.

#### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 2 vehicles, 6 people or immediate family.
- Check-in time: 3 p.m. Check-out time: 1 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Prohibited in most parks. Some campgrounds allow alcohol to be consumed at campsites; check with the park for specific rules.
- Generator use: Prohibited during quiet hours.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Prohibited.





## OHIO

## **Featured Campgrounds**

## **HOCKING HILLS STATE PARK**

19852 State Route 664, Logan, OH 43138 ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/go-and-do/plan-a-visit/find-a-property/hocking-hills-state-park

A camping trip to Ohio isn't complete without a visit to Hocking Hills, a state park that is acclaimed as a top park destination in the U.S. Featuring towering cliffs, waterfalls, and dramatic hemlock-shaded gorges, this is a magical destination for hikers and nature lovers. With springtime wildflowers, vivid fall foliage, and frozen winter waterfalls, Hocking Hills is stunning in every season.

The park's small campground has been recently upgraded, with full hookups available along with electric-only and primitive sites. Each site is paved and can accommodate RVs up to 50 feet. Facilities include restrooms with showers, laundry, a dump station and a camp store. The campground has a seasonal swimming pool, playgrounds, and sports courts. Best of all, campers have direct access to trails to see the natural wonderland of Hocking Hills State Park before and after the day-tripping crowds.

### **MOHICAN STATE PARK**

#### 3116 State Route 3, Loudonville, OH 44842 ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/go-and-do/plan-a-visit/find-a-property/mohican-state-park

Mohican State Park spans more than 1,000 acres and is also right next to a 4,500-acre state forest, providing even more protected wilderness for visitors to enjoy. The park's main attractions are trail running, mountain biking, canoeing, and tubing. A 27-mile stretch of the Mohican River runs through the park, earning it the nickname "the Canoe Capital of Ohio." But fear not, landlubbers; Clear Fork Gorge, Lyons Falls, and all those wooded acres provide plenty of opportunities to enjoy the dry land.

A large swimming pool, splash pad, playground, and nature programs make this state park campground a popular destination for families. About 100 sites are available with a range of full hookups, electric only, and no hookups. Tent camping and cabins are part of the large campground, with shared bathhouses and a campground store. Families will love the sites near the central playground and sports courts. More private sites that back up to the creek away from the action are worth the premium rate. Make reservations in advance to secure a spot at this well-loved Ohio state park campground.







## OHIO

## **Featured Campgrounds**

### **KELLEYS ISLAND STATE PARK**

920 Division Street, Kelleys Island, OH 43438 ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/go-and-do/plan-a-visit/find-a-property/kelleys-island-state-park

Near the Ohio-Michigan border, Kelleys Island is known as the "Emerald Isle" of Lake Erie. The state park takes up 25 percent of the island and highlights unique geological, ecological, and archaeological features. The park and the island in general are a great family destination, with a limited number of cars and extensive hiking and biking trails covering relatively flat terrain. Many islanders get around by golf cart. A variety of outdoor activities like swimming, fishing, and boating are easily accessible, and the incredible views are endless.

The shady lakeside campground has more than 120 electric and nonelectric sites. Some sites are designated for pets; check details along with site length when booking. Sites are limited for RVs that are 40 feet or more. Campground facilities include restrooms with showers, a dump station, and a playground. The charming downtown of Kelleys Island is just a few minutes away, with shopping and dining options. Note that the island is accessible only by ferry. Check schedules and prices at kelleysislandferry.com or call 419-798-9763.

## List of all Ohio State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Alum Creek State Park
- Barkcamp State Park
- Beaver Creek State Park
- Buck Creek State Park
- Burr Oak State Park
- Caesar Creek State Park
- Deer Creek State Park
- Dillon State Park
- East Fork State Park
- East Harbor State Park

- Findley State Park
- Forked Run State Park
- Geneva State Park
- Grand Lake St. Marys State Park
- Harrison Lake State Park
- Hocking Hills State Park
- Indian Lake State Park
- Kelleys Island State Park
- Lake Alma State Park
- Lake Loramie State Park

- Mohican State Park
- Mosquito Lake State Park
- Mount Gilead State Park
- Punderson State Park
- Pymatuning State Park
- Rocky Fork State Park
- Salt Fork State Park
- South Bass Island State Park
- West Branch State Park

For more information on Ohio state park campgrounds, visit ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/about-odnr/division-parks-watercraft/state-parks-boating.



# SOUTH DAKOTA

#### GFP.SD.GOV/PARKS

Rolling prairie, scenic lakes, colorful woodlands, dramatic buttes, and Black Hills National Forest all make South Dakota an easy state to fall in love with. Known for Badlands National Park and Mount Rushmore National Memorial, South Dakota is not only home to six total National Parks Service sites, but also one of the most extensive and well-run state park systems in the country.

In addition to hiking, fishing, kayaking, climbing, and other outdoor activities, South Dakota state parks illuminate the deep and tumultuous history of this state, from the great Sioux Chief Crazy Horse to the Black Hills gold rush and its Wild West towns. You can't mention South Dakota without buffalo, and these magnificent animals can be seen

throughout the state, most notably at the jewel of the state park system, Custer State Park.

Fees increased in 2020 to cover flood damage and maintenance throughout the system. Entrance and camping fees fund nearly two-thirds of the cost to operate and maintain state parks and recreation areas.

For more information on South Dakota state park campgrounds, visit gfp.sd.gov/camp.

# SOUTH DAKOTA



#### RESERVATIONS

Reservations can be made online at travel.campsd.com or by phone at 800-710-2267. Reservations can be made up to 90 days in advance. The exception is Custer State Park, which can be booked up to 12 months in advance.



#### CAMPSITE SIZES

About half of the campgrounds accommodate big rigs, although the reservation system does not allow searches by RV length. Once you've begun the process of booking a campground, information about RV type, length, width, and slide-outs is entered before selecting a site.

For general information about site sizes, it's best to call the campground directly.



#### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible sites are searchable and bookable through the reservation system. A valid disability placard or license plate must be visible.

### HOOKUPS

Electric and water hookups are available at almost every campground. Only a few campgrounds offer sewer hookups, but dump stations are widespread. Amenities are searchable on the reservation website under "Amenity & Lifestyle Options."



### ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

Most campgrounds have potable water, picnic areas, and restrooms or toilets. Many have convenience stores and playgrounds. Campsites have picnic tables and fire rings.

South Dakota's user-friendly reservation website allows you to filter searches by a detailed list of "Amenity & Lifestyle Options," plus "Activities" and "Atmosphere" (for example, quiet or family friendly).



### CONNECTIVITY

A few South Dakota state park campgrounds offer WiFi. The reservation system includes WiFi in filtered searches under "Amenity & Lifestyle" options. If connectivity is a priority, contact the campground directly to ask about WiFi and cell service.



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South Dakota state park campgrounds are ranked and priced by average occupancy and amenities. Per-night rates range from \$11 for no hookups at a basic campground to \$26 for a site with partial hookups at a "prime" campground. Custer State Park has its own pricing.

The park entrance fee, in addition to camping fees, is \$8 per vehicle. The exception is Custer State Park, whose park entrance fee is \$20 and is valid for 7 days.

An annual vehicle entrance permit is available for \$36 and can be booked online at travel.campsd. com/campgrounds-and-rv-parks/all/southdakota-game-fish-and-parks/permits.

Additional Fees:

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$8

Cancellation fee: One night's camping fee. (Custer State Park has its own cancellation terms.)

Note that a maximum of two changes to the reservation are allowed at no charge. For subsequent changes, the reservation must be canceled and rebooked.

#### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 consecutive nights. Park managers have the discretion to extend stays with written permission.

#### PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed, as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 10 feet. And of course, guests should always clean up after their pet.

#### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 6 people and 2 vehicles.
- Check-in time: 4 p.m. Check-out time: 4 p.m. (12 p.m. for Custer State Park.)
- Quiet hours: 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Allowed in campgrounds and state park areas.
- Generator use: Allowed from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., no more than 2 hours at a time.
- Campfires: Allowed only in designated fire rings, following local restrictions.
- Drone use: Allowed following Federal Aviation Administration requirements and state laws.

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# SOUTH DAKOTA

## **Featured Campgrounds**

### **CUSTER STATE PARK**

13400 U.S. Highway 16A, Custer, SD 57730 • gfp.sd.gov/parks/detail/custer-state-park

Custer State Park operates under its own regulations due to its popularity and highly coveted campsites. It's difficult to overstate the grandeur of the largest and oldest of South Dakota's state parks. Famous for one of the country's largest free-roaming buffalo herds, Custer State Park is one of the top wildlife destinations in the world. With 71,000 acres of breathtaking landscape, scenic drives, historical sites, world-class visitor centers, and interpretive programs, Custer State Park is well worth the price of entry and the effort to secure a campsite. You can't go wrong in any of the nine campgrounds, but favorites include Sylvan Lake, Bluebell, and Grace Coolidge.

## LAKE VERMILLION RECREATION AREA

26140 451st Avenue, Canistota, SD 57012 • gfp.sd.gov/parks/detail/lake-vermillion-recreation-area

If you can't book a spot in Custer State Park, don't despair. There are more than 50 other South Dakota state parks and recreation areas, including Lake Vermillion. Though famous for its clear waters and abundant fish, the lake and its surroundings offer plenty of outdoor opportunities beyond fishing, including kayaking and hiking. This peaceful year-round campground is just 30 miles west of Sioux Falls. There are 94 sites with electric and water hookups available in three different campgrounds, including additional dry camping sites. With picnic tables, grills, restrooms, playgrounds, and swimming beaches, Lake Vermillion is an ideal camping destination, especially for families.

## PALISADES STATE PARK

25495 485th Avenue, Garretson, SD 57030 • gfp.sd.gov/parks/detail/palisades-state-park

This state park sits close to the state border with Utah in eastern South Dakota. The spectacular Split Rock Creek is lined with striking Sioux quartzite formations with pink cliffs and spires rising straight up to the sky. Palisades State Park has some of the best rock climbing in the state, and is also great for nature walks, hiking, biking, kayaking, and swimming. The small campground is just steps from the creek, and sites include both partial hookups and dry camping, restrooms, and potable water. Check RV size availability on the reservation site.





# SOUTH DAKOTA

## List of all South Dakota State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Angostura Recreation Area
- Big Sioux State Recreation Area
- Buryanek Recreation Area
- Chief White Crane Recreation Area
- Cow Creek Recreation Area
- Custer State Park
- East Whitlock Lakeside Use Area
- Farm Island Recreation Area
- Fisher Grove State Park
- Fort Sisseton State Park
- Good Earth State Park
- Hartford Beach State Park
- Indian Creek Recreation Area
- Lake Cochrane Recreation Area

- Lake Herman State Park
- Lake Hiddenwood Recreation Area
- Lake Louise Recreation Area
- Lake Poinsett Recreation Area
- Lake Thompson Recreation Area
- Lake Vermillion Recreation Area
- Lewis and Clark Recreation Area
- Llewellyn Johns Recreation Area
- Mina Lake Recreation Area
- Newton Hills State Park
- North Point Recreation Area
- Oahe Downstream Recreation Area
- Oakwood Lakes State Park
- Palisades State Park

- Pease Creek Recreation Area
- Pelican Lake Recreation Area
- Pickerel Lake Recreation Area
- Pierson Ranch Recreation Area
- Platte Creek Recreation Area
- Randall Creek Recreation Area
- Richmond Lake Recreation Area
- Rocky Point Recreation Area
- Roy Lake State Park
- Sandy Shore Recreation Area
- Shadehill Recreation Area
- Sheps Canyon Recreation Area
- Sica Hollow State Park
- Snake Creek Recreation Area
- Spring Creek Recreation Area
- Springfield Recreation Area
- Swan Creek Recreation Area
- Union Grove State Park
- Walkers Point Recreation Area
- West Bend Recreation Area
- West Pollock Recreation Area
- West Whitlock Recreation Area



For more information on South Dakota state park campgrounds, visit gfp.sd.gov/camp.

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# WISCONSIN

#### DNR.WISCONSIN.GOV/TOPIC/PARKS/CAMPING

In addition to the seemingly endless shores of Lake Michigan, Wisconsin may surprise new visitors with landscapes full of rolling hills, lush forests, vast farmland, and clear lakes. RVers will love the variety offered by the state, between the metropolitan city of Milwaukee, world-class water parks, and a vibrant farm-to-table and craft brew scene throughout the state—it's no wonder Wisconsin is a popular destination. There is something for everyone, from family fun to unparalleled wildlife viewing, horseback riding, backcountry hiking, and open-water kayaking.

Wisconsin's state parks provide an opportunity to experience natural beauty and outdoor activities. For the most part, campgrounds are rustic, with a focus more on nature and quiet than on amenities. Only electric hookups are available, generator use is prohibited, and WiFi nonexistent. Wisconsinites love camping in their state parks, which means summer and holiday weekends can get crowded, so book accordingly.

For more information on Wisconsin state park campgrounds, visit dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/camping.

# WISCONSIN



#### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit wisconsin.goingtocamp.com or call 888-947-2757. Reservations are required and can be made up to 11 months in advance of arrival. A minimum of 3 nights is required over holiday weekends.



#### CAMPSITE SIZES

Campsite sizes vary per campground. The reservation system allows you to search for campsites by a range of trailer or RV lengths, from up to 20 feet to over 50 feet.

#### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible campsites are available to persons with disabilities and intended for use by visitors with qualifying conditions and their families and guests. ADA sites are searchable and reservable through the reservation system.



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Only electric hookups are available at Wisconsin state park campgrounds.

#### ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

Wisconsin state park campgrounds are rustic, delivering a peaceful experience in nature. A typical standard, or "family," campsite is located in a natural setting with road access, a fire ring, and picnic table and is suitable for RV or tent camping.

Basic campground facilities may include restrooms, showers, drinking water, and dump stations. Details are available on each park's website. Note that water facilities are weather dependent and may not be available at points from October through May. If you're traveling during this time, contact the campground directly for details.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has a Junior Ranger "Explorer" program, with books for different age levels. These are available at the ranger station or check-in booth.

#### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 days in a 21 day period.



#### COST

Summer campsite rates for out-of-state visitors range from \$20 for a nonelectric site during the week to \$37 for a site with electricity over the weekend. Prices are displayed on the specific park campground website and in the reservation system per campsite. The summer season runs from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Spring and winter rates are discounted where available.

Additional Fees:

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$7.75.

Cancellations within 2 days prior to arrival also forfeit the first night's fee.

A daily vehicle admission sticker is required. The cost for nonresidents is \$11 per day or \$38 for an annual pass. For residents, the cost is \$8 per day or \$28 for an annual pass. Towed vehicles are given free stickers, along with the purchased sticker for the driving vehicle.



#### CONNECTIVITY

WiFi is generally not available in Wisconsin state parks. If connectivity is a priority, contact the specific park for more information about WiFi coverage and cell phone service.

### PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 8 feet. Some campgrounds have designated pet-free sites. Of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

#### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 6 people and 1 vehicle.
- Check-in time: 3 p.m. Check-out time: 3 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Permitted.
- Generator use: Prohibited except with a written permit.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Prohibited except in designated, posted areas.









