

Our Mission

The mission of the California Department of Parks and Recreation is to provide for the health, inspiration, and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.

For general State Parks information or to receive this publication in an alternate format, visit our Web site at www.parks.ca.gov or write to the California State Parks Communications Office, P.O. Box 942896, Sacramento, CA 94296-0001, or call 1 (800) 777-0369. Outside the U.S., call (916) 653-6995. California State Parks does not discriminate against individuals with disabilities. Reasonable accommodation will be provided to visitors upon request. Prior to arrival, contact the park office where you plan to visit.



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Camping Reservation Guide



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More than 279 California State Parks adventures are waiting for you, featuring nearly 15,000 campsites, 3,000 miles of trails, 625 miles of rivers and lake fronts, and 280 miles of majestic coastline.

Whether you are a seasoned outdoor enthusiast or first-time camper, this guide will help you choose the park, campsite, and amenities that are right for you. Thanks to California's mild weather, you don't need a summer evening to share a campfire with family and friends. Early spring or fall, the so-called "off-season," is the best-kept secret if you're in search of a campsite in the great outdoors.

Looking for something new and adventurous? Try windsurfing at San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area. Or enjoy an April evening docked at a floating campsite at Lake Oroville State Recreation Area. How about making a reservation for the cabins at McArthur-Burney Falls or try a family vacation at the Tent Cabins in Big Basin State Park. Whatever challenge you're seeking, you'll find it at California State Parks!

These featured campgrounds, and many others, can be reserved up to seven months in advance through ReserveAmerica™. Advance camping reservations help you maximize your precious leisure time and avoid long waiting lines, or the disappointment of being turned away at the park entrance.

Other California State Parks campgrounds may be available first come, first served. For information, call 1 (800) 777-0369 or (916) 653-6995.

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Camping in California State Parks

► Family Camping

Family campsites accommodate up to eight people and have amenities that vary from park to park. Developed campsites may include fire pits or fire rings, picnic tables, showers, a shared water supply, and a cleared area for a tent. Hook-up campsites provide electricity and water, and may have a hook-up for sewer, in addition to the same amenities found in developed campsites.

Two licensed vehicles—autos, as well as travel, boat, and utility trailers—may be parked at most campsites, although camping fees only include entry for one vehicle and one legally towed vehicle.

In most cases, campers may stay in the same park up to a maximum of 30 nights in a calendar year. Each campground has a limit on the consecutive number of nights a camper may stay (see chart on reverse). Once this consecutive-night limit has been reached, the person(s), equipment, and/or vehicle(s) must vacate the campground for a period of 48 hours before returning for another stay.

Youths (under 18 years of age) must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The Supervising Ranger may approve the stay of a youth who presents written consent from a parent or guardian with the dates of the authorized stay and the park name.

► Environmental Camping

Environmental campsites are located in relatively undisturbed natural settings. Each site has a table, a clearing for tents, and a primitive toilet nearby. See chart on reverse for environmental campsite hike-in distances.

- Plan to arrive at your campsite before dark.
- Stays are limited to seven nights.
- No pets are allowed, except service dogs.

► Group Camping

Group campsites accommodate groups as small as nine or as large as 100, depending on the park. At some campgrounds, group sites can be combined. Your reservation agent can provide you with the names and locations of these campgrounds.

- Stays are limited to seven nights.
- Youth groups (under 18 years of age) must be accompanied by at least one adult for every 15 youths.

► Accessible (ADA) Campsite Policy

Visitors reserving accessible campsites must possess a DMV Disabled Placard or license plates issued by DMV (or a similar agency of another state). The Disabled Veterans license plate will also be accepted when reserving or occupying an accessible campsite. At the time of check-in, visitors must show the DMV placard and DMV-issued wallet ID card. The disabled visitor must be an occupant of the site for the entire reservation period. No refunds will be issued for invalid reservations.

► En Route Camping

En route camping is available at some state parks and is limited to self-contained camping vehicles only. Because these areas provide visitor parking during the day, they must be vacated by 9 a.m. the following morning.

- Visit the California State Parks Web site at www.parks.ca.gov for a listing of parks with en route camping.
- Call to make sure your vehicle can be accommodated.
- The en route camping fee is the same as the campsite fee.

