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As the nation's principal conservation agency, the Department of the Interior has responsibility for most of our nationally owned public lands and natural resources. This includes fostering the wisest use of our land and water resources, protecting our fish and wildlife, preserving the environmental and cultural values of our national parks and historical places, and providing for the enjoyment of

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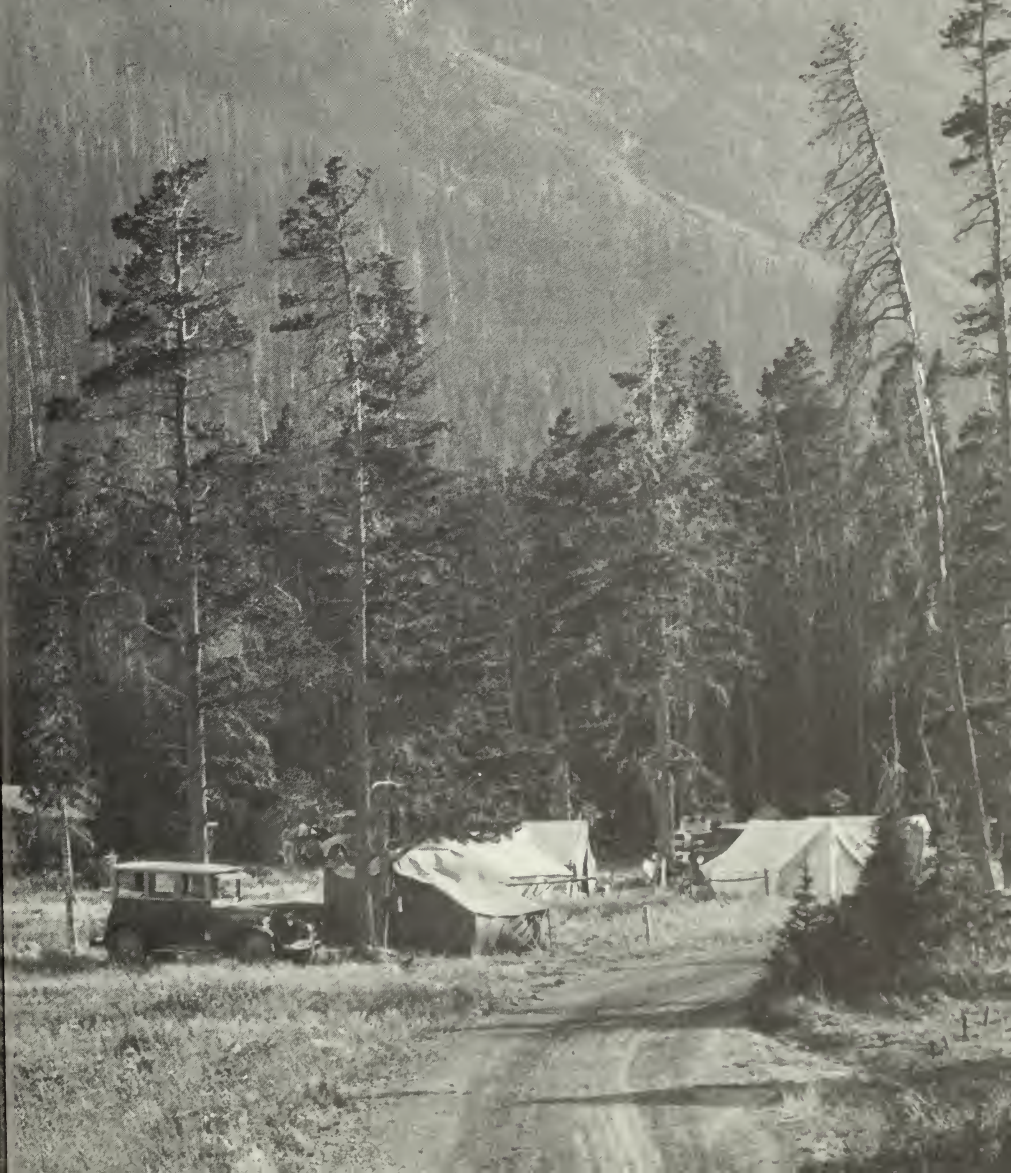
The National Park Service welcomes you to some of the world's greatest camping areas, ranging from the wooded campgrounds near the rockbound coast of Acadia National Park in Maine to those in the Chihuahuan Desert and the Rio Grande Canyon of Big Bend National Park in Texas. Whether you camp by the water at Cinnamon Bay in the Virgin Islands or deep in the rugged wilderness of the parks in Alaska, you are about to embark upon an adventure that will be memorable and rewarding. It may be that you will hike into the backcountry and pitch your



Back to basics: Camping in Glacier in 1932.

MANY CAMPERS

tent beside a gurgling brook and breathe in deeply of the fresh, sweet air. Or perhaps you will watch chipmunks playing around a campground while you savor the wafting odors of meals cooking over campstoves. Or in the rush to set up your campsite, you forget to look around, but when you do you see the sun setting through the trees, gilding the land. Simple things, any one of them. But when taken together and combined with the joy that comes from relaxing with people you like amidst some of this country's most pristine landscapes, you end up with a



sense of completeness and confidence. The variety of what you will find may astonish you, for no matter how excitedly you envision what the parks are like, the reality is always a surprise, whether it be the scenery, the wildlife, the friendliness of the National Park Service rangers, or the other people you meet. And don't imagine that you are the first to do this. Ever since Yellowstone became the first national park in 1872, tourists have been going to the parks, camping as they traveled and building a tradition that continues in more than 100 National Park Sys-



Park Fees

All information on prices and conditions of park fees detailed below was compiled in early 1986 and is subject to change.

Entrance Fees Several parks charge entrance fees. As of early 1986, a single-visit entrance fee ranged from \$1 to \$3 for each private passenger vehicle. If you plan to

travel to several national parks you may want to purchase a Golden Eagle Passport. This annual entrance permit, which sells for \$10, permits free entrance into all national parks. These passports can be purchased at national parks where entrance fees are charged. Two other permits—the Golden Age Passport and Golden Access Passport—also allow free entry into the national parks. The Golden Age Passport is a lifetime entrance permit issued free to any United States citizen or permanent resident age 62 or older. To receive this permit, you must present a reasonable proof of age, such as a driver's license. A Golden Access Passport is issued free to blind and disabled persons. Applicants must present a document showing eligibility for disability benefits under any of several federal programs, such as Social Security or Federal Retirement. The Golden Age and Golden Access Passports are issued in parks where entrance fees, camping fees, or other recreation use fees are charged. All three passports allow not only the card-

holder but passengers traveling in the same private, non-commercial vehicle to enter the parks free. The passports allow family members who are traveling together, but not necessarily in the same vehicle, to enter free.

Camping Fees In addition to entrance fees, many parks charge fees at some or all of their camping areas. In tent and recreational vehicle campgrounds fees range from \$3 to \$8 per night per campsite. In group campgrounds, fees may be higher. Camping fees at group campgrounds often vary according to the size of the group; a minimum fee often is charged. Backcountry camping is allowed free of charge. The Golden Eagle Passport does not reduce the price of camping fees, but the Golden Age Passport and Golden Access Passport can cut the price of staying in campgrounds by 50 percent. These price reductions sometimes do not apply to campgrounds run by park concessioners, who operate some camping areas in the parks under contract to the National Park Service, or to group campgrounds.

tem areas today. That tradition also brings with it an obligation of trust that each camper must acknowledge, for these parks and their campgrounds must be left for others to use generation after generation. So, again, we say welcome; enjoy your camping experiences in the national parks. May you leave with memories to treasure as the years go by.

Camping Reservations

Most campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis, but many sites are available by reservation. Depending on the camping area, reservations may be made with a park concessioner, through the Ticketron reservation system, or, in some cases, with the park directly. See the individual park entries for specific information on making reservations. Ticketron reservations can be made by stopping by in person at: any of the many Ticketron outlets located throughout the United States; any of the national parks on the Ticketron reservation system, including Grand Canyon, Joshua Tree, Sequoia, Yosemite, Rocky Mountain, Acadia, Cape Hatteras, Great Smoky Mountains, and Shenandoah; and National Park Service information offices in Washington, D.C., San Francisco, Atlanta, Phoenix, Philadelphia, Denver, and Woodland Hills, California. You can receive an application through the mail by writing: Ticketron Reservation Office, P.O. Box 2715, San Francisco, CA 94126; or by writing to parks

on the Ticketron reservation system or to Park Service regional offices (see addresses on page 15). The application should be mailed at least two weeks before the start of your trip. Neither the National Park Service nor Ticketron can be responsible for delays in mail service. Reservations can be made as much as 8 weeks in advance or up to the day before the start of a camping stay, but it is recommended that reservations be made as early as possible. Ticketron charges a reservation fee in addition to the camping fee.