# WISCONSIN

## **Featured Campgrounds**

### PENINSULA STATE PARK

9462 Shore Road, Fish Creek, WI 54212 • dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/peninsula

This peninsula-on-a-peninsula is ideally situated for exploring the beautiful and beloved getaway destination of Door County. Covering almost 4,000 acres, 8 miles of pristine Green Bay shoreline, scenic drives, extensive hiking and biking trails, and five campgrounds, it's easy to see why this is one of Wisconsin's most popular state parks. The views of the Niagara Escarpment cliffs and the clear waters of Green Bay are breathtaking from all vantage points. Bring your own canoe or kayak, or rent one at the park for an unforgettable experience. Campsites are a mix of no hookups and electric only, with restrooms and showers available. Check site details on the reservation system, and book early to experience the magic of Door County at this high-demand state park campground.

### HARRINGTON BEACH STATE PARK

531 County Road D, Belgium, WI 53004 • dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/harringtonbeach

Harrington Beach State Park has a prime location on the shores of Lake Michigan, easily accessible from both Milwaukee and Green Bay. The spectacular beach is the main attraction for swimming, kayaking, beachcombing,

or just relaxing and taking in the view. In addition to the

shoreline, Harrington Beach has acres of wooded parkland, with nature trails and a peaceful walk around the beautiful Quarry Lake. Open seasonally from May through October, the basic campground has more than 60 sites with or without electricity, restrooms, and showers. The sites are spacious and spread out for maximum privacy, which is notable for a Wisconsin state park.





# WISCONSIN

## **Featured Campgrounds**

## **DEVIL'S LAKE STATE PARK**

S5975 Park Road, Baraboo, WI 53913-9299 • dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/devilslake

Another popular park among Wisconsinites, Devil's Lake, delivers with incredible views, an endless range of outdoor activities, amenities, and a great location in the city of Wisconsin Dells, which is close to the state capital of Madison. Two large sandy beaches, 29 miles of trails, boat rentals, rock climbing, mountain biking, and backcountry hiking will keep every visitor engaged. A nature center, store, and concessions are available. The campgrounds offer a range of sites with electricity. Larger rigs can be accommodated, but be aware that site ground cover and levelness vary. The campground does get busy and reservations are required, so try to visit midweek. But even with a crowd, it's easy to escape into nature in this sprawling park.

## List of all Wisconsin State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Amnicon Falls State Park
- Big Bay State Park
- Big Foot Beach State Park
- Black River State Park
- Blue Mound State Park
- Brunet Island State Park
- Buckhorn State Park
- Copper Falls State Park
- Council Grounds State Park
- Devil's Lake State Park
- Flambeau River State Park
- Governor Dodge State Park
- Governor Knowles State Park

- Governor Thompson State Park
- Harrington Beach State Park
- Hartman Creek State Park
- High Cliff State Park
- Interstate State Park
- Kettle Moraine Northern Unit
- Kettle Moraine Pike Lake Unit
- Kettle Moraine Southern Unit
- Kohler-Andrae State Park
- Lake Kegonsa State Park
- Lake Wissota State Park
- Merrick State Park
- Mirror Lake State Park

- Nelson Dewey State Park
- Newport State Park
- Peninsula State Park
- Perrot State Park
- Point Beach State Park
- Potawatomi State Park
- Richard Bong State Park
- Rock Island State Park
- Wildcat Mountain State Park
- Willow River State Park
- Wyalusing State Park
- Yellowstone Lake State Park

For more information on Wisconsin state park campgrounds, visit dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/camping.



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# ARIZONA

#### AZSTATEPARKS.COM

Arizona is an RVers paradise. It's known as a snowbird destination in the winter, since the climate differences and elevation changes between the northern and southern portion of the state mean you can camp in Arizona year-round. Plus, it's the state with the most sunshine per year. From the famous saguaros and Sonoran Desert to national forests, snowy mountain peaks, and the waters of Lake Powell and Lake Havasu, Arizona is an outdoor wonderland.

In a state with 24 National Park Service units, including Petrified Forest, Saguaro, and Grand Canyon national parks, it's easy for Arizona's state parks to get overshadowed. But with 17 big-rig-friendly, developed campgrounds, the state park system provides great value and opportunity to enjoy diverse natural wonders and hidden gems well beyond the Grand Canyon. List of all Arizona State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Alamo Lake State Park
- Buckskin Mountain State Park
- Catalina State Park
- Cattail Cove State Park
- Dead Horse Ranch State Park
- Fool Hollow Lake Recreation Area
- Havasu Riviera State Park
- Homolovi State Park
- Kartchner Caverns State Park
- Lake Havasu State Park
- Lost Dutchman State Park
- Lyman Lake State Park
- Patagonia Lake State Park
- Picacho Peak State Park
- River Island State Park
- Rockin' River Ranch State Park
- Roper Lake State Park

For more information on Arizona state parks campgrounds, visit azstateparks.com.

# ARIZONA



### RESERVATIONS

Reservations are available one year in advance and can be made online at azstateparks.com and by phone at 877-MY-PARKS (877-697-2757). Two nights minimum are required during peak season weekends.



### CAMPSITE SIZES

All Arizona state campgrounds have sites that can accommodate larger RVs, however, the number of big rig sites per campground varies. The reservations system allows you to search for sites by minimum RV length, as well as by pullthrough or back-in.



# ACCESSIBILITY

Accessibility information is not readily available through the reservations system. Call the central reservations line or the individual park for more information.



# HOOKUPS

Sites with electric hookups are available at all campgrounds and are searchable in the reservations system. Most campsites also have water, but only a few offer full hookups.



### **ADDITIONAL FACILITIES**

Arizona state park campgrounds have restrooms and centralized dump stations. All campsites have a picnic table and fire ring or grill. Many campgrounds have visitor centers, stores, and additional amenities. Details can be found under "Facility Information" on each campground's website.

Arizona state parks offer a Junior Ranger program. Don't forget to ask for books for the kids at the visitor center or check-in booth.



# COST

Prices range from \$15 to \$50 per night, depending on the campground and season. Pricing is displayed per site and per date on the reservations website.

Additional Fees:

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$5 Cancellations within 24 hours of arrival forfeit the first night's fee.

All campgrounds charge a \$15 extra vehicle fee. Extra vehicle parking may be limited; check with the specific park for availability.

# CONNECTIVITY

In general, connectivity is limited. A few parks have rolled out high-speed internet available from all campsites, for a fee. If connectivity is a priority, call the campground to ask about WiFi and cell service.

### MAXIMUM STAY

Maximum stay is 14 nights but can be extended at the discretion of the park ranger.

# PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed as long as they are kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 10 individuals, with a maximum of 6 adults.
- Check-in time: 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Check-out time: 12 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 9 p.m. to 8 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: No specific restrictions.
- Generator use: Check with each campground as rules vary.
- Campfires: Allowed only in provided campfire pit or ring at site, following local restrictions.
- Drone use: Recreational drone use is prohibited.

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# ARIZONA

# **Featured Campgrounds**

# LOST DUTCHMAN STATE PARK

6109 North Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ 85119 • azstateparks.com/lost-dutchman

Less than 50 miles east of the Phoenix metropolitan area, Lost Dutchman State Park is located at the foot of the dramatic Superstition Mountains. This park is popular for hiking, from easily accessible nature trails to challenging hikes up into the mountains with sweeping views. Stay for the night and enjoy the magic of the park after the day-trippers leave, with spectacular sunsets, wildlife, and stargazing. The campground has 138 sites, most with electric and water hookups, and no RV size restrictions. For the most part, the sites are spread out and private, and the campground is known for being well run and meticulously clean despite its popularity.

# **DEAD HORSE RANCH STATE PARK**

675 Dead Horse Ranch Road, Cottonwood, AZ 86326 • azstateparks.com/dead-horse

This park is a convenient base for visiting the surrounding area of central Arizona, including Sedona and historic Prescott. Dead Horse Ranch is located in the Verde River Greenway State Natural Area, near the town of Cottonwood. The campground offers more than 100 spacious, paved sites, most with electric and water hookups. With shady trees, a lake, miles of hiking and biking trails, and wildlife viewing including the adorable river otter, you may want to extend your stay in this peaceful natural setting.

# CATALINA STATE PARK

11570 North Oracle Road, Tucson, AZ 85737 • azstateparks.com/catalina

Arizona is frequently associated with the saguaro, and Catalina State Park provides the unforgettable experience of camping among these iconic cacti. This state park is located northeast of Tucson and Saguaro National Park and easily accessible to both. Miles of hiking trails offer a variety of experiences and challenges. Its peaceful location at the base of the Santa Catalina Mountains affords sweeping, dramatic views in every direction and incredible wildlife viewing. Enjoy an overnight stay in this beautiful park's developed, well-kept campground. There are 120 paved sites with water and electric hookups, plus modern restrooms and a dump station. Sites are well spaced with lots of privacy between them to enjoy the natural surroundings.





# NEW MEXICO

#### EMNRD.STATE.NM.US/SPD

New Mexico is one of the best states for camping with its sheer diversity of landscapes, including mountains, deserts, sand dunes, caves, canyons, lakes, and a clear night sky. Its state parks highlight this varied terrain and provide outdoor opportunities to suit a range of campers, from families with small kids to solo backcountry adventurers.

New Mexico's state park campgrounds have some of the best deals to be found, with surprising amenities for the cost. Sure, New Mexico is full of amazing free camping opportunities on public lands, but if you're looking for a paved site with hookups, ranger programs, and a store—or just access to modern restrooms and showers the state park system has plenty to offer in the Land of Enchantment. The state parks are one of seven divisions managed by the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, created in 1987. One of EMNRD's goals is "to improve the state park system into a nationwide leader that protects New Mexico's natural, cultural and recreational resources for posterity and contributes to a sustainable economy statewide."

#### List of all New Mexico State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Bluewater Lake State Park
- Bottomless Lakes State Park
- Brantley Lake State Park
- Caballo Lake State Park
- Cimarron Canyon State Park
- City of Rocks State Park
- Clayton Lake State Park and Dinosaur Trackways
- Conchas Lake State Park
- Coyote Creek State Park

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- Eagle Nest Lake State Park
- El Vado Lake State Park
- Elephant Butte Lake State Park
- Fenton Lake State Park
- Heron Lake State Park
- Hyde Memorial State Park
- Leasburg Dam State Park
- Manzano Mountains State Park
- Navajo Lake State Park
- Oasis State Park

- Oliver Lee Memorial State Park
- Pancho Villa State Park
- Percha Dam State Park
- Rockhound State Park
- Santa Rosa Lake State Park
- Storrie Lake State Park
- Sugarite Canyon State Park
- Sumner Lake State Park
- Ute Lake State Park
- Villanueva State Park



# NEW MEXICO



#### RESERVATIONS

Reservations can be made online at newmexicostateparks.reserveamerica.com and by phone at 877-664-7787.

Reservations can be made up to 6 months in advance. First-come, first-served sites are available in addition to the reserved inventory. Although these sites cannot be held, you can contact the campground directly for information on current openings.



#### CAMPSITE SIZES

Most campgrounds in New Mexico state parks can accommodate all RVs, however, site sizes vary within each campground.

The reservation system allows you to search for sites by minimum RV length, as well as by pullthrough if preferred. Search results display the site length and maximum vehicle length. View "Campsite List" under the search results for the length per site at a glance.

#### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible sites can be searched for under "More Options" in the reservation system. A disability placard or license is required upon check-in.



# HOOKUPS

Most campgrounds offer developed sites with partial or full hookups. Sites with hookups are searchable on the reservation website.

#### ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

New Mexico state park campgrounds are surprisingly developed for their cost. Shelters, picnic tables, and grills are included at most sites. Many have restrooms, showers, potable water, and central dump stations in addition to visitor centers, playgrounds, and activities. View "Campground Details" on the reservation website for specific amenities.



#### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 days within a 20 day period. Guests must vacate for at least 6 days before returning to the original campground.



### COST

Current fixed prices are \$10 for a site with no hookups, \$14 for electric or sewer, and \$18 for electric and sewer. Water hookups are free of charge wherever available. Specific hookups and pricing is displayed per site/per date on the reservation website.

Additional Fees:

Reservation fee: \$4 per night, up to a maximum of \$12. This is nonrefundable regardless of cancellation.

Change fee: \$5

Cancellation fee: \$5 up to the day of arrival. Cancellations on the day of arrival also forfeit the first night's fee; cancellations made after arrival are nonrefundable.

New Mexico offers an Annual Camping Permit at \$180 for state residents, or \$225 for nonresidents. This pass waives the basic \$10 campsite fee per night. Reservation fees and any additional surcharges for hookups are not included, but the pass is worth considering if you're spending time in the state. An extra vehicle, in addition to your RV and tow vehicle, is charged \$10.

### CONNECTIVITY

Several New Mexico parks have WiFi available, although this is not specified on the reservation website. If connectivity is a priority, call the campground to ask about WiFi or cell service.

#### PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 10 feet. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

#### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 7 people and 1 or 2 vehicles (specified in reservation system).
- Check-in time: 4 p.m. Check-out time: 2 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Allowed at the campsite. Check campground rules for restrictions in other areas of the park.
- Generator use: Restricted during quiet hours.
- Campfires: Allowed only in provided campfire pit or ring at the site, following local restrictions.
- Drone use: Check with specific parks for any local restrictions.





# NEW MEXICO

# **Featured Campgrounds**

# CITY OF ROCKS STATE PARK

327 New Mexico 61, Faywood, NM 88034 • emnrd.state.nm.us/SPD/cityofrocksstatepark.html

Located in the Chihuahuan Desert region of southwestern New Mexico, this park is named for its stunning volcanic rock formations. Boulders and pinnacles rising up to 40 feet are separated by natural paths resembling city streets. A popular park for day-tripping hikers, bikers, and picnickers, City of Rocks is also a magical place to camp overnight. The most desirable spots are nestled amongst the rocks. Out of 50 total sites, nine have water and electricity, five are reservable online, and the rest are first come, first served. There are sites for larger rigs, and the main campground loop is easily accessible, but the smaller the rig, the more options you have. Note that the sites are not very level and there is no dump station. Potable water, vault toilets, and a visitor center with restrooms and showers are all part of the park. Despite its remoteness, cell service is reportedly decent. If you've been waiting to try boondocking, this is a perfect place to start.

# **CIMARRON CANYON STATE PARK**

28869 US-64, Eagle Nest, NM 87718 • emnrd.state.nm.us/SPD/cimarroncanyonstatepark.html

Tucked into the Rocky Mountains in northern New Mexico, this river valley near Taos and Eagle Nest is an idyllic place to camp along the Enchanted Circle Scenic Byway. The Cimarron River flows through a dramatically deep, forested gorge. Beautiful views, intriguing geology, and abundant wildlife viewing are all part of the experience. The river and ponds are popular for fishing, and you can also get your heart pumping on the hiking trails up the canyon. Note that there are no hookups, only potable water and restrooms. A few sites can fit bigger rigs but most are suitable for those that are 25 feet and under.

# **OLIVER LEE MEMORIAL STATE PARK**

409 Dog Canyon Road, Alamogordo, NM 88310 • emnrd.state.nm.us/SPD/oliverleestatepark.html

Only 26 miles from White Sands National Park, this beautiful state park is a convenient base and a destination in its own right. Set in the foothills of the Sacramento Mountains, Oliver Lee Memorial State Park has expansive views of peaks and desert, a cactus garden, hiking trails, a visitor center, and a historic ranch house. The 5.5-mile Dog Canyon National Recreation Trail climbs over 3,000 feet into the hills. Hikers are rewarded with an oasis of pools under a stand of cottonwood trees. Campsites are gravel, some with electric and water hookups. Most of the 40 sites can accommodate rigs over 30 feet and are located on an easy-access loop road. Restrooms, potable water, and a dumping station are all available. This low-key, highly regarded state park near the U.S.'s newest national park is a hidden gem.