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Making Reservations

- ▶ **A nonrefundable reservation fee of \$7.50 is charged for EACH campsite.** A listing of camping fees is located at www.parks.ca.gov, under the Reservations and Fees section.

On the first of each month, campers will have access to an entire month of available start dates, up to seven months in advance. You may secure camping reservations as late as two days prior to your planned arrival, subject to availability.

Campsite Sale Dates

For camping in:	Reserve on or after:	For camping in:	Reserve on or after:
January	Jul 1	July	Jan 2
February	Aug 1	August	Feb 1
March	Sep 1	September	Mar 1
April	Oct 1	October	Apr 1
May	Nov 1	November	May 1
June	Dec 1	December	Jun 1

- You may make two reservations per park and camping start date.
- You may reserve two different start dates per park within a calendar month.
- You may pay by American Express®, Visa®, Discover®, or MasterCard®. Your credit card account will be charged at the time the reservation is made.
- Reservations must be made at least 21 days before your camping start date when you pay by check, and 10 days before your camping start date when you pay by money order. Your check or money order must be received within seven days after you make your reservation or your reservation will be automatically cancelled.
- You may ask your reservation agent for details about other California State Parks policies.

▶ By Telephone

Have all the information listed in the box below available when you reach the reservation agent.

- Park selection
- Date(s) you wish to start camping
- Type and size of camping equipment
- Number of people who will occupy the campsite
- Number of nights you wish to camp
- Alternative park and camping date choices
- Your phone number with area code
- Method of payment/credit card number and expiration date
- Mailing address

We are committed to providing a reservation service that meets your needs. The best times to call are midday and midweek, when the phone lines are less busy.

Before you hang up, make sure...

- Your reservation agent confirms your selection and verifies the information you have provided.
- Your reservation agent provides you with a reservation number.
- If time permits, a reservation confirmation letter will be mailed to you. When you receive it, make sure that all information is correct. If any information is incorrect, call Customer Account Services at 1 (800) 695-2269.

▶ Mail-in Reservations

If you prefer to reserve a campsite by mail, all of the information contained in the box at the bottom of Section 2 must be provided. Mail-in reservations are subject to the same campsite sale dates noted in the Campsite Sale Dates chart. Send your reservation request, along with a check, money order, or credit card information, to: ReserveAmerica™, P.O. Box 1510, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-1510.

- Mail-in requests must be received no more than 14 days prior to the on-sale date. All mail-in requests received more than 14 days prior to that date will be returned.

▶ On-line Reservations

On-line reservations are available on our Web site at www.parks.ca.gov. This service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Reservations will be offered seven months in advance beginning at 8 a.m. on the first reservation day of the month.

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What to Expect When You Arrive & Depart

- You may check in any time after 2 p.m. on your reservation start date.
- When you arrive, present your confirmation letter or reservation number and a form of photo identification. If you arranged for a discount when you made your reservation, proof of eligibility must be shown.

- Most campsite assignments at nonspecific parks are made upon your arrival. If you reserve two sites, the park staff will try to assign adjacent campsites, subject to availability.
- Dogs must be kept on leashes no longer than six feet and in a tent or enclosed vehicle at night. Except for service dogs, pets are not allowed in park buildings, on trails, or on most beaches.
- Coin operated showers are available at most campgrounds. Prices may vary.
- Generators may be operated between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- Check-out is noon of your departure date. Please leave the campsite clean and orderly. The camper who follows you will appreciate it.

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Cancellations

To cancel a confirmed reservation, call Customer Account Services at 1 (800) 695-2269.