Park Activities

National parks offer a wide range of special activities for visitors. In many parks rangers give evening programs in main camping areas at outdoor amphitheaters or around a campfire. These programs may be talks illustrated with slides, demonstrations, or movies. A program may touch on any aspect of the park—its wildlife, its plant life, its geology, its wilderness, its past, present, or future. During the day parks also may offer other activities, including guided hikes,

nature walks, and boat trips, tours of historical sites, slide shows, films, demonstrations, and talks. Some parks have special programs for children. Schedules of current activities are posted at visitor centers and often at main camping areas.

Camping for the Handicapped

In many parks, modifications have been made in camping areas to make them more accessible to handicapped persons, especially those in wheelchairs or others who have difficulty walking. The extent of modification varies from park to park and from camping area to camping area. Some parks have handicapped-accessible campsites with larger-than-normal paved areas. Some have paved walkways to nearby restrooms. Some have restrooms with ramps, handrails, and other features for the disabled. Some have picnic tables and fire grills specially designed for persons in wheelchairs. Handicapped-accessible campsites may be available on a first-come, first-served basis, or by reservation. A few parks have special backcountry sites.

Safety and Regulations

To protect the national parks' natural and historical resources and the millions of people who come to enjoy them, each park asks that every visitor abide by certain regulations and heed a few safety recommendations. Park staffs take many precautions to ensure that you have a safe and pleasant visit, but your cooperation is essential.

Some park hazards—deep lakes, steep cliffs, extremely hot or cold temperatures—cannot be eliminated. However, accidents and illnesses can be prevented if you use the same common-sense you would at home and become familiar with the park. Take some time before your trip or when you first arrive to get to know a park's hazards and

its regulations. If you have children, make sure they understand them, too.

A few rules and safety tips are common to many parks. For example, all parks ask that you keep your campsite clean and the park free of litter by disposing of refuse in trash receptacles. Parks also ask you to follow regulations

Safe Driving

Park roads are designed for sightseeing, not speeding. They are often narrow and winding, and sometimes steep. Drive carefully and observe posted speed limits. Watch for pedestrians, bicyclists, other drivers, wildlife, fallen rocks, slippery roads, and other hazards. Be especially aware of motorists stopping quickly for sightseeing and wildlife viewing.

Fires

Most parks permit fires as long as certain rules are followed. To avoid a wildfire that would be dangerous to people or property or damaging to natural resources, parks may allow only certain types of campfires. For example, they may permit fires only in grills provided or designated fire rings. Parks may prohibit fires in some areas. Firewood gathering may be prohibited or restricted to certain areas; plan on bringing your own fuel supply. Fires should be kept under control and extinguished completely.

Quiet Hours

Campers should try to keep noise to a minimum at all

times, but especially from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Pets

Pets must always be leashed, or otherwise physically restrained, for the protection of the animal, other visitors, and wildlife. Pets may be prohibited from certain areas, including public buildings, trails, and the backcountry. A few parks prohibit pets altogether. Dog owners are responsible for keeping their pets quiet in camping areas and elsewhere. Seeing-eye dogs and guide dogs for deaf persons may be exempted from some park restrictions.

Protection of Valuables

When you leave your campsite, take valuables with you or hide them in a locked vehicle, preferably in the trunk.

Heat, Cold, and Other Hazards

Campers, as well as other visitors, should take precautions to deal with the demands and hazards of a park environment. On hot days, pace yourself and perform strenuous activities in the morning and evening hours. Drink plenty of water and other

fluids. On cold days, or when you get cold and wet, frostbite and the life-threatening illness called hypothermia can occur. Avoid subjecting yourself to these conditions for long periods. In the thinner air of mountains and high plateaus, tasks easy to perform at home can leave a person short of breath and dizzy. Slow down. If a thunderstorm occurs, avoid exposed areas and open bodies of water where lightning often strikes. Keep out of lowlying areas where flashfloods are most likely to occur. Get to know the other environmental hazards in a park.

Wild Plants and Animals

Please help preserve the native plants and animals protected in the parks. Leave them as you find them, undisturbed and safe. Hunting or carrying a loaded weapon is prohibited in all but a few parks. While you are more likely to encounter poisonous plants such as poison ivy or biting insects, you should be aware of the hazards posed by other wild plants and animals, too. Rattlesnakes, water moccasins, Gila monsters, and other poisonous reptiles,

and refrain from the overuse and abuse of alcohol and drugs, a contributing factor to many park injuries and deaths. Other rules and safety tips that are widespread throughout National Park Service areas are outlined below. Parks will provide you with more specific information in brochures, on signs, and on bulletin boards in

camping areas and other park sites. If you have questions, talk with a ranger.

Parks ask that you report any violation of park regulations that you witness. If you are injured or become ill, the staff can assist you by directing you to the nearest medical center, and, in some parks, by giving you emergency care.



ticks, and animals carrying rabies and other transmittable diseases inhabit some parks. Any wild creature, whether as large as a bison or moose or as small as a raccoon or prairie dog, is unpredictable and should be viewed from a distance. Feeding animals is prohibited.

Campers should especially guard against attracting bears to their campsites. A close encounter with a grizzly, brown, or black bear can result in serious injury or death. Parks in bear country recommend, or sometimes require, that campers take certain precautions against bears. One is to keep a clean campsite. Bears' sensitive noses can easily detect food and

the smell of food left on cans, bottles, and utensils. Food should be stored in containers provided by the parks or in your vehicle—preferably out of sight in the trunk with all the windows tightly closed. Trash should be disposed of in bear-proof garbage cans or stored away with your food. In the backcountry, food should be hung from poles or wires that are provided or from a tree; inquire at the park as to the recommended placement. In treeless surroundings, campers should store food at least 50 yards from any campsite.

Backcountry Camping

Camping in the remote backcountry of a park requires more preparation than other camping. Most parks require that you pick up a backcountry permit before your trip so rangers will know of your plans and be able to talk them over with you. They can advise you of hazards and regulations and give you up-to-date information on road, trail, river, lake, or sea conditions, weather forecasts, special fire regulations, availability of water, and other matters. Rangers and back-

country permits can be found at visitor centers, headquarters, and ranger stations.

There are a few basic rules to follow whenever you camp in the backcountry. Stay on trails. Pack out all trash. Obey fire regulations. Carry a topographic map or navigational chart when necessary, and carry plenty of food and water. In parks where water is either unavailable or scarce you may need to carry as much as 1 gallon of water per person per day. In other parks springs, streams, or lakes may be abundant but always purify water before drinking it. Untreated water can carry contaminants. One of the most common, especially in Western parks, is giardia, a disease-causing organism that causes an unpleasant intestinal illness. A variety of others also exist. Depending on the contaminant, water may have to be boiled, filtered, or purified with tablets; check with the park staff for the most effective treatment.

A Guide for Planning Your Trip

The guide on the following pages is intended to help you plan a camping trip in the national parks. At a glance, it will give you an idea of the variety of places where you can camp and provide you with practical information about camping seasons, campground facilities, and other important details. Once you have selected the park or

parks where you would like to stay, you probably will want additional information. The best source for more details or for confirmation of information that is especially important to you is the parks themselves. On request, the parks will gladly provide you with more facts on camping in the park, services, activities, special natural and historical

features, weather, safety, and regulations. They also will provide available information about alternative camping areas outside the park run by states, counties, other federal agencies, and private operators. When writing the parks for additional information, be sure to write well in advance of your planned departure date. This guide, combined

1 Park name and mailing address -

2 Setting—A general description of a park's camping areas.

3 Tent/RV Campgrounds—Information on tent and recreational vehicle campgrounds, the main camping areas at most parks. These camping areas are designed for individual campers, families, and other small camping parties. Access is by a paved road or graded dirt or gravel road unless otherwise noted. Besides the facilities listed, picnic tables and fire grills, pits, or rings are usually provided. Where flush toilets are not available, some other type of toilets usually is provided. Information on a few special camping shelters open to small parties is also given.

4 Group Campgrounds—Information on group campgrounds, which are designed for large camping parties. Parks often restrict use of these campgrounds to certain kinds of groups. Many, for example, allow only organized groups such as educational, scientific, church,

or youth groups. Parks also may have minimum and maximum group size restrictions. Access is by a paved road or graded dirt or gravel road unless otherwise noted. Besides the facilities listed, these areas usually have picnic tables and fire grills, pits, or rings. Where flush toilets are not provided, some other kind of toilets usually is available. Information on a few special camping shelters that are open to large groups is also given.

5 Backcountry Campsites—Information on backcountry campsites, remote camping areas located away from roads and developed areas. Backcountry campers have to use some means other than a regular passenger vehicle—such as hiking, horseback riding, or boating—to get to a site. Small camping parties are preferred in most backcountry areas, but some sites are occasionally set aside specially for larger groups. Picnic tables, toilets of any kind, drinking water, and fire grills, pits, or rings are rarely provided; campstoves often are required.