# OKLAHOMA

#### TRAVELOK.COM/STATE-PARKS

Oklahoma is home to some of the best camping in the United States: Fishing, horseback riding, hiking, mountain biking, and countless other outdoor activities can be enjoyed among the many rivers, wetlands, forests, mountainous areas, and open plains in the Panhandle State.

Oklahoma's state park system not only highlights this rugged natural beauty and outdoor lifestyle, but many of its campgrounds are comparable to private RV resorts. Packed with amenities, activities, and large sites with hookups that still leave acres of natural space to enjoy, Oklahoma state park campgrounds are a great value—plus, there are no park entry or camping reservation fees.

The reservation system allows filtering campground searches by access to major highway corridors, and the parks offer a variety of lodging, from group camping sites to cabins, yurts, and lodges.

#### List of all Oklahoma State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Alabaster Caverns State Park
- Arrowhead Area at Lake Eufaula State Park
- Beavers Bend State Park
- Bernice Area at Grand Lake State Park
- Black Mesa State Park & Nature Preserve
- Boiling Springs State Park
- Cherokee Area at Grand Lake
  State Park
- Cherokee Landing State Park
- Clayton Lake State Park
- Fort Cobb State Park

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- Foss State Park
- Great Plains State Park
- Great Salt Plains State Park
- Greenleaf State Park
- Honey Creek Area at Grand Lake State Park
- Keystone State Park
- Lake Eufaula State Park
- Lake Murray State Park
- Lake Texoma State Park
- Lake Thunderbird State Park
- Lake Wister State Park
- Little Sahara State Park
- McGee Creek State Park

- Natural Falls State Park
- Osage Hills State Park
- Raymond Gary State Park
- Robbers Cave State Park
- Roman Nose State Park
- Sequoyah Bay State Park
- Sequoyah State Park
- Spavinaw Area at Grand Lake State Park
- Talimena State Park
- Tenkiller State Park
- Twin Bridges Area at Grand Lake State Park



# OKLAHOMA



### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit travelok.com/state-parks/campsites. Campsites must be booked online. A minimum number of nights may be required on weekends and holidays.



#### CAMPSITE SIZES

Site sizes vary per campground, but there are plenty of options for RVs 40 feet and over, including some 100-foot-long sites. The reservation system starts with a basic search by date and number of people. Once you get to the search results you can view "RV Areas" on the campground map, then select sites based on length. If you have questions or concerns about your RV size, contact the park directly.



### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible sites are searchable and bookable in the reservation system. A valid disability placard or license plate number must be visible at the campground.



# HOOKUPS

All campgrounds offer sites with partial and full hookups. Amenity details are displayed by site in the reservations search results.



# **ADDITIONAL FACILITIES**

Many Oklahoma state park campgrounds are more like an RV resort. In addition to picnic tables, grills, restrooms, and dump stations, amenities include stores, restaurants, laundry facilities, playarounds, and a wide range of activities. Amenities are listed under "Camparound Information" on each park's website and in the reservation system.



# COST

Prices range from \$15 to \$40 for partial or full hookups. These rates vary by campground, campsite, and date; prices are displayed in the reservation system. One parking pass is included with a paid campground reservation.

Additional Fees:

Cancellation fee: \$5

Cancellations within 5 to 10 days prior to arrival (depending on the park) are nonrefundable. Other terms and conditions may apply.

# CONNECTIVITY

Some Oklahoma state park campgrounds offer WiFi. Internet connectivity is listed under "Amenities" on the reservation website; check with the campground directly for more detail regarding WiFi and cell service.

### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 consecutive days. A longer stay may be approved by the park supervisor on a case-by-case basis.

# **PET POLICIES**

Pets are allowed as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 10 feet. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: Varies by campsite.
- Check-in time: 4 p.m. or earlier if available. Check-out time: 2 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Permitted.
- Generator use: Prohibited during quiet hours.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Permitted following **Federal Aviation Administration** regulations, and not within 400 feet of critical infrastructure.

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# OKLAHOMA

# **Featured Campgrounds**

## **BEAVERS BEND STATE PARK**

4350 South Highway 259A, Broken Bow, OK 74728 • travelok.com/state-parks/beavers-bend-state-park

Beavers Bend State Park is an ideal place for out-of-state visitors to enjoy the incredible outdoor recreational opportunities in Oklahoma. Hiking, biking, fishing, canoeing, river floating, horseback riding, and other outdoor activities are popular at this sprawling state park. Located in the mountainous region of southeastern Oklahoma at the shores of Broken Bow Lake and Mountain Fork River, Beavers Bend is as picturesque and peaceful as it is adventuresome. RV sites are nestled among the trees in two different campgrounds, with paved pads and partial hookups. Lakeview Lodge and an 18-hole golf course add to the resort-like amenities of this state park.

# NATURAL FALLS STATE PARK

19225 E 578 Road, Colcord, OK 74338 • travelok.com/state-parks/natural-falls-state-park

Located near the Oklahoma-Arkansas border in the scenic Ozark Highlands is one of Oklahoma's most stunning natural wonders. A 77-foot waterfall cascades dramatically over rock formations, creating an oasis in the narrow, forested valley. Viewing platforms and an observation deck with seating provide easy access to admire the falls. Enjoy the beauty of the dense forest with over 4 miles of hiking trails and nature paths. The park's campground includes paved, level sites with partial or full hookups, a dump station, playground, restrooms, and gift shops. Natural Falls State Park is just off of U.S. 421, making it a convenient stopover in a beautiful and peaceful natural setting.

# **ROBBERS CAVE STATE PARK**

4575 Northwest 1024th Avenue, Wilburton, OK 74578 • travelok.com/state-parks/robbers-cave-state-park

This state park, comprising more than 8,000 acres, is notable for an interesting reason—its caves were the hideout of the infamous outlaws Jesse James and Belle Starr. The forests, lakes, sandstone cliffs, and caves of this beautiful state park and adjacent wildlife management area attract families and adventure seekers alike. Kids will enjoy the swimming beach, pool, mini-golf course, multiple playgrounds, and nature programs. Adventurous campers can try rock climbing, horseback riding, and kayaking. The park includes a 250-acre ATV riding area, with dedicated campsites for ATVers as well as equestrians. The rest of the sites are spread throughout the park and offer partial or full hookups. Even with all the amenities and activities, there is still plenty of space at Robbers Cave State Park to immerse yourself in nature.

For more information on Oklahoma state park campgrounds, visit travelok.com/state-parks.





# TEXAS

TPWD.TEXAS.GOV/STATE-PARKS/PARKS/ THINGS-TO-DO/CAMPING

Texas encompasses almost 300,000 square miles of desert, forest, canyons, rivers, and shoreline. Its vastness is hard to comprehend—until you're on a cross-country trip. While its famed cities draw visitors from all over, and attractions as diverse as the Alamo, Johnson Space Center, and Big Bend National Park are well known, there is even more to see in the Lone Star State.

Whether you're taking time to explore, or planning pit stops on a cross-country drive, Texas' state park campgrounds provide opportunities to see rugged landscapes and meet friendly locals. Campgrounds are rustic but well maintained. Hiking, biking, horseback riding, wildlife viewing, and fishing are all popular activities in the parks. With 89 park units, including 72 campgrounds with RV sites, and a park pass that offers camping discounts, Texas state parks are the perfect way to explore this big state with an even bigger reputation.

For more information on Texas state park campgrounds, visit tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/parks/things-to-do/camping.

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# TEXAS



#### RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation, visit texasstateparks.reserveamerica.com or call 512-389-8900. Reservations can be made up to 3 months in advance. A minimum nights' stay may be required over weekends and holidays.



#### CAMPSITE SIZES

Texas' state park campgrounds can fit RVs up to at least 45 feet, but site sizes vary per campground and the number of big rig sites may be limited. The reservation system allows searches by RV length.



#### ACCESSIBILITY

Contact the specific park or the Parks and Wildlife Department's Customer Service Center for information about ADA-accessible sites. Accessible sites must be booked over the phone.



### HOOKUPS

Most of the 72 state park campgrounds with RV sites offer partial or full hookups. Hookups can be searched for in the reservation system.



#### ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

In general, Texas state park campgrounds are rustic, with basic amenities like picnic tables and fire rings at the site, central toilets, and potable water. Most campgrounds do have showers, a store, or a dump station. State parks are searchable by amenities, and by activities such as boating; swimming; and hiking, biking, and equestrian trails.

Texas state parks have a great Junior Ranger program, so don't forget to pick up a book for the kids when you check in.



#### MAXIMUM STAY

In general, the rule for Texas state park campgrounds is "14 days in, 14 days out." The maximum stay is 14 days, and you can't return to the same park until 14 days later. Check with the specific park as needed.



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Rates vary by campground and date, but average rates are \$10 to \$30. Rates can be viewed under the "Fees & Facilities" link at the top of each park's website and through the reservation system.

#### Additional Fees:

Change fee until 5 days prior to arrival (including cancellation): \$10 or the amount paid for the campsite, whichever is less.

Change fee to reduce the number of nights within 5 days prior to arrival (including cancellation): \$10 per night, maximum \$50.

Park entrance fees vary from \$3 to \$10 per adult. Children 12 and under are free. Each park's entrance fee can be viewed on its website. The Texas State Parks Pass provides unlimited free entry to the 89 state parks, plus discounts on camping, park store purchases, and equipment rentals. An annual pass is \$70. There is also a camping discount for 50 percent off the second night for a consecutive stay of two nights or more at the same campsite. If you're spending even a few nights in Texas, the State Parks Pass can be worth the cost.



#### CONNECTIVITY

Most parks have WiFi in at least some areas of the park. State parks with WiFi can be searched for on the Parks and Wildlife Department website.

#### PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

#### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 8 people and 1 vehicle.
- Check-in time: 2 p.m. Check-out time: 12 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Public display or consumption of alcohol is prohibited.
- Generator use: Prohibited during quiet hours.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Two state parks have designated areas for drones: San Angelo and Martin Dies, Jr. A filming permit is required for drone use in other parks.



# TEXAS

# **Featured Campgrounds**

# MCKINNEY FALLS STATE PARK

5808 McKinney Falls Parkway, Austin, TX 78744 • tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/mckinney-falls

McKinney Falls State Park provides the perfect opportunity for RVers to visit the vibrant state capital of Austin in a spacious, natural setting. Popular with locals, the park's main feature is the beautiful Onion Creek and its series of falls. Swimming, hiking, biking, and wildlife viewing areas are plentiful along the creeks and in the woods. The campground's 81 sites all have water and electric hookups and are suitable for big rigs. The setting is outstandingly peaceful, especially after the day-trippers leave, and it's hard to believe that this park is only 20 minutes from downtown Austin. With strong cell service, it's a perfect base to explore the area. It can book up fast, so be sure to plan in advance and make a reservation.

# **CAPROCK CANYONS STATE PARK & TRAILWAY**

850 Caprock Canyon Road, Quitaque, TX 79255 • tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/caprock-canyons

Located in the state's panhandle, between Lubbock and Amarillo, this stunning state park is worth a detour. The scenery alone is enough of an attraction, with red rock cliffs rising up from green canyon floors and sweeping views in all directions. Nearly 90 miles of trails are available for hikers and cyclists of all levels. Swimming, fishing, and no-wake boating are available on Lake Theo. Wildlife viewing includes coyotes, pronghorn antelope, and prairie dogs, but the real draw is the Texas State Bison Herd that roams the park. You're almost guaranteed to safely spot these magnificent beasts during your visit. There are 31 campsites with water and electricity available at Honey Flat Campground near Lake Theo. Campground facilities include playgrounds, a store, and a dump station.

# **BRAZOS BEND STATE PARK**

#### 21901 FM 762, Needville, TX 77461 • tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/brazos-bend

Just outside of the Houston metropolitan area, Brazos Bend State Park is an underrated gem that deserves your attention. This nature lover's paradise encompasses 5,000 acres of wetlands, woodlands, and coastal prairie. Thousands of species of plants and animals thrive in its diverse ecosystem. A nature center, interpretive trails, and ranger programs all enhance the wildlife viewing experience, from alligators to storks and pelicans. RVers won't be disappointed with the campground's more than 60 large, level, and well-spaced sites.







# TEXAS

# List of all Texas State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Abilene State Park
- Atlanta State Park
- Balmorhea State Park
- Barton Warnock Visitor Center
- Bastrop State Park
- Blanco State Park
- Bonham State Park
- Brazos Bend State Park
- Buescher State Park
- Caddo Lake State Park
- Caprock Canyons State Park
  and Trailway
- Cedar Hill State Park
- Choke Canyon State Park
- Cleburne State Park
- Colorado Bend State Park
- Cooper Lake State Park— Doctors Creek
- Cooper Lake State Park— South Sulphur
- Copper Breaks State Park
- Daingerfield State Park
- Davis Mountains State Park
- Dinosaur Valley State Park
- Eisenhower State Park
- Fairfield Lake State Park
- Falcon State Park
- Fort Parker State Park
- Fort Richardson State Park Historical Site and Trailway
- Galveston Island State Park
- Garner State Park
- Goliad State Park
- Goose Island State Park
- Guadalupe River State Park

- Hueco Tanks State Park and Historic Site
- Huntsville State Park
- Inks Lake State Park
- Kickapoo Cavern State Park
- Lake Arrowhead State Park
- Lake Bob Sandlin State Park
- Lake Brownwood State Park
- Lake Casa Blanca International State Park
- Lake Colorado City State Park
- Lake Corpus Christi State Park
- Lake Livingston State Park
- Lake Mineral Wells State Park and Trailway
- Lake Somerville State Park— Birch Creek
- Lake Somerville State Park— Nails Creek
- Lake Tawakoni State Park
- Lake Whitney State Park
- Lockhart State Park
- Lost Maples State Natural Area
- Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site
- Martin Creek Lake State Park
- Martin Dies, Jr. State Park
- McKinney Falls State Park
- Meridian State Park
- Mission Tejas State Park
- Monahans Sandhills State Park
- Mother Neff State Park
- Mustang Island
  State Park

- Palmetto State Park
- Palo Duro Canyon State Park
- Pedernales Falls State Park
- Possum Kingdom State Park
- Purtis Creek State Park
- Ray Roberts Lake State Park— Isle Du Bois
- Ray Roberts Lake State Park— Johnson Branch
- San Angelo State Park
- Sea Rim State Park
- Seminole Canyon State Park and Historic Site
- South Llano River State Park
- Stephen F. Austin State Park
- Tyler State Park
- Village Creek State Park



For more information on Texas state park campgrounds, visit tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/parks/things-to-do/camping.

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# ALASKA

#### DNR.ALASKA.GOV/PARKS

Whether you're renting locally or making the trek in your own rig from the lower 48, RVing in Alaska is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. With countless mountain ranges, forests, tundras, glaciers, fjords, rivers, lakes, and spectacular wildlife, Alaska is synonymous with majestic landscapes and outdoor adventures. Hiking, backcountry camping, winter sports, and world-class fishing, kayaking, and rafting are just a few of the activities enjoyed by locals and visitors.

Advanced planning is required due to Alaska's short camping season and vast distances. If you're willing to do the research and commit the time, camping in the incredible Alaska wilderness is an unforgettable experience. It can be accessible for RVers, too. Highways are paved, maintained, and safe, and cell service is available on all major roads. Plus, there is an unwritten rule among Alaska drivers to help motorists in distress.

