

State of California - The Resources Agency DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION		MANUAL
DEPARTMENTAL NOTICE No. 2006-05		Operations
SUBJECT Accessible Campsite Policy		CHAPTER 1800 Park Operations
ISSUED 5/1/2006	EXPIRES When Superseded	REFERENCE

DPR 375 (Rev. 10/2001)(Word 6/25/2002)

WHEN APPLICABLE, ENTER THE NUMBER AND DATE OF THIS DEPARTMENTAL NOTICE IN THE MARGIN OF THE MANUAL PAGE, ADJACENT TO THE SECTION(S) AFFECTED BY IT.

This Departmental Notice has been re-created for transmittal in electronic format. The original notice was signed by Theodore Jackson, Jr. – Deputy Director of Park Operations.

This Departmental Notice supersedes and replaces the Memorandum entitled “Accessible Campsite Policy – Effective Immediately,” signed by Theodore Jackson, Jr., on November 7, 2005. The purpose of this Departmental Notice is to establish policy and direction for the reservation of accessible campsites.

The process and procedures provided in this Departmental Notice are effective May 1, 2006.

LEGAL AUTHORITY

PRC § 507.1 provides that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation shall organize the Department in a manner necessary to conduct the work of the Department properly.

BACKGROUND

The Department’s current accessible campsite policy provides the opportunity for any visitor to reserve and/or occupy an accessible campsite without providing proof of disability. As a result, the Department is aware of many instances where accessible campsites are being reserved by visitors that are not disabled.

ACCESSIBLE CAMPSITE POLICY

Effective May 1, 2006, visitors reserving accessible campsites will be required to possess a Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Disabled Placard or license plate issued by DMV (or a similar agency of another state). Disabled veterans possessing a disabled veteran’s license plate also meet the requirement for reserving and occupying an accessible campsite. At the time of check-in, visitors must show the DMV placard or license plate. If an accessible campsite is not filled by 5:00 p.m. each day, that campsite may be provided on a first-come-first-serve basis to a person without a disability for one night only. The Department’s Disabled Discount Pass will continue to provide pass holders a 50% discount. The California State Park Disabled Discount Pass was developed to provide a 50% discount to those visitors that are disabled and was not intended to provide an accessible campsite or an accessible parking space at any of our visitor centers or other park locations. Accessible campsites should be made available to our visitors that have mobility issues and should not be based on the criteria requirements for the Disabled Discount Pass. Visitors will be advised of the new policy by ReserveAmerica when making a new reservation.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding the implementation of this policy, please call Jimmy Low, of the Concessions, Reservations, and Fees Division at (916) 653-7733

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