6 Special Notes—Important messages to campers from the park staff.

7 Mileposts—Milepost numbers for main camping areas located along a major park road or trail. Mileposts are listed for Denali, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, Natchez Trace Parkway, Blue Ridge Parkway, and Shenandoah.

8 Special campground operator—"Not NPS" indicates that an organization other than the National Park Service operates a campground. The special operator may be a park concessioner, a state agency, or a volunteer group.

9 Special access—Camping areas that cannot be reached by driving a regular passenger vehicle over paved or graded dirt or gravel roads but require some special means of transportation. Sites may be designated as: walk-in (for short distances), hike-in (for longer distances), horseback ride-in, bike-in, boat-in, canoe-in only, climb-in, fly-in, 4WD-in (4-wheel-drive-in), or high-clearance 2WD-in (2-wheel-drive-in).

1 Gap National Historical Park
 P.O. Box 1448, Middlesboro, KY 40965
Setting: The Wilderness Road, the historic route through the Appalachian Mountains that Daniel Boone and other pioneers followed on their way west in the 1700s, winds past the main camping area. Several more isolated backcountry camping areas are perched along a high ridge in the mountains. Dense oak-hickory forests predominate throughout the region.
Tent RV Campground: The campground is open from late spring to late fall on a first-come, first-served basis. A few handicapped-accessible sites are available.
Group Campground: The campground is open from late spring to late fall. Reservations are required; call the park. Each site accommodates up to 48 persons.
Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year at sites shown below on a first-come, first-served basis. A backcountry permit is required.
Special Notes: Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: Wilderness Road—hot showers, gasoline, firewood, evening campfire programs.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent RV Campgrounds									
Riley Creek 0.5	102	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Morino 2.0	10	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Savage River 12.5	29	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Sanctuary River 72.0	—	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Teklanika River 28	50	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Igloo Creek 28.6 (not NPS)	—	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Wonder Lake 85	—	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Group Campground									
Teklanika River 28	2	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (17 km ²)	ltd	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●

with the information you receive from the parks, will help you plan your vacation wisely. When you're finally ready to leave on your trip, take this guide along as a handy reference.

area. Flush toilets are available all year unless otherwise noted in the text above.

10 Total sites—The total number of sites available in a camping area. In some cases a park has not designated a specific number of campsites. In these cases, the number of sites is listed as "open" if the park does not impose restrictions on how many persons may use the camping area; or "ltd" (limited) if the park does impose restrictions.

11 RVs—Sites for recreational vehicles are available. All types of RVs—from trailers to motorhomes to small tent-campers—are permitted unless otherwise noted in the text above the chart. Campground limits on the length of RVs and the availability of water, electrical, and sewage hookups also may be noted above.

12 Tents—Sites for tent camping are available.

13 Fee—A camping fee is charged.

14 Limit of stay—The number of days a camping party is allowed to stay in a park camping area during a visit. In many parks the limits vary during the year. In these cases, the limits listed are those enforced during the peak visitor season; changes during a park's off-season are noted in the text above. In some parks the permitted length of stay in the backcountry varies from campsite to campsite; in these cases, "varies" appears in the chart.

15 Drinking water—Potable water is available in the camping area. Water is available all year unless otherwise noted in the text above.

16 Flush toilets—Flush toilets are available in the camping

17 Sanitary dump—A sanitary sewage dump station for recreational vehicles is provided in the camping area. A fee is sometimes charged.

18 Camp store—A store that sells basic supplies such as groceries, ice, firewood, and charcoal is within 2 miles of a camping area. Stores may be open all year or seasonally.

The National Park System

National parklands with camping areas are shown in color



The National Park System (continued)

Alaska



Seven national park areas in Alaska have adjoining national preserves, counted as separate units of the National Park System. They are: Aniakchak, Denali, Gates of the Arctic, Glacier Bay, Katmai, Lake Clark, and Wrangell-St. Elias.

Guam

War in the Pacific

Hawaii

USS Arizona Memorial

Kalaupapa

Haleakala

Puukohola Heiau

Kaloko-Honokohau

Pu'uhonua o Honaunau

Hawaii Volcanoes

Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands

San Juan

Virgin Islands

Buck Island Reef
Christiansted



Visiting Other National Parks

Besides the many parklands listed in this camping guide, there are many, many other national park areas with extraordinary scenic, natural, and historical treasures. They are located in all corners of the nation in the mountains, forests, seashores, lakeshore, deserts, and wilderness areas of the country, and in cities and towns. The National Park

Service invites you to visit these other sites, too. All national park sites are shown on the maps on the three preceding pages.

Where To Stay

National parks that do not have camping areas often are located near campgrounds operated by private individuals, by state or county agencies, or by other federal agencies such as the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. You may want to consider staying in these campgrounds. Or, as an alternative, you may want to consider spending the night in lodging available in parks or nearby. For information on where to stay, contact the parks directly or, if you do not have their addresses, contact the National Park Service Regional Offices listed here or the National Park Service Public Inquiries Office, Room 1013, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013. Write or visit the regional office that administers the park or parks you are interested in visiting.

North Atlantic Region

15 State Street
Boston, MA 02109
Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont

Mid-Atlantic Region

143 South Third Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106
Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, excluding parks assigned to National Capital Region

National Capital Region

1100 Ohio Drive, SW
Washington, DC 20242
Metropolitan area of Washington, D.C., with some units in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia

Southeast Region

Richard B. Russell Building
75 Spring Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303
Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands

Midwest Region

1709 Jackson Street
Omaha, NE 68102
Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kan-

sas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Wisconsin

Rocky Mountain Region

655 Parfet Street
P.O. Box 25287
Denver, CO 80225
Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming

Southwest Region

1100 Old Santa Fe Trail
P.O. Box 728
Santa Fe, NM 87501
Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, northeast corner of Arizona

Western Region

450 Golden Gate Avenue
Box 36063
San Francisco, CA 94102
California, Hawaii, Nevada, most of Arizona

Pacific Northwest Region

83 South King Street
Suite 212
Seattle, WA 98104
Idaho, Oregon, Washington

Alaska Region

2525 Gambell Street
Anchorage, AK 99503
Alaska



In simpler days: Camping in Yosemite in 1929.

A Guide to National Park Camping Areas



Alaska

Denali National Park and Preserve

P.O. Box 9, McKinley Park, AK 99755

Setting: The Alaska Range and 20,320-foot Mt. McKinley, North America's tallest peak, dominate this subarctic wilderness. Campers can see one of the most extraordinary collections of wildlife left on the North American continent. Moose, caribou, wolf, Dall sheep, and grizzly bears range throughout the park's virgin spruce forests, wild river valleys, and mountain slopes.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Morino and Riley Creek are open all year. Wonder Lake is open from about mid-June to mid-September and Teklanika River is open from about mid- to late May to September; exact dates depend on the weather. The rest of the campgrounds are open from about early June to September; exact dates depend on road and snow conditions. All sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Riley Creek, Savage River, and Teklanika River have drinking water only from May to September. Riley Creek and Savage River have flush toilets only from May to September; the rest of the year pit toilets are available. Morino is only for campers without vehicles. Trailers and motorhomes are prohibited beyond Teklanika River; the park recommends that pickup campers also not use these campgrounds. The limit of stay for all campgrounds is as noted below from May 15 to September 15; the rest of the year it is 30 days. Handicapped-accessible sites near accessible toilets are reserved for use by handicapped persons at Riley Creek and Teklanika River.

Group Campground: The campground is open from early June to September; exact dates depend on road and snow conditions. Reservations are required; contact the park. Each site can accommodate up to 20 persons and 2 vehicles.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed throughout most of the park on a first-come, first-served basis. A backcountry permit is required.

Special Notes: Hot showers, a restaurant, gasoline station, firewood, telephones, and evening ranger programs are available seasonally near the park entrance—the main entry point for campers. These services are within 1 mile of Morino and Riley Creek. Services available seasonally within 1 mile of other camping areas include: Savage River—firewood, evening ranger programs; Teklanika River and Wonder Lake—evening ranger programs. Campers must keep a clean camp and store food away to avoid attracting grizzly bears; food must be kept in locked vehicles or storage lockers (provided in all campgrounds except Riley Creek) or hung on high wires. In the backcountry, campers should store food in bear-resistant containers, which the park issues with backcountry permits. Fires are permitted only in grills provided or campstoves; stoves are required in most of the backcountry. Milepost numbers along the park road are listed after each campground name below. Milepost 0 is at the park entrance; the higher the number, the farther into the park's interior.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Riley Creek 0.5	102	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Morino 2.0	10		●		14				●
Savage River 12.5	29	●	●	●	14	●	●		
Sanctuary River 22.0	7	●	●		14				
Teklanika River 28	50	●	●	●	14	●			
Igloo Creek 33.6	7		●		14				
Wonder Lake 85	20		●		14		●		
Group Campground									
Teklanika River 28	2		●	●	14				
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in)	ltd		●		14				

Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve
P.O. Box 1089, Juneau, AK 99802

Setting: In this frozen wilderness campers are surrounded by ice-clad mountains, coastal fjords, coastal spruce-hemlock forests, and glaciers galore. Seabirds and marine mammals, including humpback, minke, and orca whales, inhabit the waters of Glacier Bay, while wolves, moose, and brown and black bears roam on land. Park access is by boat and plane only.