Alaska is home to federally protected wilderness, eight national parks, and

by far the largest state park system in the United States, encompassing around 3 million acres. There are five state parks, along with dozens of state recreation areas, marine parks, and historical sites. State park campgrounds are rustic, with few hookups available, but they're located in prime destinations, such as a lookout point with a view of Denali or a spot close to downtown Anchorage. With access to ranger stations and visitor centers, Alaska state parks can provide valuable resources and advice to RVers vacationing in this incomparable state.

# ALASKA



### RESERVATIONS

Most campsites in Alaska's state park system are on a first-come, first-served basis.

A few campgrounds offer reservations through Reserve America or local concessionaires. As a general rule, unless the campsite specifically says that online reservations are available, all campsites are first-come, first-served.

Camping and reservations, where available, are seasonal. Most parks open around May 15 and close between September 1 and 15. Opening dates are posted at dnr.alaska.gov/parks/asp/curevnts.htm in the spring.



#### **CAMPSITE SIZES**

Site sizes vary by campground. Some can only accommodate RVs up to 30 feet; others can fit a 75-foot rig. Check the specific park's website for maximum RV length. Where available, interactive online campground maps also provide length per site.



#### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible sites are available at most ADA-accessible sites are available at some campgrounds, in addition to accessible restrooms. See each park's website for information, and contact the park directly for more details on reserving an accessible site.



### HOOKUPS

Most campsites are dry. Electric and full hookups are available at a limited number of campgrounds. For more information, check the Department of Natural Resources website, or contact their Public Information Center at 907-269-8400.



### **ADDITIONAL FACILITIES**

Campgrounds are rustic. Most campsites have picnic tables and fire rings. Water is generally available from a hand pump, and restrooms are vault toilets. Showers are generally not offered. A limited number of campgrounds offer a dump station for a \$5-\$10 use fee.

Some state parks offer additional facilities, like a nature center, convenience store, playground, or sports fields.



# ALASKA



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RV campsites range from \$15-\$30. Prices are listed on the DNR website.

Vehicle parking fee: \$5, or \$60 for an annual pass.

Reservation/change/cancellation fee: Terms vary by third-party reservation management, where available. Details provided at time of booking.



# CONNECTIVITY

Alabama state parks campgrounds have In general, WiFi is not offered. If connectivity is a priority, contact the park directly to ask about WiFi and cell service.



### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is between 4 and 15 days, depending on the campground. Details are shared on the DNR website, and at the time of booking if reservations are available.



# PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed at all campgrounds as long as they are kept on a leash no longer than 9 feet. And of course, campers should always clean up after their pet.

### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 2 vehicles, 6 people.
- Check-in time: 1 p.m. Check-out time: 11 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Generally permitted, but check with the park for any specific restrictions.
- Generator use: Prohibited during quiet hours.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Regulations vary; check with the specific park for information.



# ALASKA

# **Featured Campgrounds**

# CHUGACH STATE PARK, EAGLE RIVER CAMPGROUND

12.6 Glenn Highway, Eagle River, AK 99577 • dnr.alaska.gov/parks/aspunits/chugach/eaglerivercamp.htm

Eagle River Campground is one of four campgrounds in Chugach State Park. The park itself comprises almost 500,000 acres, making it one of the four largest state parks in the United States. This region in south-central Alaska encompasses expansive ocean shoreline, multiple lakes, massive glaciers, waterfalls, and ice fields. The park begins less than 10 miles east of downtown Anchorage and stretches to the western foothills of the Chugach Mountain Range. Chugach has plenty of access points for visitors of all skill levels to enjoy wildlife viewing, hiking, rafting, biking, ATV riding, and fishing. More than 60 of the state's most accessible glaciers are located in the park.

Eagle River Campground is conveniently located in a peaceful setting beside the town and river of the same name. It has over 50 sites with picnic tables, fire pits, and access to potable water, latrines, flush toilets, and a dump station. There is no RV size limit, and half of the sites can be reserved year-round for the summer season. Note that the maximum night stay is four nights. Eagle River Nature Center, a 15-minute drive into the park, offers guided nature programs, hiking trails, and ranger services to help you get the most out of your visit.

# DENALI STATE PARK, K'ESUGI KEN CAMPGROUND

Trapper Creek, AK 99683 • dnr.alaska.gov/parks/sdenali/index.htm

The Matanuska-Susitna Valley, a short drive from Anchorage, contains some of the most popular park destinations in the state. From sweeping vistas at Denali State Park to the Copper River Basin and historic Independence Mine, the region abounds with a range of historical sites, outdoor recreation, and wildlife viewing. Denali State Park is just outside Denali National Park and Preserve.

There are a few campgrounds in the park. K'esugi Ken offers just over 30 RV sites, all with electric hookups and big enough to accommodate RVs well over 45 feet. Sites are spaced well apart for privacy. Facilities include vault latrines, potable water pumps, and an interpretive center. Several hiking trails with vista points are accessible right from the campground. Recently constructed in 2017, this is one of the most comfortable Alaska state park campgrounds, especially for big rigs. Some sites can be reserved once the booking season opens in the spring. Don't miss a stop at nearby Denali View South for its amazing vantage point. If K'esugi Ken Campground is sold out, Denali View South also has overnight RV spots.





# ALASKA

# **Featured Campgrounds**

# **JOHNSON LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA**

110 Sterling Highway, Kasilof, AK 99610 • dnr.alaska.gov/parks/aspunits/kenai/johnsonlksra.htm

Experience another side of Alabama in this mountainous state park full of lush forest, stunning Situated between Cook Inlet and Tustumena Lake on the Kenai Peninsula south of Anchorage, Johnson Lake State Recreation Area is popular for canoeing, fishing, nature walks, and plentiful wildlife viewing. Its central location provides a good base to see the majestic scenery and wildlife of the Kenai Peninsula, including Kachemak Bay, Resurrection Bay, the mighty Kenai River, and Kenai Fjords National Park.

Johnson Lake's campground is in a peaceful setting with easy access to Sterling Highway. Fifty campsites are spaced out under the trees for privacy, and some offer lake views. There are no hookups; vault toilets and potable water are available. The maximum RV length is 35 feet. Note that some sites can be reserved in advance, although this was suspended in 2020. Check the DNR website for updates.

# List of all Alaska State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

#### **Chugach State Park**

- Bird Creek Campground
- Bird Creek Overflow
- Eagle River Campground
- Eklutna Campground & Trailhead

#### **Northern Area Parks**

- Big Delta State Historical Park
- Birch Lake State Recreation Site
- Chena River State Recreation Site
- Clearwater State Recreation Site
- Delta State Recreation Site
- Granite Tors Trail Campground
- Harding Lake State
  Recreation Area
- Lost Lake Campground
- Olnes Pond Campground
- Quartz Lake Campground

- Red Squirrel Campground
- Rosehip Campground
- Salcha River State Recreation Site
- Tok River State Recreation Site
- Whitefish Campground

#### Kenai Peninsula

- Clam Gulch State Recreation Area
- Crooked Creek State
  Recreation Site
- Deep Creek State Recreation Area
- Johnson Lake State Recreation Area
- Morgan's Landing Ninilchik State Recreation Area

#### Matanuska-Susitna Valley

- Byers Lake Campground
- Denali View North

- Denali View South
- Hatcher Pass Management Area
- K'esugi Ken Campground King Mountain State
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  Matanuska Lakes State Recreation Area
- Rocky Lake State Recreation Site
- South Rolly Lake Campground
- Willow Creek State Recreation Area

#### Southeast Area

- Chilkat State Park
- Chilkoot Lake State Recreation Site
- Eagle Beach State Recreation Area
- Settlers Cove State Recreation Site

For more information on Alaska state parks campgrounds, visit dnr.alaska.gov/parks.

# CALIFORNIA

#### PARKS.CA.GOV/PARKINDEX

It's difficult to overstate the diverse natural beauty of California, from its wide, sandy beaches to its rocky shores, mountain ranges, forests, deserts, lakes, and rivers. California is home to both the tallest and the largest trees in the world, the highest and lowest points in the continental U.S., and the largest alpine lake in North America. It's one of the few places in the world where it's possible to surf in the morning and ski the slopes in the afternoon on the same day.

A person could spend a lifetime exploring the federally protected treasures in California, comprising nine national parks—more than any other state—as well as national monuments, forests, and seashore. California also has the largest state park system in the country, with close to 300 units including 87 campgrounds. Of course, many of these places are well known and loved by people not only in the U.S. but all over the world. Reserving space at the popular campgrounds can be highly competitive, with prices to match. It can be even more of a challenge with a longer rig; even though there are more than 10,000 campsites in the state park system, many of them do not accommodate RVs over 25 or 35 feet.

However, with advanced planning, it's possible to plan a trip in the state park campground system that will have you California dreaming for a lifetime.

# CALIFORNIA



# RESERVATIONS

Reservations can be made online at reservecalifornia.com or by phone at 800-444-PARK (7275). Reservations can be made from 6 months to 1 day before arrival.

In 2017, California state parks moved to a new reservation system and to a rolling-window booking period. This allows for more flexibility and, in theory, more availability. The reservation system includes a "Notify Me" feature for automatic alerts when space opens up.

Campgrounds can be contacted directly regarding first-come, first-served availability.

#### **CAMPSITE SIZES**

Many campsites and winding, narrow roads in California are not big-rig-friendly. Of course, it is possible to travel and enjoy the state with a rig over 40 feet, but it does require more planning. Given the high popularity of many state parks campgrounds, the smaller the RV, the easier it will be to find space and maneuver.

The reservation system has filters to search by RV type and size. Additionally, the California Department of Parks and Recreation provides a handy document that lists maximum RV length per campground at parks.ca.gov/RVlength.



#### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible sites are searchable and bookable through the reservation system. A valid placard or license plate must be visible. ADA-accessible sites that remain unoccupied after 5 p.m. are available on a first-come, first-served basis to anyone for one night only.



## HOOKUPS

California state parks campgrounds are generally rustic. Only about 24 of the more than 80 campgrounds offer partial or full hookups. Some have dump stations, although there may be a fee for use, even for campers.

Hookup options per campsite are displayed in the reservation system search results. It's also helpful to use the "Find a Park" tool on the park system website (parks.ca.gov) to browse parks by location or by features, such as RV sites with hookups.



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# **ADDITIONAL FACILITIES**

Again, most of the campgrounds are basic, highlighting the natural surroundings that make them an appealing destination. Most campsites have picnic tables and fire rings, although in much of California, fires are prohibited due to the risk of wildfire.

Some parks are more developed, with visitor centers, stores, playgrounds, and programs. The Parks and Rec website (parks.ca.gov) provides details on facilities per campground.

For kids, California state parks offer one of the most comprehensive Junior Ranger programs outside of the national parks. Be sure to request a book from the visitor center or check-in booth.



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California is known for its incredible scenery, but also for having some of the most expensive state parks campgrounds in the country. Prices range from \$25 to more than \$100 per night and vary widely depending on the park, campsite, and dates. Prices are visible per site in the reservations system search results, or you can call the reservations line for details.

There is no day-use fee for campers.

Additional Fees:

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$7.99

Change fee: \$7.99

Cancellation fee: \$7.99

Cancellations after 6 p.m. on the day before arrival also forfeit the first night's fee.



# CONNECTIVITY

California Parks and Rec has worked on establishing WiFi service since 2005, and almost all parks have a hot spot. If connectivity is a priority, contact the campground directly to ask about WiFi and cell service strength.



# MAXIMUM STAY

The camping limit in any one campground is 30 days in a calendar year. Each park has its own maximum days per stay.



# PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

### **ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS**

- Maximum occupancy per site: 8 people and 1 vehicle.
- Check-in time: 2 p.m. Check-out time: 12 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Check with the campground for any specific restrictions.
- Generator use: Allowed from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Campfires: Permitted only in facilities provided, following local restrictions.
- Drone use: Allowed, but check any specific posted orders with the local State Park District.

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# CALIFORNIA

# **Featured Campgrounds**

# **RED ROCK CANYON STATE PARK**

37749 Abbott Drive, Cantil, CA 93519 • parks.ca.gov/?page\_id=631

Located off Highway 14 and frequented by travelers between Southern California, the Mojave Desert, and the Eastern Sierras, Red Rock Canyon is an unexpected highlight for an overnight stop. The spectacular red rock formations are unique in California but not very well known. The park includes wildlife sightings, stunning spring wildflower blooms, and miles of hiking trails hugged by cliffs and buttes. There are 50 first-come, first-served campsites, all without hookups. The maximum RV length is 30 feet. Note that there is little shade and summer temperatures can be extreme.

# CALAVERAS BIG TREES STATE PARK

1170 CA-4, Arnold, CA 95223 • parks.ca.gov/?page\_id=551

Established in 1931 to protect two groves of giant sequoias, Calaveras Big Trees State Park is a lesser-visited destination where you can camp and commune with the largest trees on Earth. Located north of Yosemite National Park, this state park highlights the beauty of the High Sierras with rivers, ancient volcanic formations, and open meadows in addition to the sequoia trees. The park has a visitor center and ranger program, nature walks, and hiking trails for all levels. More than 100 campsites are available between two clean and well-maintained campgrounds. There are no hookups, but a dump station is available. Sites tend to be close together, but the location under the trees makes up for the lack of space. Note that the maximum RV length is 30 feet.

# MACKERRICHER STATE PARK

24100 Mackerricher Park Road, Fort Bragg, CA 95437 • parks.ca.gov/?page\_id=436

Experience camping on the wild Northern California coast in this stunning and sprawling state park. Located north of the more well-known Mendocino area, MacKerricher encompasses forest, wetlands, and bluffs in addition to miles of pristine Pacific Ocean beach. Nature lovers will fall in love with the tide pools, nature walks, and abundance of wildlife viewing opportunities including whales, sea lions, and more than 90 bird species. The campsites are nestled in the forest with easy access to the beach; they're dry camping only, with a dump station and restrooms available. The maximum RV length is 30 feet. Don't miss a day trip to the historic nautical town of Fort Bragg and the unique Glass Beach.