- Your original \$7.50 reservation fee is nonrefundable.
- If you cancel a confirmed reservation, or must leave the park early, a cancellation fee of \$7.00 per reserved campsite will be deducted from any refund you may be due.
- If you cancel a confirmed reservation and make a new reservation during the same call, a transfer fee of \$7.50 will be charged.
- If you cancel your reservation after 5 p.m. the day before your arrival date, the first night's campsite fee is forfeited.
- A campsite will be held for you until 12 p.m. the day after your arrival date. If you do not call the park before that time, you will be considered a "no-show," and the park will cancel your reservation. You will be refunded the amount paid for the campsite, less the nonrefundable \$7.50 reservation fee, the \$7.00 cancellation fee, and one night's camping use fee.
- If you miss your first day, but plan to arrive later, you must call the park each day to hold the remainder of your reservation.
- If you must leave the park one or more days early, check out before 12 noon (there are no exchanges). Retain your camping confirmation letter until you have received your refund or your credit card has been credited. Allow at least 30 days to receive your refund.
- If an emergency or disaster forces closure of a campground, we will try to notify you as soon as possible. All fees, including the reservation fee, will be refunded.
- In cases of inclement weather, when the campground remains open, but you choose to leave, refunds will be based on the early out policy.
- If you are unable to honor your reservation due to a medical emergency or death in the family, a cancellation fee of \$7.00 per reserved campsite will be deducted from any refund you may be due.

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Looking for Further Values

▶ Annual Day Use Passes

If you are looking for additional value in your outdoor experience, consider the Annual Day Use Pass—great for gift giving as the pass provides access to over 200 California State Parks. The new "Golden Poppy" pass provides access to a limited number of parks. Passes can be purchased at most state parks, on-line at www.store.parks.ca.gov, or by calling 1(800) 777-0369, Ext. 5.

▶ Senior Discount

Campers age 62 or older receive a \$2-per-night discount but only if requested at the time the camping reservation is made. The reservation must be in the name of the eligible person and that person must occupy the campsite. Proof of eligibility is required. Seniors are also permitted a year-round \$1.00 discount for vehicle parking in state-operated parks. The discount does not apply to fees under \$2.00 or supplementary fees and cannot be used with any other discount/pass program.

▶ Discount Passes

California State Parks offers discount passes for those who qualify. For disabled campers, the Disabled Discount Pass offers 50 percent off regular camping fees, and the Disabled Veteran/ Prisoner of War Pass gives complimentary camping at all California State Parks. Passes are not accepted at concessionaire-operated locations. For qualifications and a pass application, call 1(800) 777-0369, Ext. 5 or write to: California State Parks Pass Program, P.O. Box 942896, Sacramento, CA 94296.

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California State Parks Tours and Activities

- ▶ **Año Nuevo State Reserve**—Each December through March, beaches north of Santa Cruz are home to one of the largest colonies of northern elephant seals in the world. This "must see" allows visitors the chance to observe marine mammals as they come ashore to rest, mate, and give birth.
- ▶ **Hearst Castle**®—On the spectacular Central Coast overlooking the Pacific Ocean, midway between Los Angeles and San Francisco, is the world-renowned home of the late newspaper publisher William Randolph Hearst. For Año Nuevo or Hearst Castle® reservations, call 1(800) 444-4445, (TTY: 1(800) 274-7275), or reserve Hearst Castle® tickets on-line at www.parks.ca.gov or www.hearstcastle.org. For wheelchair-accessible tours at Hearst Castle®, call 1(866) 712-2286.
- ▶ **State Capitol Museum and Historic Sites**—The historic sites in the Sacramento and Sonoma areas typify California's rich past. California's State Capitol, Marshall Gold Discovery SHP, the California State Railroad Museum in Old Sacramento, Sonoma Mission SHP, Leland Stanford Mansion, California State Indian Museum and the Governor's Mansion SHP are just some of your choices. For school group reservations, call 1(866) 240-4655; for commercial tour groups, call 1(866) 361-5111.