Group Campground: See "Backcountry Campsites" below for information on a backcountry group site.

Backcountry Campsites: Bartlett Cove and Bartlett Cove group camp are open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. Drinking water is not available at the camping area but is provided ¼ mile away at Bartlett Cove docks from April to October. A warming hut with a woodstove is provided in the camping area. The group camp can accommodate up to 20 persons. Backcountry camping is also allowed throughout much of the rest of the park on a first-come, first-served basis; registration is requested.

Special Notes: Scheduled and charter air services, cruise ships, and charter boats from Juneau, Alaska, provide access to the town of Gustavus, 10 miles from Bartlett Cove camping area; from Gustavus buses and taxis will transport campers to the Bartlett Cove area. Boats also land in Bartlett Cove within ¼ mile of the camping area. Tour boats will pick up campers at Bartlett Cove and drop them off in the more remote backcountry of Glacier Bay; reservations are recommended. Contact the park for transportation information. Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: Bartlett Cove—hot showers, coin-operated laundry, restaurant, white gas, evening ranger programs. An orientation program for backcountry campers is given at the lodge and at the docks on a regularly scheduled basis and on request. Campers should bring all necessary supplies; Juneau, 50 air miles away, is the nearest major supply point. Transporting any kind of fuel on airplanes is prohibited. Campers should keep a clean camp and store food away to avoid attracting black and brown bears; food should be kept in storage caches provided or, in the backcountry, hung high in trees. The park staff also encourages campers not to cook or eat in their campsites and recommends that Bartlett Cove campers cook and eat in the intertidal zone on the beach. Fires are permitted in the woodstove and in an established fire ring on Bartlett Cove beach; campstoves must be used in the backcountry.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Backcountry Campsites									
Bartlett Cove (walk-in)	ltd	●			14				
Bartlett Cove Group Camp (walk-in)	1	●			14				
Other locations (boat-in, fly-in)	open	●			30				

Katmai National Park and Preserve
P.O. Box 7, King Salmon, AK 99613

Setting: From wilderness retreats, campers can explore the coastal mountains, valleys, enormous lakes, and rushing rivers of this Alaskan peninsula refuge. The Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes, center of one of the Earth's most active volcanic areas, is a popular backpacking area. Brown bears fish for salmon in rivers. Park access is primarily by floatplane or boat.

Backcountry Campsites: Brooks Camp is open from May to early September on a first-come, first-served basis. Three 3-sided shelters are provided for cooking. More remote backcountry camping is allowed throughout much of the rest of the park; it is recommended from June through August.

Special Notes: Commercial floatplanes ferry passengers from King Salmon, Alaska, to Brooks Camp daily from June to mid-September. Year-round air charter services are available in King Salmon. Contact the park for transportation information. Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: Brooks Camp—hot showers, meals, van tours of the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes, evening ranger programs. Food and other camping supplies are lim-

ited in the park; bring all necessary gear and supplies. Transporting any kind of fuel on planes is prohibited; white gas can be purchased in King Salmon. Campers should keep a clean camp and store food away to avoid attracting brown bears. In Brooks Camp, food should be stored in elevated caches; in the backcountry, food should be hung high from trees or kept at some distance from campsites. Fires are permitted only in established fire pits or campstoves.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Backcountry Campsites									
Brooks Camp	28	●		10	●				●
Other locations (hike-in, boat-in)	open	●							

Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park

P.O. Box 517, Skagway, AK 99840

Setting: Where prospectors once traveled in search of gold, campers today find refuge in an expanse of Pacific coastal forests of hemlock, spruce, and aspen and a highcountry tundra wilderness. All camping areas are near the Chilkoot Trail, the historic route of the Klondike Gold Rush of 1898. Park access is by boat or plane, and, from about May to October, by road, too.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open from mid-May through September on a first-come, first-served basis.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year at sites shown below on a first-come, first-served basis. Shelters with woodstoves are provided in two camping areas; in the summer they are to be used only for drying out and warming up, but in the winter they can be used as camping shelters.

Special Notes: Persons planning to travel to the park in the winter when the park access road is closed can contact the park for information on commercial boat and plane service. No food, fuel, or other supplies are available in the park; the nearest are 9 miles away in Skagway. Fires are permitted in established fire rings, woodstoves, or campstoves. Wood fires are permitted only in established fire rings and woodstoves.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Dyea	22	●	●		14				
Backcountry Campsites									
Chilkoot Trail (hike-in)	open		●		14				

Arizona

Canyon de Chelly National Monument

P.O. Box 588, Chinle, AZ 86503

Setting: Cottonwood-shaded camping areas lie near the mouths of two steep-walled canyons—Canyon de Chelly and Canyon del Muerto—where villages of cliff dwellings built by the Anasazi Indians between 350 and 1300 A.D. are preserved. The entire park is part of the Navajo Reservation.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. Campground gates are locked every day from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Group Campground: The campground is open all year. Reservations are recommended; call the park. Groups must include at least 14 persons. Campground gates are locked every day from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Cottonwood—restaurant, horse and jeep rentals, visitor center with a museum of ancient Anasazi and Navajo artifacts, evening ranger programs. Alcohol is prohibited in the park. The Navajo reservation observes daylight savings time in the summer but the state of Arizona does not.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Cottonwood	104	●	●		14	●	●	●	●
Group Campground									
Cottonwood	3	●	●		14	●	●	●	●

Chiricahua National Monument

Dos Cabezas Star Route, Box 6500, Willcox, AZ 85643

Setting: Camping areas are located in a dense forest of oak, juniper, and pine in the Chiricahua Mountains, a rugged range that abounds with stone spires and columns, balanced rocks, and other strange eroded volcanic rock formations. In this highcountry campers can escape the heat of the Sonoran and Chihuahuan deserts surrounding the mountains. Mexican wildlife can be seen in the park.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. Trailers up to 26 feet long are permitted. Handicapped persons can call the park and reserve a campsite near the restroom; some assistance may be needed to enter the restroom. The campground usually fills on weekends from March through October.

Group Campground: The campground is open all year. Reservations are recommended; call the park. The campground is only for organized groups. The site accommodates up to 20 persons.

Special Notes: Services available all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Bonita Canyon—visitor center. Fires are permitted only in grills or campstoves. Firewood gathering is prohibited; charcoal can be purchased at the visitor center.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Bonita Canyon	26	●	●	●	14	●	●		
Group Campground									
Bonita Canyon Group Site	1		●	●	14	●	●		

Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (see Utah)

Grand Canyon National Park
P.O. Box 129, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023

Setting: The Grand Canyon sets a grand and colorful stage for campers. Many campers stay on the North and South Rims above the mile-deep canyon of the Colorado River at elevations of between 7000 and 8000 feet. More isolated backcountry camping areas are located on the rims and throughout the canyon, including along the river.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Mather (on the South Rim) is open from about mid-March to mid-December. Reservations through Ticketron are required for the period from May 15 to September 30. Mather sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis the rest of the camping season. Desert View (on the South Rim) and North Rim are open from about mid-May to mid-October on a first-come, first-served basis. Trailer Village (on the South Rim) is open all year and reservations are recommended; persons should contact the park concessioner at Grand Canyon National Park Lodges, Reservations Office, P.O. Box 699, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023. Water, electrical, and sewage hookups for RVs are available at most village sites. No more than 6 persons are permitted at each Desert View, Mather, and North Rim site. Six handicapped-accessible sites near accessible restrooms are available at Mather. Handicapped-accessible restrooms are provided at Desert View. Campgrounds fill up almost every day by early afternoon from at least June to mid-September.