# CALIFORNIA

# List of all California State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
- Benbow State Recreation Area
- Big Basin Redwoods State Park
- Bolsa Chica State Beach
- Bothe-Napa Valley State Park
- Brannan Island State
  Recreation Area
- Butano State Park
- Calaveras Big Trees State Park
- Carpinteria State Beach
- Castle Crags State Park
- Caswell Memorial State Park
- Chino Hills State Park
- Colusa-Sacramento River State Recreation Area
- Crystal Cove State Park
- Cuyamaca Rancho State Park
- D. L. Bliss State Park
- Del Norte Coast Redwoods
  State Park
- Doheny State Beach
- Donner Memorial State Park
- Ed Z'berg Sugar Pine Point State Park
- El Capitán State Beach
- Emerald Bay State Park
- Emma Wood State Beach
- Folsom Lake State Recreation Area
- Fremont Peak State Park
- George J. Hatfield State Recreation Area
- Grizzly Creek Redwoods
  State Park
- Grover Hot Springs State Park
- Half Moon Bay State Beach
- Hearst San Simeon State Park

- Hendy Woods State Park
- Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park
- Henry W. Coe State Park
- Hollister Hills State Vehicular Recreation Area
- Humboldt Redwoods State Park
- Indian Grinding Rock State
  Historical Park
- Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park
- Lake Perris State
  Recreation Area
- Leo Carrillo State Park
- Limekiln State Park
- MacKerricher State Park
- Malakoff Diggins State Historical Park
- Malibu Creek State Park
- Manchester State Park
- McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park
- McConnell State
  Recreation Area
- McGrath State Beach
- Millerton Lake State
  Recreation Area
- Montaña de Oro State Park
- Morro Bay State Park
- Morro Strand State Beach
- Mount Diablo State Park
- Mount San Jacinto State Park
- Navarro River Redwoods
- State Park
- New Brighton State Beach
- Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area

- Palomar Mountain State Park
- Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park
- Picacho State Recreation Area
- Pismo State Beach
- Plumas-Eureka State Park
- Point Mugu State Park
- Portola Redwoods State Park
- Prairie Creek Redwoods
  State Park
- Red Rock Canyon State Park
- Refugio State Beach
- Richardson Grove State Park
- Russian Gulch State Park
- Saddleback Butte State Park
- Salt Point State Park
- Salton Sea State Recreation Area
- Samuel P. Taylor State Park
- San Clemente State Beach
- San Elijo State Beach
- San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area
- San Onofre State Beach
- Seacliff State Beach
- Silver Strand State Beach
- Silverwood Lake State
  Recreation Area
- Sonoma Coast State Park
- South Carlsbad State Beach
- Standish-Hickey State Recreation Area
- Sugarloaf Ridge State Park
- Sunset State Beach
- Tahoe State Recreation Area
- Van Damme State Park
- Woodson Bridge State Recreation Area

For more information on California state parks campgrounds, visit parks.ca.gov/parkindex.

# COLORADO

#### CPW.STATE.CO.US

While Colorado's four national parks are well known, its state parks are equally as deserving of attention. Over one-third of Colorado is publicly owned, including parks, forests, and monuments. The Rocky Mountains, Great Sand Dunes, wide-open plains, deep river gorges, ancient cliff dwellings, and Native American cultural artifacts and history are just some of the treasures you'll find here.

Colorado's state parks offer something for everyone, with endless opportunities for hiking, biking, fishing, winter sports, and much more. Most of the 42 state parks include RV camping options with paved or gravel sites, some hookups, and big rig accommodations. The extensive natural beauty, diverse landscapes, and outdoor adventure culture make Colorado an ideal RV destination, and its state parks are the perfect place to spend your vacation.

#### List of all Colorado State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area
- Boyd Lake State Park
- Chatfield State Park
- Cherry Creek State Park
- Cheyenne Mountain State Park
- Crawford State Park
- Eleven Mile State Park
- Elkhead Reservoir State Park
- Golden Gate Canyon State Park
- Highline Lake State Park
- Jackson Lake State Park

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- James M. Robb Colorado River State Park
- John Martin Reservoir State Park
- Jumbo Reservoir State Wildlife Area
- Lake Pueblo State Park
- Lathrop State Park
- Mancos State Park
- Mueller State Park
- Navajo State Park
- North Sterling State Park
- Paonia State Park

- Pearl Lake State Park
- Ridgway State Park
- Rifle Falls State Park
- Rifle Gap State Park
- St. Vrain State Park
- Stagecoach State Park
- State Forest State Park
- Steamboat Lake State Park
- Sylvan Lake State Park
- Trinidad State Park
- Vega State Park
- Yampa River State Park



# COLORADO



# RESERVATIONS

Reservations can be made online at cpwshop.com/campinghome.page or by calling 800-244-5613. As of January 1, 2020, all Colorado state parks require reservations. Reservations can be made up to 6 months in advance.



### **CAMPSITE SIZES**

Almost every campground in the Colorado state park system can accommodate RVs over 40 feet, however, site sizes vary greatly within each campground.

The reservation system allows you to search for sites by minimum RV length (under "Advanced Options"), as well as by pull-through if preferred. Search results display the maximum vehicle length. View "Campsite List" under the search results for the length per site at a glance.

Many campgrounds have paved sites; "Driveway Surface" is specified under campsite details.



# ACCESSIBILITY

Campgrounds have both "HA" (handicap accessible), and "HD" (handicap designated) sites. HA sites can be reserved by anyone, but HD sites can be reserved only by travelers with a valid disability placard or license plate. Note that not all HD sites are available online; they can be reserved through the call center, and the disability placard number is required at the time of booking.



# HOOKUPS

Most campgrounds offer sites with partial or full hookups. Campsites are searchable by water, sewer, and/or electricity amperage under "Advanced Options" on the reservations website.



# ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

Many Colorado state parks have amenities like restrooms, potable water, dump stations, playgrounds, hiking trails, visitor centers, and activities. Most campsites have picnic tables, fire rings, and some shade structures. Campground and campsite amenities are displayed under "Search Results" on the reservations website.

In addition to a Junior Ranger program, Colorado has a passport program and an app called Agents of Discovery, available in some parks.

# COST

Colorado state parks have fixed fees, from \$14 for a primitive campground to \$41 for full hookups. Fees for each park and campsite type are available on the park's information page (cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/ Pages/default.aspx).

Exact pricing by date and site type are displayed in the reservations system.

Additional Fees:

Change fee: \$6

Cancellation fee: \$6

Cancellations within 13 days of arrival also forfeit the first night's fee. After arrival, any unused nights will be refunded, minus the \$6 fee.

A statewide park Vehicle Entrance Fee applies for an additional \$9 to \$11. An annual vehicle pass is available for \$80 online or at the park. The pass is worth considering if you are spending time in Colorado, as all state parks charge this entrance fee even if you are camping.

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# CONNECTIVITY

Several Colorado state parks offer complimentary WiFi. This is listed under "Activities and Amenities" in the reservation system. If connectivity is a priority, contact the campground directly for details on WiFi and cell service.



### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 days within a 28-day period. The 14 days can be consecutive or spread out. During the off-season, certain parks waive the 14-day limit.



### PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.



- Maximum occupancy per site: 6, or immediate family (two adults plus minor children), and 1 or 2 vehicles per site. Check with the campground if a second vehicle can be accommodated (subject to the Vehicle Entrance Fee).
- Check-in time: 1 p.m. Check-out time: 12 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Allowed in parks.
- Generator use: Restricted during quiet hours.
- Campfires: Allowed only in provided campfire pit or ring at the site, following local restrictions.
- Drone use: Prohibited. Only two parks, Cherry Creek and Chatfield, have designated areas for drone usage. Contact the specific park directly to inquire about a special use permit.



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# **Featured Campgrounds**

# NAVAJO STATE PARK

1526 County Road 982, Arboles, CO 81121 • cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Navajo

Located along the Colorado-New Mexico border, Navajo State Park is Colorado's answer to Lake Powell. The Navajo Reservoir comprises 15,600 surface acres that extend into New Mexico. The clear turquoise waters are particularly loved by boaters and anglers, but everyone will enjoy the expansive views and relaxing atmosphere at this state park. The four campgrounds' 138 sites are either on the lake or steps from it. Of the sites, 118 are developed, with partial or full hookups, and can accommodate most RV sizes. Away from the shore, visitors will find hiking trails into the surrounding mesas and canyons. Navajo State Park may not be the typical Rocky Mountain experience, but it's popular with residents for a reason, and it's a must-see while traveling through the state.

# STATE FOREST STATE PARK

### 56750 CO-14, Walden, CO 80480 • cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/StateForest

An ideal alternative (or addition) to a Rocky Mountain National Park visit, State Forest State Park has all of the pristine forest, jagged peaks, alpine lakes, hiking trails, and wildlife with fewer crowds. In fact, this state park is Colorado's moose-viewing capital, with more than 600 observed by visitors per year. Expanding over 71,000 acres, State Forest is also home to elk and black bears, as well as unexpected sand dunes. There are several campgrounds throughout the park. Most can accommodate RVs and offer hookups, but some campgrounds are not recommended for trailers or motorhomes.

# **GOLDEN GATE CANYON STATE PARK**

92 Crawford Gulch Road, Golden, CO 80403 • cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/GoldenGateCanyon

Golden Gate is considered by many to be of national park stature, which is saying something in a state with so much natural beauty. The 12,000-acre park, located just 30 minutes from Denver, has a wealth of dense forest, rocky peaks, hiking trails, wildlife, and aspen-lined meadows that turn golden in the fall months. The Panoramic Scenic Overlook rewards hikers with views that extend for hundreds of miles. RVers can choose from nearly 60 sites with electric hookups in Reverend's Ridge Campground. Cabins and yurts are also available to rent.

For more information on Colorado state park campgrounds, visit cpw.state.co.us. Check cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Pages/default.aspx for direct phone and email contacts for specific campgrounds.

# HAWAI

### DLNR.HAWAII.GOV/DSP

Hawai'i's white sandy beaches, tropical forests, and lush canyons are an alluring destination for campers. RVing here has its own appeal, whether you're completing the ultimate bucket list of camping in all 50 states, or looking for an economical way to tour this world-class vacation destination. RVing in Hawai'i is a different experience than it is in the mainland U.S., and it can be more restrictive than a casual online search would suggest.

The first thing to keep in mind is that RVs in the islands are limited to Class B camper and conversion vans, because many roads are too narrow to handle larger vehicles or have smaller load limits. Even if your RV is small, the cost of shipping a vehicle to Hawai'i is prohibitive. For all practical purposes, you'll most likely be renting a van on each island you plan to visit.

The second concern is understanding where you can stay overnight in a campervan. Most state, county, and municipal parks allow tent camping only. In fact, there is only one option for van camping in the Hawai'i state park system (see Featured Parks below). Simply spending the night in a beach parking lot or at the side of the road is prohibited without a permit. The islands' campervan rental companies are the best resource for up-to-date information on private campgrounds and local parks that do allow van camping, and on how to obtain permits.

Most rental companies also offer tent gear with the van, so you have both options available. If tent camp-

For more information on Hawai'i state parks campgrounds, visit dlnr.hawaii.gov/dsp.

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ing isn't your thing, many state and private parks provide alternative accommodations like cabins, huts, and platform tents for a more comfortable yet still rustic and affordable overnight experience.

While it may take some extra effort to plan, renting a campervan can still be a great way to have a laid-back and close-up experience with the unsurpassed natural beauty of Hawai'i. The van not only provides a place to sleep, but can be kitted with additional conveniences for outdoor living such as a beach shower, cooking grill, surfboards, and bikes with carriers. Whether you're sleeping in the van, a tent, or a cabin, it's possible to forgo the typical big, expensive resort experience and see the islands like a local.

Hawai'i's Division of State Parks includes 50 parks encompassing almost 30,000 acres on the major islands. The park environments range from landscaped grounds with developed facilities to wildland areas with trails and primitive facilities. If you're camping or visiting for the day, state parks are a great way to experience the best outdoor recreation, cultural heritage, and natural beauty of the islands.

#### List of all Hawai'i State Park Campgrounds by Island that Accommodate Tent Camping

#### Kauaʻi

- Kōke'e State Park
- Nāpali Coast State Wilderness Park (Offers backcountry camping to experienced backpackers and hikers along a stunning rugged coastline. Due to the high demand for Nāpali Coast camping permits, special rules and fees apply.)
- Polihale State Park

Alternative Camping Opportunities:

• The Lodge at Kōke'e offers cabins, dormitories or newer units with separate bedrooms.

#### Oʻahu

- Ahupua'a 'O Kahana State Park
- Mālaekahana State Recreation Area
- Keaīwa Heiau State Recreation Area
- Sand Island State
  Recreation Area

Alternative Camping Opportunities:

• Malaekahana State Recreation Area offers cabins and huts.

#### Hawaiʻi

- Kalōpā State Recreation Area
- Kīholo State Park Reserve
- Alternative Camping Opportunities:
- Hāpuna Beach State Recreation Area offers A-frame shelters.
- Kalōpā State Recreation Area offers duplex cabins.

#### Maui

- Polipoli Spring State Recreation Area
- Waiʻānapanapa State Park

Alternative Camping Opportunities:

- Polipoli Spring State Recreation Area offers one cabin.
- Wai'ānapanapa State Park offers cabins and the only designated area for campervans.

#### Molokaʻi

• Pālā'au State Park

# HAWAIʻI



# RESERVATIONS

To reserve a camping permit, visit camping.ehawaii.gov/camping/welcome.html

For state parks, campsites or cabins may be reserved up to 1 year in advance, with the exception of Kīholo State Park Reserve on Hawai'i Island and all parks on O'ahu, which can be reserved up to 30 days in advance. Nāpali Coast State Wilderness Park camping can be reserved up to 90 days in advance.

For forest reserves, all sites can be reserved up to 30 days in advance, except for those on Kaua'i, which allow up to 90 days.

Additionally, many parks do not allow reservations within 6 days prior to arrival. Note that all persons staying at a site must be listed on the reservation.

#### **CAMPSITE SIZES**

Campground layouts vary by park. Some sites are spacious and spread out for privacy, with room to fit one or two tents and a vehicle. Other parks have an open area for all tent campers to share. Ground cover is natural grass, dirt, or sand.



### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible sites are searchable and bookable online; a valid disability placard number must be entered at the time of booking. Contact the park directly for additional information.

# HOOKUPS

There are no hookups available.



# ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

Campgrounds are rustic. Sites may include a picnic table

and/or fire ring, or there may simply be an open area for all campers. Shared facilities for potable water, restrooms, and/or showers are generally available. Showers may be outdoor-only facilities meant for beach use. Depending on the campground, you may need to park in a central area and walk to your campsite.



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Hawai'i Residents:

\$12 per campsite per night for up to 6 persons; plus \$2 per night for each additional person, up to \$20 total per night.

#### Nonresidents:

\$18 per campsite per night for up to 6 persons; plus \$3 per night for each additional person, up to \$30 total per night.

Children 2 and under are free.

The same rate applies for campervans, where allowed.

#### Additional Fees:

Nonrefundable administration fee: An additional 10 percent for each permit purchased. Additional nonrefundable charges may apply.

Change fee: \$3 fee to change dates of stay, to switch campsite number, or to add guests. There is no change fee to add days.

Cancellation fee: \$5

Cancellations within 15 days of arrival are nonrefundable.



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# CONNECTIVITY

WiFi may be offered in central areas at some parks. If connectivity is a priority, contact the park directly to ask about WiFi and cell service.



## MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay at any one park is 5 consecutive nights. Certain parks or campsites have shorter maximum stays. Campers must vacate for 30 days before returning to camp in the same park.

### PET POLICIES

Pets are not allowed in Hawai'i state park campgrounds.

# ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: Varies by campground and site; see details in the permit reservation system.
- Check-in time: 1 p.m.–3 p.m. Check-out time: 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Times vary by park.
- Quiet hours: Excessive noise is prohibited at all times.
- Alcoholic beverages: Prohibited.
- Generator use: Prohibited.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories. Portable stoves or warming devices may be used in designated camping and picnicking areas unless otherwise prohibited.
- Drone use: Prohibited.

# Featured Hawai'i RV Campground

# MAUI: WAI'ĀNAPANAPA STATE PARK

Waianapanapa, Hana, HI 96713 • dlnr.hawaii.gov/dsp/parks/maui/waianapanapa-state-park

Wai'ānapanapa is currently the only Hawai'i state park campground that allows campervans. The park is remote and wild, yet still easily accessible from the Hana Highway and close to the amenities in the town of Hana. Wai'ānapanapa offers a wide range of spectacular scenic views, tropical hikes, and stunning natural features like black volcanic sand, lava tubes, stone arches, sea stacks, blowholes, and a forest of hala trees. Note that the surf can be challenging for casual swimmers, and the area is frequented by jellyfish and Portuguese man o' wars.