Group Camping

State Park and Campground

	Reservation Period	Campsite Type	Showers	Max. Number of People	Maximum Trailer Length (Feet)	Max. Motorhome Camper Length (Feet)	Max. Number of Vehicles
ANZA-BORREGO DESERT SP • Borrego Palm Canyon Group (5 Group Camps)	Sep 15-May 14	D	x	25	-	-	6
BIG BASIN REDWOODS SP • Sequoia (2 Group Camps) • Sky Meadow (2 Group Camps)	All Year May 22-Oct 24	D P	x	50 40	21' -	21' -	18 15
BOTHE-NAPA VALLEY SP	All Year	D		30	-	24'	10
BRANNAN ISLAND SRA • 6 Group Camps	All Year	D	x	30	36'	36'	10
CALAVERAS BIG TREES SP • Upper • Lower	May 15-Sep 30 May 15-Sep 15	D D	x x	60 40	30' 30'	30' 30'	20 15
CARPINTERIA SB • Anacapa/Santa Cruz Group Camps: Bobcat, Egret, Fox, Gull & Plover Heron Raccoon	All Year All Year All Year	D D D	x x x	25 65 40	25' 25' 25'	35' 35' 35'	3 8 5
CASWELL MEMORIAL SP	All Year	D	x	50	-	-	12
CLEAR LAKE SP	All Year	D		50	35'	35'	50
CUYAMACA RANCHO SP • Los Vaqueros	May 16-Nov 30	D	x	80	30'	30'	50
D.L. BLISS SP (530) 525-7277	May 22-Sep 6	D	x	50	18'	18'	10
DOHENY SB	All Year	D	x	40	-	-	10
EL CAPITAN SB • Anza • Cabrillo • Drake • Ortega • Portola	Apr 1-Nov 30 Apr 1-Nov 30 Apr 1-Nov 30 Apr 1-Nov 30 Apr 1-Nov 30	D D D D D	x x x x x	32 60 100 50 40	- - - - -	- - - - -	4 15 25 10 5
EMMA WOOD SB (805) 968-1033 • Ventura River Group Camps A, B, C & D • Ventura River RV Group Camp	All Year All Year	D P	x x	30 50	- 45'	- 45'	5 20
FOLSOM LAKE SRA • Negro Bar-A & B • Negro Bar-C	All Year All Year	D D		50 25	31' 31'	31' 31'	25 12
FORT TEJON SHP (661) 248-6692	All Year	P		50	-	-	35
FREMONT PEAK SP (831) 623-4255	Mar 1-Nov 30	P		75	-	-	25
GEORGE J. HATFIELD SRA (209) 394-7755	Mar 1-Nov 30	D		40	-	-	15
HALF MOON BAY SB (650) 726-8820/8819 • Sweetwood	All Year	P		50	-	-	12
HUMBOLDT REDWOODS SP • Cuneo Creek Group Horse Camp - A (Equestrian) • Cuneo Creek Group Horse Camp - B (Equestrian) • Marin Garden Club • Williams Grove - A • Williams Grove - B	May 15-Oct 19 May 15-Oct 19 May 15-Sep 28 May 15-Sep 28 May 15-Sep 28	D D D D D	x x x x x	65 25 40 60 40	24' 24' -	33' 33' -	30 10 12 20 15
JEDEDIAH SMITH REDWOODS SP	May 1-Sep 30	D	x	55	32'	32'	17
LAKE OROVILLE SRA • Bloomer A Boat-in Camp Lime Saddle Group Camps: Acom & Pine Cone • Loafer Creek Group Camps: Grasshopper, Grey Squirrel, Jack Rabbit, Lizard Manzanita Berry & Quail	Apr 1-Sep 30 Apr 1-Sep 30 Apr 1-Sep 30 Apr 1-Sep 30	P D D D	 x x x	75 24 25 25	- 18' 21' 21'	- 27' 21' 21'	25 7 8 8
LEO CARRILLO SB Walk-in Camp	All Year	D	x	50	-	-	16
MacKERRICHER SP • Cleone East • Cleone West	Jun 12-Sep 13 Jun 12-Sep 13	D D	x x	60 40	- -	- -	20 15
MALAKOFF DIGGINS SHP Tent Camping	Mar 27-Sep 12	D		50	-	-	20
MALIBU CREEK SP	All Year	D		60	-	-	30
MANCHESTER SP (707) 882-2463	All Year	P		40	21'	21'	12
McCONNELL SRA • Group A • Group B	All Year All Year	D D	x x	50 25	- -	- -	12 6