Group Campgrounds: Mather is open from mid-March to mid-December. North Rim is open from about mid-May to mid-October. Reservations by mail are required for both; write Group Reservations, Mather Campground, or Group Reservations, North Rim Campground, in care of the park. Mather accommodates 25 to 100 persons per site; North Rim from 6 to 25. Both campgrounds have restrictions on the number of vehicles allowed per site.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout much of the park. A backcountry permit is required. Reservations are required and can be made beginning October 1 for the upcoming year; write Backcountry Reservations Office in care of the park. Reservations also can be made in person at reservations offices on the North Rim from November to May or on the South Rim all year. The limit of stay is as noted below for Bright Angel, Indian Gardens, and Cottonwood from spring through fall; it is extended in the winter.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Bright Angel—restaurant (at Phantom Ranch); Desert View—gasoline station, snack bar, evening ranger programs; Mather and Trailer Village—hot showers, coin-operated laundry, gasoline, bank, post office, visitor center, evening ranger programs; North Rim—hot showers, coin-operated laundry, gasoline, post office.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Desert View	50	●	●	●	7	●	●		●
Mather	320	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	●
North Rim	82	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	●
Trailer Village (not NPS)	84	●		●	7	●	●	●	●
Group Campgrounds									
Mather	7	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	●
North Rim	4		●	●	7		●		●
Backcountry Campsites									
Bright Angel (hike-in)	31		●		2	●	●		●
Cottonwood (hike-in)	13		●		2	●	●		
Indian Gardens (hike-in)	14		●		2	●	●		
Other locations (hike-in, horseback ride-in, boat-in)	open		●		7				

Lake Mead National Recreation Area (see Nevada)

Navajo National Monument
HC 71, Box 3, Tonalea, AZ 86044

Setting: The main camping areas are in pinyon-juniper forests near the rim of Tsegi Canyon, where cliff dwellings built by the Anasazi Indians as early as 1250 A.D. are preserved. Backcountry campers can stay near Keet Seel, largest of the Anasazi villages in the canyon. Navajos discovered the dwellings, and today the park is surrounded by the Navajo Indian Reservation.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open from May through October on a first-come, first-served basis; late snowfalls can delay the opening. RVs up to 27 feet long are permitted.

Group Campground: The campground is open from May through October. Reservations are recommended; call the park. One campsite accommodates 30 persons; the other, 20.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed from Memorial Day to Labor Day at sites shown below on a first-come, first-served basis. A backcountry permit is required. The camping area accommodates up to 25 persons.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Betatakin and Group Camp—visitor center, with museum and Navajo arts and crafts shop, evening ranger programs; Keet Seel—ranger-guided tours of Keet Seel ruins. No food, fuel, or other supplies are available in the park; the nearest are 10 miles away at Black Mesa Trading Post. Fires are permitted only in grills provided or campstoves. Wood fires and firewood gathering are prohibited. Alcohol is not allowed in the park.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Betatakin	30	●	●		7	●	●	●	
Group Campground									
Group Camp	2	●	●		7				
Backcountry Campsites									
Keet Seel (hike-in, horseback ride-in)	ltd		●		1				

Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument
Route 1, Box 100, Ajo, AZ 85321

Setting: The extraordinary wildlife of the Sonoran Desert shares its severe habitat with campers. The arid mountains-and-plains terrain is home to organ pipe cacti, saguaros, chollas, and a variety of desert trees and shrubs, coyotes, peccaries, roadrunners, Gambel's quail, and Gila monsters. Profusions of spring wildflowers sometimes carpet the desert floor after winter rains.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. The limit of stay is as noted below from January 15 to April 30; the rest of the year it is 30 days. RVs up to 35 feet long are permitted. Handicapped-accessible restrooms are available. The campground usually fills up by mid-day from February through March.

Group Campground: The campground is open all year. Reservations are required; contact the park.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout much of the park. A backcountry permit is required. Camping parties are limited to 8 persons or less.

Special Notes: Fires are permitted only in grills provided or campstoves. Firewood gathering is prohibited. Rattlesnakes are prevalent in warmer months; carry a flashlight at night.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Tent/RV camping area	208	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	
Group Campground									
Group camp	6	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in)	open		●		14				

Sunset Crater National Monument
Route 3, Box 149, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Setting: An eruption in 1065 A.D. created colorful 1,000-foot-high Sunset Crater, part of the volcanic landscape of lava flows and cinder cones that surrounds the campground. A ponderosa pine forest provides shade. Although located just outside the park in Coconino National Forest, the campground is operated and maintained by the National Park Service.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open from mid-April to mid-November on a first-come, first-served basis. A handicapped-accessible site is available.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of the campground include: Bonito—visitor center, evening campfire programs.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Bonito	44	●	●	●	14	●	●		

Arkansas

Buffalo National River

P.O. Box 1173, Harrison, AR 72601

Setting: The swift-moving Buffalo River meanders past many nearby camping areas on its 148-mile journey through the Ozark Mountains. The watercourse is lined with bluffs as high as 500 feet. Riverside stands of willow, sycamore, river birch, and cottonwood blend into upland forests of oak and hickory. The river is a popular place for float trips and sport fishing.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: The campgrounds are open all year. Buffalo Point has water all year, and electrical and water hookups for RVs and flush toilets from April to November; vault toilets are provided the rest of the year but no hookups are available. Water and flush toilets are available at other campgrounds noted below from April to November; vault toilets are provided the rest of the year. Kyles Landing and Steel Creek are accessible only via steep, winding gravel roads; the park recommends that buses and larger RVs not use these campgrounds. All campgrounds except Lost Valley are accessible by boat and by road; Lost Valley is accessible only by road. Buffalo Point has some handicapped-accessible sites and restrooms.

Group Campground: The campground is open all year. Reservations are required: call the park. Water and flush toilets are available from April to November; vault toilets are provided the rest of the year, but water is not.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year on riverside gravel bars and in some other areas of the park.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: Buffalo Point—cold showers, evening ranger programs; Lost Valley—evening ranger programs. Canoe rentals are available along the river all year. Swimming is permitted, but diving or jumping into the river from rocks or bluffs is extremely dangerous.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Buffalo Point	107	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	
Carver	ltd	●	●		14				
Erbie	ltd	●	●		14				
Hasty	ltd	●	●		14				
Kyles Landing	ltd	●	●		14	●			
Lost Valley	15		●		14	●			
Maumee South	ltd	●	●		14				
Mt. Hersey	ltd	●	●		14				
Ozark	ltd	●	●		14	●	●		
Rush	ltd	●	●		14	●			
Steel Creek	ltd	●	●		14	●			
Woolum	ltd	●	●		14				
Group Campground									
Buffalo Point	5	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in, boat-in)	ltd		●						

Hot Springs National Park

P.O. Box 1860, Hot Springs, AR 71902

Setting: Like the soothing thermal spring waters that have attracted people to this area for centuries, the park's campground, nestled in the Ouachita Mountains along Gulpha Creek, offers refreshment and relaxation. Visitors can partake of the hot waters at Bathhouse Row nearby, where therapeutic tub baths, hot packs, and massages are available.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis.
Special Notes: Services available seasonally within 1 mile of the campground include: Gulpha Gorge—evening campfire programs. Fires are permitted only in grills provided or campstoves. Area roads are narrow, winding, and heavily traveled; drive carefully.

Tent/RV Campground	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Gulpha Gorge	47	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●

California

Channel Islands National Park

1901 Spinnaker Drive, Ventura, CA 93001

Setting: More than 10 miles off southern California's mainland coast, two of the rocky, wind-swept Channel Islands—Anacapa and Santa Barbara—give refuge to campers as well as gulls, cormorants, and other sea birds, sea lions, and a few hardy species of trees, shrubs, and flowers. Offshore, California gray whales sometimes appear. Access to the islands is by boat only.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year at designated sites. No more than 30 campers are permitted on either island at one time. Reservations, which are required, are accepted up to 60 days in advance; contact the park.

Special Notes: Commercial boats ferry passengers from Ventura, California, to Anacapa and Santa Barbara Islands. For information or reservations contact Island Packers Company, P.O. Box 993, Ventura, CA 93002. Reservations should be made at least one week in advance. In the summer the boats run daily to Anacapa and about once a week to Santa Barbara; the boats run less frequently the rest of the year. Both camping areas are located ½ mile from boat landings. Campers must climb a 154-step stairway to reach the Anacapa camping area or hike up a steep switchback trail to reach the Santa Barbara camping area. No supplies are available on the islands; campers must bring food, fuel, water, and other essentials. A tent that can be securely anchored against strong winds is recommended. There is no shade. Campers must pack out trash. Fires are permitted only in campstoves during the summer. Wood and other fuel for fires must be packed in.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Backcountry Campsites									
Anacapa (boat-and-hike-in)	ltd		●		14				
Santa Barbara (boat-and-hike-in)	ltd		●		14				

Death Valley National Monument

Death Valley, CA 92328

Setting: Summer temperatures soar above 120°F, but during the rest of the year campers can find comfortable quarters in Death Valley's mountains and plains. Some camping areas are desert oases with planted shade trees and water. In others, campers sample the Mohave Desert virtually unaltered. Elevations range from 282 feet below sea level to 11,049 feet.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Furnace Creek, Mesquite Springs, and Wildrose are open all year. Stovepipe Wells, Sunset, and Texas Spring are open from November through April. Emigrant is open from May through October. All sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Sunset is not recommended for tents; it does not have picnic tables or grills. Stovepipe Wells does not have picnic tables; grills are located at tent sites only. The limit of stay noted below for all campgrounds is for the year-long period from October 1 to September 30 each year. Sunset has 16 handicapped-accessible sites near accessible restrooms. Furnace Creek, Mesquite Springs, and Stovepipe Wells have handicapped-accessible restrooms.