The campground features a big grassy area for tents and a designated section on packed dirt for permitted campervans to park. Central restrooms, beach showers, potable water, and several picnic areas are available for campers and day-trippers. Listen to the waves as you fall asleep in your campervan, then watch the sunrise and enjoy the black-sand beach in one of the most picturesque spots along the Road to Hana before the other tourists arrive. Contact the Maui parks office at 808-248-4843 for information on obtaining a camping permit.

(An additional public campground on Maui that allows campervans is the Kīpahulu Campground at Haleakalā National Park. The campground has paved sites to accommodate tents or vans on a first-come, first-served basis.)



# IDAHO

#### PARKSANDRECREATION.IDAHO.GOV

Idaho is often overshadowed by Washington and Oregon, but its rugged wilderness and outdoor recreation opportunities rival those of its neighbors, and without the crowds. With pristine lakes and rivers, dense forests, and craggy mountain peaksnot to mention the deepest gorge and highest waterfall in the country—Idaho is home to fascinating and diverse landscapes. Hiking, biking, kayaking, fishing, and winter sports are all popular activities to enjoy in the state.

Idaho's state park system has some of the top-rated campgrounds in the state. The 17 parks with RV camping available are well run and maintained, with Junior Ranger and other educational programs.



# List of all Idaho State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Bear Lake State Park
- Bruneau Dunes State Park
- Castle Rocks State Park
- City of Rocks National Reserve
- Dworshak State Park
- Farragut State Park
- Hells Gate State Park
- Henrys Lake State Park
- Heyburn State Park
- Lake Cascades State Park
- Lake Walcott State Park
- Massacre Rocks State Park
- Ponderosa State Park
- Priest Lake State Park
- Round Lake State Park
- Three Island Crossing State Park
- Winchester Lake State Park

For more information on Idaho state parks campgrounds, visit parksandrecreation.idaho.gov.

# IDAHO



### RESERVATIONS

Reservations can be made online at idahostateparks.reserveamerica.com and by phone at 888-922-6743. Reservations are available 9 months in advance.

About half of the 17 state parks that accommodate RVs can be booked in advance; the rest are first come, first served.



#### CAMPSITE SIZES

While most campgrounds can accommodate larger RVs, the site lengths available vary greatly within each campground. The reservations system provides the length of each specific site plus the maximum vehicle length allowed. Under "Advanced Options" you can search by RV length, and even for pull-through sites.



# ACCESSIBILITY

All Idaho state parks are ADA friendly and support service animals. The reservation system allows you to select and reserve ADA-accessible campsites (with proof of eligibility upon check-in).



# HOOKUPS

Partial or full hookups are available at many campgrounds. Details are displayed in the reservation system search results as either standard sites with no hookups, or serviced sites that specify water/electric/sewer. You can also search for available sites with hookups under "Advanced Options".



# ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

Potable water, restroom facilities, and picnic tables are available at most campgrounds. Additional campsite and campground details—like fire pits, shade, showers, and dump stations—vary and can be found under the campground details on the reservations website.



### MAXIMUM STAY

Maximum stay is 15 days within a 30 day period.



# COST

Prices range from \$12 for a standard site with no hookups to \$49 for sites with full hookups in high season. Pricing is displayed per site and per date on the reservations website. Additional Fees:

Booking fee: \$10 (for both online and phone bookings)

Change fee: \$10

Cancellation fee: \$10

Cancellations within 24 hours of arrival may also forfeit the first night's fee.

A \$5 per vehicle per day Motor Vehicle Entry Fee (MVEF) is also imposed. Out-of-state campers have the option to purchase an annual pass for \$40 to cover this fee. All campgrounds charge a \$5 extra vehicle fee. Extra vehicle parking may be limited, so check with the specific park for availability.



#### CONNECTIVITY

WiFi availability varies per park; details are on the reservation website. Note that even if WiFi is offered, it may not be accessible from all campsites. If connectivity is a priority, call the campground to ask about WiFi and cell service.

### PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed as long as they are kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 8 people.
- Check-in time: 2 p.m. Check-out time: 1 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Permitted at campsites.
- Generator use: Allowed except during quiet hours.
- Campfires: Allowed only in provided campfire pit or ring at site, following local restrictions.
- Drone use: Drone use is generally restricted, but rules vary. Call the specific park for details.



# IDAHO

# **Featured Campgrounds**

# **BRUNEAU DUNES STATE PARK**

27608 Bruneau Sand Dunes Road, Bruneau, ID 83604 • parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/parks/bruneau-dunes

Did you know that Idaho is home to the tallest single-structure sand dune in North America? Dune lovers can camp right at the base of this expansive sandy playground. When you tire of climbing up and sliding down the dunes, enjoy fishing in the small lakes, photographing the landscape, and stargazing under the dark night sky. The visitor center hosts a museum and rents boards for dune sliding, and the Bruneau Dunes Observatory is open for night viewing on Friday and Saturday evenings from mid-March to mid-October. Of the campground's more than 100 campsites, most have electric hookups and can accommodate big rigs. Spring or fall are ideal seasons to visit in order to avoid the summer heat. If you do travel in the summer, it's best to explore the dunes early or later in the day.

# FARRAGUT STATE PARK

13550 ID-54, Athol, ID 83801 • parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/parks/farragut

This sprawling, forested park is home to more than 4,000 acres of pristine wilderness and is the perfect base from which to explore beautiful Northern Idaho. Located 25 miles from Coeur d'Alene and 50 miles from Spokane, Washington, Farragut is a beloved, family-friendly park. Its popularity means that while there are more than 200 campsites throughout the park, many with partial or full hookups, reservations fill up fast. Activities include miles of hiking and biking trails, water activities on the stunning Lake Pend Oreille, and a visit to the Museum at the Brig, which shares this park's fascinating history as a World War II naval training station.

# **HENRYS LAKE STATE PARK**

3917 E. 5100 N., Island Park, ID 83429 • parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/parks/henrys-lake

Located on beautiful Henrys Lake with sweeping views of the surrounding plains and mountains, this campground offers nature trails, guided hikes, a Junior Ranger program, and excellent trout fishing. And while it's a worthwhile destination in its own right, Henrys Lake is also located only 15 miles from the west entrance of Yellowstone National Park. The campground's newer Caddis loop has 35 different 50-foot-long sites with full hookups, however, these are all first come, first served. Two other loops have 75 reservable sites with partial hookups and a variety of sizes. The openness of the campground does mean that there is less shade and more wind, but on the plus side, cell service is strong. If you're looking for a serene Yellowstone camping experience with hookups at a reasonable rate, don't overlook this Idaho state park.



# MONTANA

#### FWP.MT.GOV/STATEPARKS

The camping opportunities in Montana extend well beyond the boundaries of Glacier and Yellowstone national parks. Montana's wonders range from wide, grassy plains to majestic lakes and rivers, snow-capped mountains, intricate caverns, and well-preserved ghost towns. Big Sky Country is synonymous with camping and adventure, and Montana's state parks give visitors the opportunity to enjoy the natural beauty loved by residents.

Of the western Rocky Mountain states, Montana has the most state parks with 55 (20 of them with campgrounds), but one of the lowest operating budgets. In keeping with its rugged reputation, Montana's state parks are not packed with amenities like visitor centers, stores, and activities. There are no hookups aside from some sites with electricity. The campgrounds are rustic but well run, spacious, and natural, providing the ideal Montana experience.

# List of all Montana State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Bannack State Park
- Beavertail Hill State Park
- Big Arm / Flathead Lake State Park
- Black Sandy State Park
- Brush Lake State Park
- Cooney State Park
- Finley Point / Flathead Lake State Park
- Hell Creek State Park
- Lake Mary Ronan State Park
- Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park
- Logan State Park
- Makoshika State Park
- Missouri Headwaters State Park
- Placid Lake State Park
- Salmon Lake State Park
- Thomas Falls State Park
- Tongue River State Park
- Wayfarers / Flathead Lake State Park
- Whitefish Lake State Park

For more information on Montana state park campgrounds, visit fwp.mt.gov/stateparks.

# MONTANA



#### RESERVATIONS

Reservations can be made online at montanastateparks.reserveamerica.com or by calling 855-922-6768. Reservations are available from 6 months up to 1 or 2 days in advance during the peak season, which lasts from the third Friday in May through the third Sunday in September.

During the offseason, reservations are first come, first served, and during peak season about a quarter of the sites are kept open for walk-ins.

#### **CAMPSITE SIZES**

Most campgrounds can fit all RV sizes, although the number of sites per campground that accommodate rigs over 40 feet is limited. You can search for sites by RV length in the reservation system.



#### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible sites are searchable and bookable through the reservation system. A valid disability placard or license plate must be visible.



# HOOKUPS

Seventeen of the 20 Montana state park campgrounds offer sites with electricity. Only 2 parks have limited water hookups, and there are no sewer hookups throughout the park system. A few parks have dump stations. Check with the campground and plan in advance for dumping and water before your stay.

## ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

Campsites have picnic tables and fire pits, with paved or gravel parking pads. Campgrounds offer the basic amenities of potable water and pit toilets or restrooms. Some have additional amenities like playgrounds, interpretive trails, and information centers.

Details can be found under "Campground Overview" and "Campsite Details" in the reservation system.

# MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 days within a 30 day period.



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Sites without electricity are \$28 per night during peak season and \$24 in the offseason for nonresidents. Sites with electricity are \$34 during peak season and \$30 in the offseason for nonresidents. State resident rates are \$10 less per night in all cases.

Additional Fees:

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$10

Change fee: \$10 (except when extending stay)

#### Cancellation fee: \$10

Cancellation after scheduled check-in time incurs the \$10 fee, plus the first night, plus usage fees for any additional expired nights.

A park entrance fee of \$8 per vehicle applies in addition to camping fees. A nonresident entrance pass offers \$10 off the nightly camping fee, plus free entrance to all parks. This is worth purchasing if you are staying more than a couple of nights at Montana state park campgrounds, and is even more valuable if you visit additional parks.

You can purchase an annual pass for \$50 or a 7-day pass for \$35 online at app.mt.gov/als.

### CONNECTIVITY

Montana state parks don't offer WiFi. If connectivity is a priority, contact the campground directly to ask about cell service and public WiFi availability.

#### PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed, as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 8 feet. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

- Maximum occupancy per site: 8 people and 1 vehicle.
- Check-in time: 2 p.m. Check-out time: 1 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Division administrators have the discretion to close portions of a state park to the consumption of alcohol. Check campground rules.
- Generator use: Restricted during quiet hours.
- Campfires: Allowed only in designated areas, following local restrictions.
- Drone use: Allowed in designated areas only. Contact the park directly for more details.









# MONTANA

# **Featured Campgrounds**

## MAKOSHIKA STATE PARK

1301 Snyder Street, Glendive, MT 59330 • stateparks.mt.gov/makoshika

If the idea of camping near badlands and dinosaur fossils sounds appealing, make a reservation at Montana's largest state park. Makoshika (Lakota for "bad land"), located near the North Dakota border, has a landscape that's dramatically different from the rest of the state. The small, spacious campground is surrounded by scenery of badlands, juniper and pine trees, and a dark night sky. This is dry camping only, with limited to no cell service, but most sites can accommodate RVs over 40 feet. The state park has miles of hiking trails, a scenic drive, and a visitor center. Since there's so much to see, many visitors suggest spending more than one night at this state park.

## **BIG ARM STATE PARK / FLATHEAD LAKE STATE PARK**

28031 Big Arm State Park Road, Big Arm, MT 59901 • stateparks.mt.gov/big-arm

Montana is not lacking in scenic lakes, but Flathead Lake has the added distinction of being one of the largest freshwater lakes in the U.S. With more than 150 miles of shoreline and several campgrounds, Big Arm State Park is one of the best places to experience Flathead Lake. Forty lakefront campsites allow campers to immerse themselves in the natural beauty and stunning views of the Mission Mountains across the lake. Sites are dry camping only, but the campground and restrooms are clean and well maintained. Between hiking, boating, swimming, and sunrises, Big Arm State Park is a popular destination.

## **LEWIS & CLARK CAVERNS STATE PARK**

25 Lewis & Clark Caverns Road, Whitehall, MT 59759 • stateparks.mt.gov/lewis-and-clark-caverns

Camping at the oldest Montana state park lets visitors experience the famous limestone caves and enjoy the surrounding natural beauty that is missed by most day-trippers. The park has extensive hiking trails with sweeping views of the glacial valley, plus a new visitor center with interpretive programs. Some electric hookups, a dump station, restrooms with showers, and playgrounds make this one of the more developed Montana state park campgrounds. Most of the 37 RV sites can accommodate big rigs and are well spaced apart.

For more information on Montana state park campgrounds, visit fwp.mt.gov/stateparks.



# NEVADA

#### PARKS.NV.GOV

Nevada parks highlight the state's surprising natural diversity. It's not just desert—wetlands, forests, mountain ranges, spectacular geological formations, and even dinosaur fossils can all be enjoyed at Nevada state park campgrounds. You might spot unique wildlife, including wild horses, bighorn sheep, white pelicans, and an abundance of other migratory birds.

If you're into kayaking, paddleboarding, or fishing, Nevada's pristine lakes and rivers won't disappoint. Hiking and biking opportunities abound through these diverse landscapes. Historic sites range from Native American petroglyphs to ghost towns from the Silver State's mining boom.

There's never been a better time to visit Nevada state parks. A 2017 governor's initiative, the single biggest investment in the park system in history, includes the development of two brand-new parks, upgrades to existing infrastructure, and additional conservation efforts. And for those who need to stay connected on the road, Nevada is the first state in the country committed to providing WiFi in all state parks.

# List of all Nevada State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Beaver Dam State Park
- Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park
- Big Bend of the Colorado State Recreation Area
- Cathedral Gorge State Park
- Cave Lake State Park
- Dayton State Park
- Echo Canyon State Park
- Fort Churchill State Historic Park
- Kershaw-Ryan State Park
- Lahontan State Recreation Area
- Rye Patch State Recreation Area
- South Fork State Recreation Area
- Spring Valley State Park
- Valley of Fire State Park
- Walker River State Recreation Area
- Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Park
- Washoe Lake State Park
- Wild Horse Reservoir State Recreation Area

# NEVADA



### RESERVATIONS

All Nevada state park campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Although a new reservation system was planned as part of the 2017 initiative, details are still in the works.



## CAMPSITE SIZES

Size limitations vary greatly at each campground. Some new pull-through sites for larger RVs have been added recently, and Nevada campgrounds are generally big rig friendly. But it's best to contact the specific park in advance for details, especially if your RV is over 25 feet.



### ACCESSIBILITY

The state park website does not specify the number of dedicated ADA-accessible sites at each campground. It's best to contact the specific park for this information.



# HOOKUPS

Most campgrounds offer some sites with electric and water hookups and/or a dump station. Adding hookups is part of the 2017 initiative, but it's best to contact the specific park for the latest information.



# ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

All of Nevada's state park campgrounds have central restrooms and potable water, and about half also offer showers. Most campsites include a fire ring and picnic table. Many also have a shade structure and barbecue grill.



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Sites are \$15 to \$20 per night, with an additional \$10 charge for sites with hookups. Be sure to bring cash. Some parks will have an attendant available, but with first come, first served, be ready to leave exact change in an envelope drop box to secure your site.