MILLERTON LAKE SRA • Large Group • Small Group	All Year All Year	D D	x x	75 40	36' 36'	36' 36'	25 15
MONTANA DE ORO SP • Hazard Horse Madrone #1 • Hazard Horse Oak #2	All Year All Year	P P		50 50	31' 31'	31' 31'	25 25
MORRO BAY SP • Chorro Group • Osos Group	All Year All Year	D D	x x	35 25	36' 18'	36' 18'	15 11
MT. DIABLO SP • Barbecue Terrace (Equestrian) • Boundary • Buckeye • Stagecoach • Wildcat	All Year All Year All Year All Year All Year	P P P P P		50 20 30 20 30	- - - - -	- - - - -	17 7 10 7 10
MT. TAMALPAIS SP (415) 388-2070 • Alice Eastwood Group A • Alice Eastwood Group B	All Year All Year	P P		50 25	- -	- -	15 10
NEW BRIGHTON SB (3 Group Camps)	Mar 1-Nov 30	D	x	25	-	-	4
PALOMAR MOUNTAIN SP • Cedar Grove #1 • Cedar Grove #2 • Cedar Grove #3	Mar 27-Nov 30 Mar 27-Nov 30 Mar 27-Nov 30	D D D	x x x	25 15 15	15' -	21' -	10 5 5
PATRICK'S POINT SP • Beach Creek • Red Adler	Mar 1-Nov 30 All Year	D D	x x	120 100	24' 18'	24' 18'	30 34
PLUMAS-EUREKA SP • Camp Lisa	May 22-Sep 6	D	x	50	-	-	18
POINT MUGU SP • LaJolla	All Year	D	x	50	-	-	16
PORTOLA REDWOODS SP • Circle • Hillside • Point • Ravine	May 1-Nov 30 May 1-Nov 30 May 1-Nov 30 May 1-Nov 30	D D D D		50 50 50 25	- - - -	- - - -	12 12 12 6
REFUGIO SB • Anapamu • Bouchard • Yanonali	Apr 1- Nov 30 Apr 1- Nov 30 Apr 1- Nov 30	D D D	x x x	32 80 32	35' 30' 35'	35' 30' 35'	8 25 8
RICHARDSON GROVE SP • Dawn Redwood	Mar 21-Sep 9	D	x	40	18'	18'	10
RUSSIAN GULCH SP	Mar 27-Oct 31	D	x	40	18'	18'	10
SADDLEBACK BUTTE SP (661) 942-0662 • Joshua Tree	All Year	P		30	24'	24'	12
SALT POINT SP • Gerstle Group Area	Mar 12-Oct 31	D		40	18'	18'	10
SAMUEL P. TAYLOR • Devil's Gulch #1 • Devil's Gulch #2 • Devil's Gulch #3 • Madrone #1 • Madrone #2	All Year All Year All Year All Year All Year	P P P P P		20 10 10 50 25	24' 18' 18' 21' 24'	24' 18' 18' 24' 24'	6 3 3 20 10
SAN CLEMENTE SB	All Year	D	x	50	30'	30'	20
SAN LUIS RESERVOIR SRA • San Luis Creek A • San Luis Creek B	All Year All Year	D D	x x	60 30	30' 30'	30' 30'	15 10
SAN ONOFRE SB	May 15-Oct 1	D	x	50	18'	18'	12
SILVERWOOD LAKE SRA • Barranca • Miller #1, #2 & #3 • Rio	Apr 1-Oct 31 Apr 1-Oct 31 Apr 1-Oct 31	D D D	x	100 40 100	31' 32' 31'	31' 32' 31'	30 20 30
SUGARLOAF RIDGE SP	All Year	P		50	30'	30'	20
SUGAR PINE POINT SP • General Creek (10 Group Camps)	May 22-Sep 19	D	x	40	26'	32'	10
SUNSET SB (831) 763-7062	All Year	D	x	50	18'	18'	10
VAN DAMME SP	Mar 27-Nov 30	D	x	50	27'	27'	15
WOODSON BRIDGE SRA	Apr 1-Oct 31	D	x	40	31'	31'	17

ReserveAmerica™ Call Center Hours

March - September: 8 am to 6 pm, 7 days a week
October - February: 9 am to 5 pm, weekdays
9 am to 3 pm, weekends
December 18 - 31: 8 am to 5 pm, 7 days a week
On Sale Days: 8 am to 6 pm
On-line reservations are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.