Group Campgrounds: Mesquite Spring is open all year. Its 1 site accommodates 35 persons and 8 vehicles. Texas Spring is open from November through April. One of its sites can accommodate 150 persons and 10 vehicles; the other, 50 persons and 10 vehicles. Reservations are required; contact the park.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping at sites shown below is on a first-come, first-served basis; it is recommended from May through October.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Furnace Creek, Stovepipe Wells, Sunset, and Texas Spring—hot showers, restaurant, gasoline station, swimming pool, evening ranger programs. From June through September daytime temperatures are commonly in the 100s°F; the rest of the year highs range from the 60s to the 90s°F. Fires are permitted only in grills or campstoves. Firewood gathering is prohibited.

Death Valley continued	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Emigrant	10	●	●		30	●	●		
Furnace Creek	158	●	●	●	30	●	●	●	●
Mesquite Springs	53	●	●	●	30	●	●	●	●
Stovepipe Wells	200	●	●	●	30	●	●	●	●
Sunset	1000	●	●	●	30	●	●	●	●
Texas Spring	94	●	●	●	30	●	●	●	●
Wildrose	39	●	●		30				
Group Campgrounds									
Mesquite Spring	1		●	●	30	●	●	●	
Texas Spring	2		●	●	30	●	●	●	●
Backcountry Campsites									
Mahogany Flat (4WD-in, hike-in)	10	●	●		30				
Pinyon Mesa (4WD-in, hike-in)	2	●	●		30				
Thorndyke (4WD-in, hike-in)	8	●	●		30				

Devils Postpile National Monument

c/o Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Three Rivers, CA 93271

Setting: Beyond the lodgepole pine forest along the Middle Fork of the San Joaquin River where the camping area is located lies the unusual formation of columnar basalt called Devils Postpile. Geologists say the columns formed from the cooling and cracking of volcanic rock. A second major feature of this region of the Sierra Nevada is 101-foot-high Rainbow Falls.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open from about mid-June to mid-October, depending on road and snow conditions. Sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally within 1 mile of the campground include: Devils Postpile—evening ranger programs. No food, fuel, or other supplies are available in park; the nearest are 3 miles away at Reds Meadow or 13 miles away in Mammoth Lakes, California. Campers should keep a clean camp and store food in vehicles to avoid attracting black bears.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Devils Postpile	24	●	●	●	14	●	●		

Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Fort Mason, San Francisco, CA 94123

Setting: The city of San Francisco, San Francisco Bay, and the 4200-foot-long Golden Gate Bridge are clearly visible in the distance from many camping areas, yet the feeling of wilderness prevails amid this area of sandy beaches, coastal woods, and windswept hills and valleys in the Marin Headlands.

Group Campgrounds: Battery Alexander is open all year. Kirby Cove is open from about May to November; exact dates depend on weather and road conditions. Reservations are required for both campgrounds; they can be made 90 days in advance. For reservations call the park's Marin Headlands Visitor Center in Marin County. Sites can accommodate from 12 to 65 campers. The number and type of vehicles permitted in the campgrounds is restricted. Handi-capped-accessible toilets are available at Kirby Cove.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed at sites shown below from about May

to November; exact dates depend on the weather. Reservations are required; contact the park's Marin Headlands Visitor Center in Marin County.

Special Notes: Fires are permitted only in grills, designated fire rings, or campstoves. In the backcountry fires are allowed only in campstoves. Winters are wet, and fog is common in the summer. Cliffs are prone to landslides and often covered with poison oak; avoid climbing them.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Group Campgrounds									
Battery Alexander	1	●	●		3	●			
Kirby Cove	4	●	●		3	●			
Backcountry Campsites									
Bicentennial (hike-in)	3		●		3				
Haypress (hike-in)	8		●		3				
Hawkcamp (hike-in)	3		●		3				

Joshua Tree National Monument

74485 National Monument Drive, Twentynine Palms, CA 92277

Setting: Two deserts—the Mohave, with its out-of-the-ordinary forests of Joshua trees and other high desert plants, and the Colorado, with its mix of cactus, ocotillo, and other low desert plants—merge in the park, and camping areas are located in both. Coyotes, jackrabbits, and roadrunners are just some of the native inhabitants.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Cottonwood and Hidden Valley are open all year. Black Rock is open all year only to campers with horses. The rest of the campgrounds are open from about October through May. All sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Horses are allowed at Ryan. The limit of stay is as noted below from October 1 to June 1; the rest of the year it is 30 days. RVs up to 32 feet long are permitted.

Group Campgrounds: The campgrounds are open from about October through May. Reservations through Ticketron are required. Handicapped-accessible toilets are provided at Indian Cove and Sheep Pass.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed throughout much of the park on a first-come, first-served basis. The park staff recommends camping in the fall, winter, or spring because in the summer high temperatures are common and there is no water in the backcountry.

Special Notes: Drinking water is available only at three park areas—Cottonwood Campground and Visitor Center, Oasis Visitor Center, and Indian Cove Ranger Station. Campers should bring a sufficient supply of water to their campsites. Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: Cottonwood—evening ranger programs. Summer temperatures commonly exceed 100°F.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Belle	20	●	●		14				
Black Rock (horse camping only)	ltd	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	
Cottonwood	62	●	●	●	14	●	●		
Hidden Valley	62	●	●		14				
Indian Cove	114	●	●		14				
Jumbo Rocks	130	●	●		14				
Ryan	27	●	●		14				
White Tank	20	●	●		14				

Yosemite: Visiting with a ranger and friend.



Joshua Tree continued	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Group Campgrounds									
Cottonwood (walk-in)	3	●	●	14	●	●			
Indian Cove (walk-in)	13	●	●	14					
Sheep Pass (walk-in)	6	●	●	14					
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in)	open	●							

Kings Canyon National Park Three Rivers, CA 93271

Setting: From the spectacular canyon of the Kings River—one of the deepest gorges in North America—to the high Sierra Nevada, a wide selection of camping areas is offered. Like Sequoia National Park to the south, groves of giant sequoias grow here, as well as stands of ponderosa pine, white fir, and incense fir. In the highcountry, lakes, waterfalls, and alpine meadows can be found.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: The campgrounds are located in two main areas of the park—Cedar Grove and Grant Grove. Cedar Grove campgrounds include Canyon View, Moraine, Sentinel, and Sheep Creek. Grant Grove campgrounds include Azalea, Crystal Springs, and Sunset. All Cedar Grove campgrounds are open from about late April to November; exact dates depend on road and snow conditions. Sentinel has handicapped-accessible campsites near accessible restrooms. In Grant Grove, Azalea is open all year. The rest of the campgrounds are open from about late April to November; exact dates depend on road and snow conditions. Azalea has handicapped-accessible campsites near accessible restrooms. All campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The limit of stay is as noted below for all campgrounds from June 14 to September 14; the rest of the year the limit is 30 days. RVs up to 30 feet long are permitted.

Group Campground: The group campground, in Cedar Grove, is open from about late April to November; exact dates depend on road and snow conditions. Reservations are required; write Canyon View Campground, Group Sites, Cedar Grove Ranger Station, Box 948, Kings Canyon National Park, CA 93633. Groups must include at least 20 persons. RVs up to 30 feet long are permitted.

Kings Canyon: A wilderness trek alone and a relaxing moment together.



Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed throughout most of the park. The park staff recommends camping from June to November. A backcountry permit is required. Reservations for a permit can be made beginning March 1 for the upcoming camping season; reservations must be made at least 7 days in advance and by mail. Some permits are also available at the park on a first-come, first-served basis throughout the summer camping season.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: all Cedar Grove campgrounds (Canyon View, Moraine, Sentinel, Sheep Creek)—hot showers, coin-operated laundry, gasoline station, snack bar, bike rentals, evening ranger programs; all Grant Grove campgrounds (Azalea, Crystal Springs, Sunset)—hot showers, gasoline station, restaurant, horse rentals, evening ranger programs. Campers are required to keep a clean camp and store their food to avoid attracting black bears. Cedar Grove campers must keep food in provided storage lockers. Grant Grove campers must store food in vehicles. Backcountry campers should hang food high from trees. Fires are permitted only in designated fire rings or in campstoves.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Azalea	113	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Canyon View	37	●	●	●	14	●	●		●
Crystal Springs	63	●	●	●	14	●	●		●
Moraine	120	●	●	●	14	●	●		●
Sentinel	83	●	●	●	14	●	●		●
Sheep Creek	111	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Sunset	200	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Group Campground									
Canyon View	4	●	●	●	14	●	●		●
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in, horseback ride-in)	ltd		●						

Lassen Volcanic National Park
P.O. Box 100, Mineral, CA 96063

Setting: The park abounds with violent volcanic history and peaceful camping settings. Lassen Peak, the last of several dormant volcanoes in this part of the Cascade Range to erupt (from 1914 to 1921), towers over a landscape of coniferous forests, alpine meadows, and mountain lakes intermixed with cinder cones, lava flows, and thermal springs.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open from about Memorial Day weekend through most of September; exact dates depend on road and snow conditions. All sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Manzanita Lake has handicapped-accessible restrooms.