# CONNECTIVITY

WiFi, where available, is fee based. Charges range from \$8 for one device for 24 hours, to a \$99 plan that includes multiple devices and 30 gigabytes for 30 days.



# MAXIMUM STAY

Generally, the maximum stay is 14 days out of any 30, although a few campgrounds have a maximum of 7 days. This is specified under each park on the state parks website.

## PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed as long as they are kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

- Maximum occupancy per site: 8 people and 2 vehicles.
- Check-in and check-out times: Unless a campsite is reserved, camping is on a first-come, first-served basis. Campers must vacate by 2 p.m. at the end of the term paid for or the maximum stay unless the park supervisor designates otherwise.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Glass is not allowed on any beach or waterfront area.
- Generator use: Prohibited during quiet hours.
- Campfires: Allowed in designated rings or pits, following local advisories.
- Drone use: Prohibited, unless in a designated spot or with a permit.





# NEVADA

# **Featured Campgrounds**

# VALLEY OF FIRE STATE PARK

29450 Valley of Fire Highway, Overton, NV 89040 • parks.nv.gov/parks/valley-of-fire

Valley of Fire is easily recognizable by its stunning red Aztec sandstone formations. If it hadn't been designated a state park in 1935, it may well have become a national park or monument. Only 50 miles from Las Vegas, Valley of Fire is a popular day trip. But if you can secure one of the 72 campsites, the real magic happens after the crowds leave. You are left with the silence, setting sun, glowing red rock walls, and maybe even bighorn sheep wandering through the campground. Atlatl Rock Campground has restrooms, showers, some sites with hookups, and WiFi. The smaller the RV, the more options you have, but there are a few sites that can accommodate big rigs. The campground is easily accessible by a paved loop road.

# CATHEDRAL GORGE STATE PARK

111 Cathedral Gorge State Park Road, Panaca, NV 89042 • parks.nv.gov/parks/cathedral-gorge

This may be the most stunning state park you've never heard of. As its name implies, this narrow valley is surrounded by sheer rock spires, formed out of layers of volcanic ash over tens of millions of years. A family-friendly 4-mile loop hiking trail passes through dramatic slot canyons and caves. The campground is an easily accessible and well-maintained loop with 22 sites. All have hookups and most can accommodate larger RVs. Campground WiFi is available. Like many state parks in Nevada, Cathedral Gorge is out of the way. If you're traveling from Las Vegas, it's an unforgettable overnight stop on the way to Great Basin or Zion National Park.

## BERLIN-ICHTHYOSAUR STATE PARK

State Route 844, Austin, NV 89310 • parks.nv.gov/parks/berlin-ichthyosaur

What other state park in the country combines a ghost town with dinosaur fossils? Technically a marine reptile, Ichthyosaurs were contemporaries of the dinosaurs. The largest known Ichthyosaur fossil can be found in the Fossil House at this state park. (When it's closed for tours, the fossils can still be viewed from the outside.) A self-guided tour delves into the more recent history of the ghost town of Berlin, established in the 1890s. The campground is rustic but well maintained, with a dump station but no hookups. Remote and accessed by dirt road (OK for two-wheel drive), Berlin-Ichthyosaur is a peaceful place to observe wildlife and the night sky in addition to its unique historical sites. Note that sites can accommodate RVs only up to 25 feet.



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# OREGON

#### STATEPARKS.OREGON.GOV

Local and out-of-state visitors alike are drawn to Oregon's more than 300 miles of ocean shoreline, spectacular mountain ranges, waterfalls, and the mighty Columbia River Gorge. The natural beauty and diversity of its ecosystems make Oregon a perfect destination for all campers, from solo adventurers to families with small kids. Oregon state parks provide a wide range of ways to experience this abundance with a mix of remote, rustic camping and more modern sites with full hookups.

With less expensive nightly rates than neighboring Washington and California, Oregon's state park campgrounds are one of the best deals on the Pacific Coast. However, they are growing in demand, having seen record-setting attendance in the past few years. Some of the more popular parks are raising their rates to respond to the demand and to keep up with maintenance. Oregon's warm, dry weather in July and August are ideal for camping, and weekends can sell out as soon as they are available to book. Still, Oregon state park campgrounds offer great value and are one of the best ways to vacation in this beautiful state.

#### List of all Oregon State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Ainsworth State Park
- Alfred A. Loeb State Park
- Beachside State Park
- Beverly Beach State Park
- Bullards Beach State Park
- Cape Blanco State Park
- Cape Lookout State Park
- Carl G. Washburne Memorial State Park
- Catherine Creek State Park
- Champoeg State Heritage Area
- Clyde Holliday State Recreation Site
- Collier Memorial State Park
- Cove Palisades State Park
- Deschutes River State Recreation Area

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- Detroit Lake State Recreation Area
- Devils Lake State Recreation Area
- Emigrant Springs State Heritage Area
- Fall Creek State Recreation Area
- Farewell Bend State Recreation Area
- Fort Stevens State Park
- Goose Lake State Recreation Area
- Harris Beach State Park
- Humbug Mountain State Park
- Jasper Point State Park
- Jessie M. Honeyman Memorial State Park
- Joseph H. Stewart State Recreation Area
- L.L. Stub Stewart Memorial State Park
- Lake Owyhee State Park

- LaPine State Park
- Memaloose State Park
- Milo McIver State Park
- Nehalem Bay State Park
- Prineville Reservoir State Park
- Silver Falls State Park
- South Beach State Park
- Sunset Bay State Park
- Tumalo State Park
- Umpqua Lighthouse State Park
- Unity Lake State Recreation Site
- Valley of the Rogue State Park
- Viento State Park
- Wallowa Lake State Park
- William M. Tugman State Park



# OREGON



#### RESERVATIONS

Reservations can be made online at oregonstateparks.reserveamerica.com and by phone at 800-452-5687. More than half of the 43 RV-accommodating campgrounds in the state park system accept reservations yearround; the rest are first come, first served.

Typically, reservations are available up to 9 months in advance.

#### **CAMPSITE SIZES**

Oregon state parks are generally big rig friendly, with most campgrounds able to accommodate RVs over 40 feet. However, site lengths vary greatly even within the same park and can be limited for larger RVs.

The reservation system provides the length of each specific site at the time of booking. Keep in mind that you must be able to fit your tow vehicle on the site too. For example, if your RV is 30 feet long, and your tow car is 20 feet, you'll need at least a 50-foot-long site.

#### ACCESSIBILITY

The reservation system allows you to select and reserve ADA-accessible campsites. Proof of eligibility is required upon check-in.

#### HOOKUPS

Partial or full hookups are available at most campgrounds that accommodate RVs and can be searched for on the reservations website.

#### **ADDITIONAL FACILITIES**

Potable water, restroom facilities, playgrounds, and picnic tables are available at most campgrounds. Additional campsite and campground details—like fire pits, ground cover type, showers, dump station—can be found under the campground details on the reservation site. And, for the kids, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department offers a Junior Ranger program.

#### CONNECTIVITY

A few parks offer free WiFi at their office or lodge. Many parks are in remote areas without cell service. If connectivity is a priority, check the details on the reservation website and call the campground to ask about WiFi and cell service.



#### COST

Pricing for specific campsites and dates is dynamic and must be searched for on the reservation website. The average cost per night for a site with full hookups at an Oregon state park is \$33. Note that due to demand, fees have increased by a few dollars at the most popular campgrounds and sites.

Some campgrounds charge \$7 for an extra vehicle. This will be specified at the time of booking if applicable.

Additional Fees:

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$8

Change fee: \$8

Be sure to read and understand the cancellation policy at the time of booking.

#### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 nights in a 17 night period. Campers must vacate for at least 3 days before returning to the same campsite.

#### PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed as long as they are kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet, unless in a designated off-leash area. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

#### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 8 people.
- Check-in time: 4 p.m. Check-out time: 1 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Permitted in parks, unless specifically prohibited.
- Generator use: Check rules under each campground on the reservation site.
- Campfires: Allowed only in provided campfire pit or ring at the site, following local restrictions.
- Drone use: Allowed, subject to local rules protecting sensitive plants and animals and public and private property. Park rangers have the discretion to request drone use be stopped or moved to another area.

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# OREGON

# **Featured Campgrounds**

# SILVER FALLS STATE PARK

20024 Silver Falls Highway Southeast, Sublimity, OR 97385 stateparks.oregon.gov/index.cfm?do=park.profile&parkId=151

You won't necessarily beat the crowds at this Oregon state park, but it's popular for a reason. Silver Falls boasts the spectacular Trail of Ten Falls—four of which you can actually walk behind. If you're not up for the full 7-mile loop hike, many falls offer shorter access points. If hiking is your thing, the park has more than 35 miles of backcountry trails. With a historic lodge, exhibits, ranger programs, playgrounds, and horseback rides, there is something for everyone at this enchanting state park. Note that partial hookup sites are a maximum of 60 feet for both your RV and tow vehicle.

# HARRIS BEACH STATE PARK

U.S. 101, Brookings, OR 97415 • stateparks.oregon.gov/index.cfm?do=park.profile&parkId=58

Because Oregon's renowned coastline has plenty of camping options, everyone has their own opinion on the best spot. It's hard to go wrong with any of the state park campgrounds located along the coast, but Harris Beach State Park offers a quintessential Oregon experience. Walk from your campsite under a grove of spruce and fir trees to the wide, sandy beach with dramatic rock formations, tide pools, and wildlife viewing. The Samuel H. Boardman State Scenic Corridor stretches just north of the park and boasts some of the most spectacular views in the state. This is a large campground, so the experience can vary by site location, but the approximately 90 RV sites are paved and offer full or partial hookups.

# L.L. STUB STEWART MEMORIAL STATE PARK

Nehalem Highway, Buxton, OR 97109 • stateparks.oregon.gov/index.cfm?do=park.profile&parkId=75

Opened in 2007, L.L. Stub Stewart Memorial State Park is home to the newest campground in the state park system since 1972. With more than 70 easily accessible full-hookup sites and a location just over 30 miles from Portland, this is a convenient base to visit the city, coast, and regional wineries. If you need to stay connected, cell service is uniformly reported to be excellent, especially compared to many other Oregon state parks. Enjoy acres of serene woodland and miles of hiking and biking trails that make this state park a popular destination for locals.



# UTAH

#### STATEPARKS.UTAH.GOV

Compared to Utah's "Mighty 5" National Parks, it's easy to overlook the state parks. However, Utah's state park campgrounds provide the opportunity to stay near the popular national parks while spending time touring additional landscapes. From the geological wonderlands that attract visitors from all over the world to the Great Salt Lake, national forests, rivers, and mountain ranges, Utah is an outdoor paradise of unparalleled natural beauty. With some of the best hiking, mountain and road biking, fishing, and skiing to be found in the U.S., the state park system allows visitors to experience another level of this natural abundance.

In recent years, Utah has upgraded many of its state park facilities, from infrastructure to new concrete RV pads and restrooms. Many sites now also have cabins and yurts, making the state parks a great option to camp with friends and family who don't have an RV.

#### List of all Utah State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Antelope Island State Park
- Bear Lake State Park
- Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park
- Dead Horse Point State Park
- Deer Creek State Park
- East Canyon State Park
- Echo State Park

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- Escalante Petrified Forest
  State Park
- Fremont Indian State Park
  and Museum
- Goblin Valley State Park

- Goosenecks State Park
- Great Salt Lake State Park
- Green River State Park
- Gunlock State Park
- Huntington State Park
- Hyrum State Park
- Jordanelle State Park
- Kodachrome State Park
- Millsite State Park
- Otter Creek State Park
- Palisade State Park
- Piute State Park

- Quail Creek State Park
- Red Fleet Park
- Rockport State Park
- Sand Hollow State Park
- Scofield State Park
- Snow Canyon State Park
- Starvation State Park
- Steinaker State Park
- Utah Lake State Park
- Wasatch Mountain State Park
- Willard Bay State Park
- Yuba State Park



# UTAH



#### RESERVATIONS

Reservations can be made online at utahstateparks.reserveamerica.com and by phone at 800-322-3770.

Reservations are available from 4 months to 2 days in advance.

Unreserved sites are available first-come, first-served during peak season. Popular parks take reservations year-round, while other parks are first-come, first-served in the offseason of October to May.

#### **CAMPSITE SIZES**

Utah is a big rig friendly state, however, the number of sites that can accommodate RVs over 30 feet varies by campground.

The reservation system allows you to search for sites by minimum RV length, as well as by pullthrough or back-in. Search results display the site length as well as maximum vehicle length.

View the "Campsite List" under the search results for the length per site at a glance.

#### ACCESSIBILITY

You can search for ADA-accessible sites under "More Options" in the reservation system.



### HOOKUPS

Most campgrounds offer sites with partial or full hookups and are searchable on the reservation website.

#### **ADDITIONAL FACILITIES**

Campgrounds have restrooms, most with showers, as well as potable water and centralized dump stations. All campsites have a picnic table and fire ring or grill. Many campgrounds have visitor centers, stores, playgrounds, and activities. Details can be found under "Services and Amenities" under each campground on the reservation website.

Utah's Department of Natural Resources has a Junior Ranger program. Don't forget to pick up books for the kids at the visitor center or check-in booth.



#### COST

Prices range from \$20 to \$60 per night depending on the campground and season. Pricing is displayed per site / per date on the reservation website. Seasonal rates can also be found under additional "Fee and Cancellation" information.

Additional vehicles are charged \$15. Not all campgrounds have the space to accommodate extra vehicles. Be sure to check with the campground in advance if you're traveling with a car in addition to your RV and tow vehicle.

Additional Fees:

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$8.

Change fee: \$5.

Cancellation fee: \$8.

Cancellations within 4 days prior to arrival also forfeit the first night's fee



#### CONNECTIVITY

In general, Utah state parks do not have a WiFi system available for guests. If connectivity is a priority, call the campground to ask about WiFi or cell service.

#### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 days within a 30 day period. The park ranger has discretion to extend stays upon request.

#### PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

#### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Maximum occupancy per site: 8 people and 1 vehicle.
- Check-in time: 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.
  Check-out time: 2 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: No specific restrictions.
- Generator use: Restricted during quiet hours.
- Campfires: Allowed only in provided campfire pit or ring at the site, following local restrictions.
- Drone use: By permit only. Some parks ban drones during certain months. Check with the specific park for details on restrictions, permit requirements, and any fees.

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# UTAH

# **Featured Campgrounds**

### **DEAD HORSE POINT STATE PARK**

UT-313, Moab, UT 84532 • stateparks.utah.gov/parks/dead-horse

Located just outside the adventure town of Moab, this state park is a perfect base for visiting both Arches and Canyonlands national parks. The park's location atop a mesa provides views of the surrounding canyonlands for miles. It's well known for a dramatic gooseneck in the Colorado River that is every bit as stunning as the famous Horseshoe Bend in Arizona. The campground has 44 paved sites with electric hookups and covered picnic tables, a visitor center, a gift shop, and miles of mountain biking and hiking trails. This state park rivals many other states' national parks and is not to be missed. But be sure to make a reservation, as it fills up fast. Note that there are no water hookups, so fill up before arrival.