Group Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open from about Memorial Day weekend through most of September; exact dates depend on road and weather conditions. Reservations are required; write the park. Campgrounds are for organized groups only. Group sizes are limited by sizes of sites.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout much of the park on a first-come, first-served basis.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: Manzanita Lake—hot showers, coin-operated laundry, gasoline, food service. Campers should keep a clean campsite and store food in vehicles, or, in the backcountry, hang food high from trees to avoid attracting black bears.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Butte Lake	98	●	●	●	14	●	●		
Crags	45	●	●	●	14	●			
Juniper Lake	18		●		14				
Manzanita Lake (not NPS)	179	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Southwest (walk-in)	21		●	●	14	●	●		●
Summit Lake-North	56	●	●	●	7	●	●		
Summit Lake-South	38	●	●	●	7	●			
Warner Valley	15	●	●	●	14	●			
Group Campgrounds									
Butte Lake	1		●	●	14	●	●		
Juniper Lake	1		●		14				
Lost Creek	7		●	●	7	●	●		
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in)	ltd		●		14				

Lava Beds National Monument
Box 867, Tulelake, CA 96134

Setting: From its vantage point on a volcanic slope, the park campground overlooks a terrain of massive lava flows and cinder cones. Below ground and out of sight are more than 200 lava tube caves. This wilderness of sagebrush and juniper was also the site of the Modoc War between U.S. Army troops and native Modoc Indians.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. Water and flush toilets are available from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The rest of the year water is available ¼ mile away at the visitor center and pit toilets are provided at the campground. The limit of stay is as noted below from spring through fall; it can be extended in the winter. Campsites for RVs more than 35 feet long are limited.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of the campground include: visitor center, evening campfire programs. No food, fuel, or other supplies are available in the park; the nearest are 30 miles away at Tulelake, California. Be prepared for unpredictable weather changes. Fires are permitted only in fireplaces provided or campstoves.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Indian Well	45	●	●	●	14	●	●		

Pinnacles National Monument Paicines, CA 95043

Setting: Jagged pinnacles, spires, and other towering rock formations created by the erosion of remnants of an ancient volcanic eruption surround the camping area. The park lies on the earthquake-prone San Andreas Fault; the land to the west of the fault is moving slowly northward while the land to the east stands still. A chaparral-oak woodland shelters the camping area.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. The limit of stay is as noted below from February 15 to June 15; the rest of the year it is 14 days. All tent sites are walk-in sites. RVs up to 20 feet long are permitted. Two handicapped-accessible sites are near accessible restrooms. The campground often fills up on weekends from February 15 to June 15; campers should arrive by early evening Friday to get a campsite.

Special Notes: Shade is scarce. Rattlesnakes are prevalent in warm weather. Fires are permitted only in grills provided or campstoves. Firewood gathering is prohibited. In the summer daytime temperatures of 100°F are common.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Chaparral	23	●	●	●	7	●			

Point Reyes National Seashore Point Reyes, CA 94956

Setting: Point Reyes Peninsula, a coastal preserve that juts out into the Pacific Ocean, has camping areas scattered throughout its many acres of seaside bluffs, sandy beaches, wooded valleys, and grassy meadows. Campers often awaken to foggy mornings. Seals, sea lions, and many shorebirds, including terns, gulls, and murres, frequent the shoreline.

Group Campground: See "Backcountry Campsites" below for information on a backcountry group site.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year at sites shown below. Reservations are recommended; they can be made 60 days in advance by contacting the park. The limit of stay noted below is for each specific campsite; the total limit of stay in the backcountry is 4 days. Coast, Glen, and Sky have several campsites for parties of up to 8 persons. In addition, Coast and Sky each have 1 site for groups of more than 8 persons. Wildcat Group Camp is strictly for use by groups of 9 to 25 people on Saturdays; the rest of the week both groups and small camping parties can use the sites.

Special Notes: Fires are permitted only in grills provided and campstoves or on the beach. The only wood fires permitted are driftwood fires on the beach.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Backcountry Campsites									
Coast (hike-in)	14		●		2	●			
Glen (hike-in)	12		●		2	●			
Sky (hike-in)	12		●		2	●			
Wildcat Group Camp (hike-in)	12		●		2	●			

Redwood National Park

1111 Second Street, Crescent City, CA 95531

Setting: Redwood trees, the tallest trees in the world with a record height of 367.8 feet, tower over campers in this Pacific coast preserve. Groves of virgin trees still stand. Where logging occurred, redwoods are returning in second-growth forests. A nurturing climate of abundant rain and fog and moderate temperatures prevails. Rivers and creeks crisscross the region.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: DeMartin, Flint Ridge, and Nickel Creek are open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. Four California state parks—Gold Bluff Beach and Elk Prairie in Prairie Creek State Park, Jedediah Smith in Jedediah Smith State Park, and Mill Creek in Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park—are also located within park boundaries. All these campgrounds except Mill Creek are open all year; Mill Creek is open from April to October. Reservations through Ticketron are required for all the state campgrounds. Trailers up to 27 feet long and motorhomes up to 31 feet are permitted at Jedediah Smith and Mill Creek. Trailers up to 24 feet long and motorhomes up to 27 feet are allowed at Prairie Creek. RVs longer than 20 feet are not permitted at Gold Bluff Beach because the access road is narrow and winding. Handi-capped-accessible restrooms are at Jedediah Smith, Mill Creek, and Prairie Creek.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed at the sites shown below on a first-come, first-served basis. The park recommends camping from June through September.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Gold Bluff Beach—hot showers; Jedediah Smith—hot showers, gasoline station, evening ranger programs; Mill Creek and Prairie Creek—hot showers, evening ranger programs. In state campgrounds, campers with dogs must have proof of rabies vaccination; additional fees are charged for dogs. Campers should keep a clean camp and store food in lockers provided or in their vehicles, or, in the backcountry, hang it high from trees to avoid attracting black bears.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
DeMartin (walk-in)	10		●		14	●			
Flint Ridge (walk-in)	10		●		14	●			
Gold Bluff Beach (not NPS)	25	●	●	●	15	●	●		
Jedediah Smith (not NPS)	109	●	●	●	15	●	●	●	●
Mill Creek (not NPS)	145	●	●	●	15	●	●	●	
Nickel Creek (walk-in)	10		●		14				
Prairie Creek (not NPS)	75	●	●	●	15	●	●		
Backcountry Campsites									
Redwood Creek (hike-in)		ltd	●						

Sequoia National Park

Three Rivers, CA 93271

Setting: Dwarfed in a natural world of gigantic dimensions, campers stay in a land of giant sequoias, the largest living things on Earth and one of the oldest, and in the shadow of 14,495-foot Mt. Whitney, one of a series of tall peaks in the Sierra Nevadas and the highest mountain in the lower 48 states. The park is adjacent to Kings Canyon National Park.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Lodgepole, Potwisha, and South Fork are open all year. Water is available at South Fork only from April to November. Dorst is open for Memorial Day weekend and then again from mid-June to Labor Day. Buckeye is open from April to mid-October. Atwell Mill and Cold Springs are open from late May to November; exact dates depend on road and snow conditions. All campsites except those at Lodgepole are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations through Ticketron are required for Lodgepole. Trailers are prohibited at Atwell Mill and Cold Springs because the access roads are narrow and steep. Those with trailers should not use South Fork because of a steep, narrow access road and limited turnaround room in the campground. The limit of stay is as noted below for all campgrounds from June 14 to September 14; the rest of the year it is 30 days. RVs up to 30 feet long are

permitted. Lodgepole and Potwisha have handicapped-accessible sites near accessible restrooms. Campgrounds fill up by early afternoon from mid-August to Labor Day.