### **KODACHROME BASIN STATE PARK**

Cannonville, UT 84718 • stateparks.utah.gov/parks/kodachrome-basin

Kodachrome Basin State Park, located about 20 miles from Bryce Canyon National Park, is the perfect illustration of how Utah's state parks can be as compelling as their national counterparts. It's dramatically surrounded by titanic red rock formations, with miles of hiking trails and rock scrambles to delight the kids, so there is plenty to see and do here. Kodachrome has a mix of reservable and first-come, first-served sites as well as full hookups and dry campsites. Note that generator use is allowed only between 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. If you don't need cell service, Kodachrome is a great base to explore both Bryce Canyon National Park and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

### **SNOW CANYON STATE PARK**

1002 Snow Canyon Drive, Ivins, UT 84738 • stateparks.utah.gov/parks/snow-canyon/discover

Aside from its natural beauty, Snow Canyon State Park stands out for its proximity to both the lesser-known Kolob Canyon section of Zion National Park and the town of St. George. It's also a popular destination on its own, with colorful sandstone cliffs, ancient lava flows, and sweeping valley views. Snow Canyon is one of the best offseason parks in Utah, with year-round sunshine and extensive hiking trails. The campground has 24 RV sites, 16 with partial hookups, a dump station, and restrooms. Sites are spaced well apart, but size and levelness is varied.

For more information on Utah state park campgrounds, visit stateparks.utah.gov/activities/camping.





# WASHINGTON

#### PARKS.WA.GOV

Washington state is known for its natural beauty and outdoor adventures. The robust state park system of more than 100 parks and 70 campgrounds serves as the perfect gateway for visiting the Evergreen State. With snowcapped mountains, lush forests, serene rivers, rugged seashores, and an abundance of wildlife, Washington offers endless options to get away from it all.

While the weather can be fickle, the state's quiet camping spots under canopies of fir trees are like nowhere else in the U.S. Note that many of Washington's campgrounds are closed in the winter, and peak camping season is April through September.

Washington state residents are serious about camping and the

outdoors, and many state park campgrounds sell out as soon as they are available to book (see Reservations details below). Compared to many other states, Washington has higher fees and more restrictive booking policies. However, as a whole, the park campgrounds are well run and well maintained.

For more information on Washington state park campgrounds, visit parks.wa.gov.



# WASHINGTON



#### RESERVATIONS

You can make reservations online at washington.goingtocamp.com or by calling 1-888-CAMP-OUT (1-888-226-7688).

The dynamic reservation system displays all of the sites available per campground in a map view, with the ability to search the calendar for open dates. Details are included for each site, such as type of ground cover and shade level.

Reservations can be made up to 9 months prior to arrival.

Walk-ins are welcome, but be aware that popular campgrounds may be filled up months in advance.

#### **CAMPSITE SIZES**

The online reservation system lets you search based on RV length, from under 20 feet to over 40 feet. As with most state parks, the smaller the rig, the more options you'll have compared to private campgrounds that offer standard-size RV sites.

#### ACCESSIBILITY

The central reservation site allows you to filter searches based on ADA accessibility and reserve these sites (with proof of eligibility required upon check-in). Additionally, this interactive map allows you to search for ADA features at all parks, including campgrounds: parks.state.wa.us/156/ADA-Recreation



#### HOOKUPS

Partial or full hookups are available at some campgrounds and are searchable on the reservation website.

#### CONNECTIVITY

A handful of state parks offer complimentary public WiFi service. This information can be found on the reservation website under "More Details" for specific campsites. If connectivity is a priority, it's best to call the campground to ask about WiFi and cell service.

#### MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 10 days during peak season, April through September. The maximum stay is 20 days during the offseason.

#### **PET POLICIES**

Pets are allowed as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 8 feet. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.



#### **ADDITIONAL FACILITIES**

Potable water, garbage disposals, communal "kitchen" sinks, flush toilets, and campsite picnic tables are available at all camparounds. Additional campsite and campground amenity details, like fire pits, showers, or a dump station, can be found on the reservation site.

Washington state offers a Junior Ranger program, so be sure to ask for a book at the visitor center or check-in booth.

#### COST

RV campsite fees range from \$20 per night for a standard site with no hookups in the shoulder season to \$50 per night for a site with full hookups at a popular campground during peak season. Pricing for specific campsites and dates is available on the reservation website.

Extra vehicles (more than one per site) must be registered for a \$10 fee.

Additional Fees:

Nonrefundable reservation fee: \$8 (online); \$10 (by phone).

This transaction fee is also charged if a reservation is modified or canceled.

Cancellation fees apply on a sliding scale depending on the date of arrival and the amount of time the reservation has been held.

These fees are in place to discourage no-shows and ensure that unoccupied sites are available to be booked by others. To minimize additional charges, be sure to review the terms and conditions at the time of reservation and be firm in your plans.

- Maximum occupancy per site: 8 people.
- Check-in begins at 2:30 p.m., and campers can enter the parks until 10 p.m. Check-out time is 1 p.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Permitted at each campsite.
- Generator use: Allowed between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. only
- · Campfires: Allowed only in provided campfire pit or ring at the site, following local restrictions.
- Drone use: Allowed only with a written permit (call for more information: 360-902-8500).





# WASHINGTON

# **Featured Campgrounds**

## **GRAYLAND BEACH STATE PARK**

925 Cranberry Beach Road, Grayland, WA 98547 • parks.state.wa.us/515/Grayland-Beach

RV camping on or near the state's beaches is limited because much of the shoreline is protected. There are several state park campgrounds, though, and one of the best sites is Grayland Beach. Family and RV friendly, Grayland offers 55 full hookup and 38 partial hookup sites. There are open campsites at the sand dunes and forest sites. All of the campsites are within easy walking distance of miles of spectacular ocean beach. While there may be better-known coastal campgrounds in Washington, Grayland is preferred for its privacy and cleanliness.

### **MORAN STATE PARK**

3572 Olga Road, Olga, WA 98279 • parks.state.wa.us/547/Moran

For the ultimate Washington state camping adventure, take your RV via ferry to reach Orcas Island, the biggest of Puget Sound's San Juan Islands. Moran State Park has over 100 sites in four different areas throughout its 5,400 pristine acres. Check the reservation site for RV accommodations by size, and be prepared to run on battery or generator power as no sites have hookups. Moran State Park is all about immersing yourself in a Pacific Northwest wonderland through 38 miles of hiking trails, five lakes, a nature preserve, and an abundance of wildlife. Hike to the peak of Mount Constitution to see sweeping panoramic views, and maybe even catch a glimpse of the island's namesake marine mammal, the magnificent orca.

### IKE KINSWA STATE PARK

873 WA-122, Silver Creek, WA 98585 • parks.state.wa.us/519/Ike-Kinswa

This state park is located midway between Portland and Seattle and is a great base for day trips to both Mount Rainier and Mount St. Helens, but it's much more than just a convenient overnight spot. With forested land on picturesque Mayfield Lake, the hiking, swimming, fishing, paddling, and boating opportunities offer up a classic Washington summer camping experience. With over 70 full and partial hookup sites and concrete pads, plus additional standard sites and a dump station, Ike Kinswa State Park is RV friendly and easily accessible.



# WASHINGTON

# List of all Washington State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Alta Lake State Park
- Battle Ground Lake State Park
- Bay View State Park
- Beacon Rock State Park
- Belfair State Park
- Birch Bay State Park
- Blake Island State Park
- Bogachiel State Park
- Bridgeport State Park
- Brooks Memorial State Park
- Camano Island State Park
- Cape Disappointment State Park
- Columbia Hills State Park
- Conconully State Park
- Curlew Lake State Park
- Daroga State Park
- Dash Point State Park
- Deception Pass State Park
- Dosewallips State Park
- Fields Spring State Park
- Fort Casey State Park
- Fort Ebey State Park
- Fort Flagler State Park
- Fort Townsend State Park
- Fort Worden State Park
- Grayland Beach State Park

- Ike Kinswa State Park
- Illahee State Park
- Jarrell Cove State Park
- Kanaskat-Palmer State Park
- Kitsap Memorial State Park
- Lake Chelan State Park
- Lake Easton State Park
- Lake Sylvia State Park
- Lake Wenatchee State Park
- Larrabee State Park
- Lewis and Clark State Park
- Lewis and Clark Trail State Park
- Lincoln Rock State Park
- Manchester State Park
- Maryhill State Park
- Millersylvania State Park
- Moran State Park
- Ocean City State Park
- Pacific Beach State Park
- Paradise Point State Park
- Pearrygin Lake State Park
- Penrose Point State Park
- Posey Island Marine State Park
- Potholes State Park
- Potlatch State Park
- Rainbow Falls State Park

- Rasar State Park
- Riverside Equestrian Area
- Riverside State Park -9 Mile Recreation Area
- Riverside State Park Bowl and Pitcher
- Riverside State Park Lake Spokane
- Saltwater State Park
- Scenic Beach State Park
- Schafer State Park
- Seaquest State Park
- Sequim Bay State Park
- South Whidbey State Park
- Spencer Spit State Park
- Steamboat Rock State Park
- Sun Lakes State Park
- Twanoh State Park
- Twenty-Five Mile Creek State Park
- Twin Harbors State Park
- Wallace Falls State Park
- Wanapum State Park
- Wenatchee Confluence State Park
- Yakima Sportsman State Park

For more information on Washington state park campgrounds, visit parks.wa.gov.

# WYOMING

#### WYOPARKS.WYO.GOV

Wyoming's open space mesmerizes with natural beauty and the true experience of getting away from it all—no surprise given that it has the lowest total population and second-lowest population density in the United States. One look at the spectacular Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks and Devils Tower National Monument, and it's easy to see why many visitors don't travel beyond these national treasures. But, those who invest more time in the state are rewarded with towering mountain peaks, wide open plains, wild rivers, Native American culture, and rich U.S. history. Miles of lake, reservoir, and river shoreline will keep boaters, paddlers, and anglers happy, too.

Wyoming's state park system manages traditional parks along with historic sites and trails. There are only nine state park campgrounds, but these host more than 1,000 campsites. A campground with over 480 sites may give you pause, but these are spread out over acres with room to spare. Most sites are primitive, but some electric and water hookups are available. Prices rose in 2019 to reinvest in the parks, but the nightly rates are still a great deal at under \$20. Wyoming state park campgrounds highlight the breathtaking openness and diverse landscape of this true Western state.

# List of all Wyoming State Park Campgrounds that Accommodate RV Camping

- Boysen State Park
- Buffalo Bill State Park
- Curt Gowdy State Park
- Glendo State Park
- Guernsey State Park
- Keyhole State Park
- Medicine Lodge State Archaeological Site
- Seminoe State Park
- Sinks Canyon State Park



# WYOMING



#### RESERVATIONS

Reservations can be made online at wyomingstateparks.reserveamerica.com/ campinghome.page or by calling 877-996-7275.

Reservations are available from 4 months in advance to the day of arrival. Sites are also held on a first-come, first-served basis.



### CAMPSITE SIZES

In general, Wyoming is a big rig friendly state. Not surprising, given all that open space. However, depending on when and how a campground was developed, site sizes can vary greatly.

The state park reservation system is not very user friendly when searching by campsite size. The best way to get information on sites for your particular RV is to call the specific campground directly.



#### ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible sites are searchable and bookable through the central reservation system. A valid disability placard or license plate must be visible.



## HOOKUPS

Seven of the nine Wyoming state park campgrounds offer sites with electric hookups; some also have water hookups. The reservation system is searchable by hookup type, and campsite information specifies what is available.

Currently, there are no sewer hookups at Wyoming state park campgrounds, but most have a dump station available. This information is visible under "Activities and Amenities" in the campground overview of the reservation system.



## CONNECTIVITY

In general, you're not going to find WiFi service at Wyoming state parks. If connectivity is a priority, contact the specific campground directly to ask about WiFi and cell service.

## MAXIMUM STAY

The maximum stay is 14 days within a 30 day period.



#### ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

Campsites have picnic tables and fire rings or grills, with paved or gravel parking pads. Campground amenities can include restrooms, playgrounds, visitor centers, stores, and trails. Details can be found under the "Campground Overview" and "Campsite Details" sections in the reservation system.



### COST

Wyoming state park campgrounds cost \$16 per night for nonresidents during peak season (May through September), and \$11 per night during the offseason (October through April). Electric hookups are an additional \$10 per night. Rates may vary across dates and are available to view in the reservation system.

Additional Fees:

Change fee: \$2.50 (except when extending stay).

Cancellation fee: \$2.50.

Cancellations between 30 and 3 days prior to arrival also forfeit the first night's fee. Cancellations 2 days or less prior to arrival are nonrefundable. Unused nights are nonrefundable.

There is a park Vehicle Entrance Fee for an additional \$6 during peak season, or \$9 in the offseason. An annual vehicle pass is available for \$70 to nonresidents.

#### PET POLICIES

Pets are allowed, as long as they're kept on a leash no longer than 10 feet. And of course, campers should always pick up after their pet.

- Maximum occupancy per site: 10 people (can be exceeded with immediate family members) and 2 vehicles, however, a vehicle permit fee must be paid for a second vehicle.
- Check-in time: 3 p.m. Check-out time: 11 a.m.
- Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Alcoholic beverages: Possession of alcoholic beverages in excess of 2 gallons is prohibited. No glass containers are allowed outside of vehicles or camping units.
- Generator use: Restricted during quiet hours.
- Campfires: Allowed only in provided campfire
- pit or ring at the site, following local restrictions.
- Drone use: Allowed in designated areas. Contact the park directly for more details.







# WYOMING

# **Featured Campgrounds**

## **BOYSEN STATE PARK**

120 Boysen Drive, Shoshoni, WY 82649 • wyoparks.wyo.gov/index.php/places-to-go/boysen

Situated at the mouth of Wind River Canyon, Boysen State Park is a scenic and underrated state park with an abundance of fishing, boating, hiking, and wildlife viewing opportunities. With 192 campsites in a dozen campgrounds along the shore, there is plenty of space to spread out and enjoy water activities, take a dip, or simply relax on the sandy beach. Tough Creek Campground is a standout for its location on a spit of land extending into the river, providing riverfront camping and panoramic views. Sites are a mix of partial hookups and dry camping. Campground facilities include marinas, convenience stores, and a dump station.

# **BUFFALO BILL STATE PARK**

4192 North Fork Highway, Cody, WY 82414 • wyoparks.wyo.gov/index.php/places-to-go/buffalo-bill

This stunning state park is located east of Yellowstone and just outside the town of Cody, on the shores of the Buffalo Bill Reservoir. With dramatic landscapes rivaling its national park neighbors, Buffalo Bill is an ideal base for touring the state. The North Fork campground is smaller and quieter, located on the river, while the North Shore campground has more than 60 sites directly on the reservoir. Some sites have electric and water hookups, and central water and a dump station are available. Whether you're into fishing or boating, hiking the Absaroka Mountains, or simply relaxing and taking in the views, Buffalo Bill State Park delivers.

## SINKS CANYON STATE PARK

3079 Sinks Canyon Road, Lander, WY 82520 • wyoparks.wyo.gov/index.php/places-to-go/sinks-canyon

The main draw for this state park is the natural phenomenon of Sinks Canyon, where the Popo Agie River disappears into a canyon and re-emerges a quarter-mile downriver at the Rise. And there is much more to enjoy in the park, from walking along the river and taking in scenic views to hiking and rock climbing in the surrounding canyons and the nearby Wind River Range mountains. Just a few miles up the road is Middle Forks Falls, a 3-mile hike to stunning waterfalls and cascades. The campground is small by Wyoming standards, with under 30 primitive sites. Still, Sinks Canyon is known for being an unexpected gem that's well run, clean, and staffed by friendly rangers.

For more information on Wyoming state park campgrounds, visit wyoparks.wyo.gov.

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