Group Campgrounds: The campground is open for Memorial Day weekend and then again from mid-June to Labor Day. Reservations are required; write Dorst Campground Reservations, Box C-Lodgepole, Sequoia National Park, CA 93262. Groups must include at least 12 persons. RVs up to 30 feet long are permitted.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed throughout most of the park. The park staff recommends camping from November to June. A backcountry permit is required. Reservations for a permit can be made beginning March 1 for the upcoming camping season; reservations must be made at least 7 days in advance and by mail. Some permits are also available at the park on a first-come, first-served basis throughout the summer camping season.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: Dorst and Potwisha—evening ranger programs; Lodgepole—hot showers, coin-operated laundry, restaurant, gasoline station, evening ranger programs. Campers are required to keep a clean campsite and store their food away to avoid attracting black bears. Food must be kept in provided storage lockers at Atwell Mill, Cold Springs, and Lodgepole. At the rest of the campgrounds food must be stored in vehicles. Backcountry campers should hang food on wires or poles provided or high in trees. Fires are permitted only in designated fire rings or campstoves.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Atwell Mill	23	●	●	●	14	●			
Buckeye Flats	28		●	●	14	●	●		
Cold Springs	37	●	●	●	14	●			●
Dorst	238	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Lodgepole	260	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Potwisha	44	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	
South Fork	13	●	●	●	14	●			
Group Campground									
Dorst	6	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in, horseback ride-in)	ltd		●						

Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area

Whiskeytown Unit, P.O. Box 188, Whiskeytown, CA 96095

Setting: Persons flock to the shores of Whiskeytown Lake for boating, swimming, waterskiing, fishing, and camping. In the mid-1800s, fortune hunters of the California Gold Rush came to this area after gold was discovered. Visitors can pan for gold for fun. Away from the lake, secluded chaparral and oak-pine woodlands in the surrounding hills provide places for backcountry camping.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Brandy Creek is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. Only campers with self-contained RVs can stay at Brandy Creek because no restrooms are provided. Reservations are accepted for Oak Bottom; contact the concessioner at Oak Bottom Marina, P.O. Box 197, Whiskeytown, CA 96095. Some sites at Oak Bottom are also available on a first-come, first-served basis. Most tent sites at Oak Bottom are walk-in. The limit of stay is as noted below for both campgrounds from May 15 to September 15; the rest of the year it is 30 days. Brandy Creek has handicapped-accessible sites. Oak Bottom has handicapped-accessible sites and restrooms in a section set aside exclusively for RV campers.

Group Campground: The campground is open all year. Reservations are required; call the park. The maximum number of persons allowed per site is 80.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout much of the park on a first-come, first-served basis. A backcountry permit is required. The limit of stay is as

noted below from May 15 to September 15; the rest of the year it is 30 days.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Brandy Creek—cold showers, snack bar, marina; Oak Bottom—cold showers, snack bar, marina, boat rentals, evening ranger programs.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Brandy Creek	37	●			14	●		●	
Oak Bottom (not NPS)	155	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Group Campground									
Dry Creek	2	●	●	●	7	●			
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in, 4WD-in, high-clearance 2WD-in)	ltd		●		14				

Yosemite National Park

P.O. Box 577, Yosemite National Park, CA 95389

Setting: Just as Yosemite Valley—"the Incomparable Valley," as it has been called—has inspired photographers and painters, it, too, inspires the many campers who stay in this glacier-carved gorge of steep granite cliffs and domes and towering waterfalls. Beyond the valley, camping areas are scattered throughout the park's Sierra Nevada highcountry of forests, meadows, and alpine lakes.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: In Yosemite Valley, Lower Pines is open all year; Upper Pines, from April through November; and Backpackers, Lower River, North Pines, Sunnyside, and Upper River from May through October. Reservations through Ticketron are required for all Yosemite Valley campgrounds except Sunnyside for the period from mid-May through September. The rest of the year sites at these campgrounds are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Sunnyside is available on a first-come, first-served basis all year. Backpackers is only for campers without vehicles. In the rest of the park, Hodgdon Meadow and Wawona are open all year; Bridalveil Creek, Tenaya Lake, and White Wolf, from June through September; and Crane Flat, Porcupine Flat, and Tuolumne Meadows, from June through October. Exact opening and closing dates for many of these campgrounds depend on snow and road conditions; they may vary widely. All sites at these campgrounds are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The limit of stay for all campgrounds is as noted below from June 1 to September 15; the rest of the year it is 30 days. Persons wanting to stay in Yosemite Valley campgrounds in the summer should make reservations early. The other campgrounds often fill up in July and August; persons should arrive before noon to get a site during the week and before noon Friday to get a site for the weekend.

Group Campgrounds: Yosemite Valley is open from mid-May through October. Reservations through Ticketron are required. Bridalveil is open from June through September and Wawona is open from mid-May through September. Reservations are required for both; contact Wawona Group Camp Reservations, Wawona District Office, P.O. Box 2027, Yosemite, CA 95389. Hodgdon Meadow is open from Memorial Day through September on a first-come, first-served basis. Tuolumne Meadows is open from July to Labor Day. Reservations are required; write Tuolumne Meadows Group Camp Reservations, Mather District Office, Hodgdon Meadow Ranger Station, Star Route, Groveland, CA 95321. All groups must include from 10 to 30 persons.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed throughout much of the park all year. A backcountry permit is required. Persons may make reservations for backcountry sites between February 1 and May 31 for the upcoming camping season; contact the park's Backcountry Office for application information. Many sites are also available on a first-come, first-served basis throughout the year. Camping parties may include up to 25 persons if camping near a trail; off-trail camping parties are limited to 8.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Yosemite Valley campgrounds (Backpackers, Lower Pines, Lower River, North Pines, Sunnyside, Upper Pines, Upper River)—hot showers, coin-operated laundry, restaurant, gasoline station, horse, raft, bike, and crosscountry ski rentals, evening ranger programs; Bridalveil Creek and Tenaya Lake—evening ranger programs; Crane Flat—gasoline station, evening ranger programs; Tuolumne Meadows—hot showers, gasoline station, horse rentals, evening ranger programs; Wawona—gasoline station, horse rentals, evening ranger programs; White Wolf—hot showers, horse rentals, evening ranger programs. Fires are permitted only in existing fire rings or campstoves. No fires are permitted above 9,600 feet. Campers should keep a clean camp and store food in storage boxes provided, in a vehicle or, in the backcountry, hang food high from trees or provided wires or poles to avoid attracting black bears.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Backpackers (walk-in)	25		●	●	2	●	●		●
Bridalveil Creek	110	●	●	●	14	●	●		
Crane Flat	129	●	●	●	14	●	●		●
Hodgdon Meadow	107	●	●	●	14	●	●		
Lower Pines	173	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	●
Lower River	139	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	●
North Pines	86	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	●
Porcupine Flat	52	●	●	●	14				
Sunnyside (walk-in)	38		●	●	7	●	●		●
Tenaya Lake (walk-in)	50		●	●	14	●	●		
Tuolumne Meadows	325	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Upper Pines	240	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	●
Upper River	124		●	●	7	●	●		●
Wawona	100	●	●	●	14	●	●		●
White Wolf	87	●	●	●	14	●	●		
Group Campgrounds									
Bridalveil Creek (walk-in)	1		●	●	14	●	●		
Hodgdon Meadow (walk-in)	5		●	●	14	●	●		
Tuolumne Meadows (walk-in)	8		●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Wawona (walk-in)	1		●	●	14	●	●		●
Yosemite Valley (walk-in)	11		●	●	7	●	●	●	●
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in, horseback ride-in)	ltd		●						

Colorado

Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument Box 1648, Montrose, CO 81402

Setting: The main camping areas are located at an elevation of about 8200 feet near the rim of the Black Canyon, an 1,800-foot-deep, dark gorge carved by the Gunnison River. Backcountry campers can stay in the canyon, which, according to one observer, has a combination of "depth, narrowness, sheerness, and somber countenance" unmatched by any other canyon in North America.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open from about mid-April through October; exact dates for North Rim depend on road and snow conditions. All campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Water is provided from mid- or late May through September; when available, water should be used sparingly because it has to be hauled in from an outside source.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is available from about mid-April through October in Black Canyon on a first-come, first-served basis. A backcountry permit is required.

Special Notes: Large RVs may have difficulty traveling the dirt access road to North Rim when it is wet; call the park for up-to-date road conditions. Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: South Rim—visitor center, evening ranger programs. Fires are permitted only in grills provided or campstoves. Firewood gathering is prohibited; bring your own fuel. Visitors should watch their step at the canyon's edge; parents should supervise children closely.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
North Rim	14	●	●		14	●			
South Rim	103	●	●	●	14	●			●
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in)	12		●		7				

Colorado National Monument Fruita, CO 81521

Setting: From the main camping area, a colorful panorama of deep, sheer-sided canyons, high rock towers, and distant mountains and mesas unfolds. Campers who want to explore further into the backcountry can stay throughout this rugged territory, where fossils of dinosaurs have been unearthed. The wildlife of today includes mule deer, coyotes, mountain lions, and desert bighorn sheep.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. Flush toilets are available only in warmer months; vault toilets are provided the rest of the year.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout much of the park on a first-come, first-served basis. The park requests that campers register with the park before starting their trip.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Saddlehorn—visitor center, evening ranger programs.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Saddlehorn	54	●	●	●	14	●	●		
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in, horseback ride-in)	open		●						

Curecanti National Recreation Area
P.O. Box 1040, Gunnison, CO 81230

Setting: Three man-made lakes along the Gunnison River—Blue Mesa, Crystal Lake, and Morrow Lake—are the delight of trout and salmon fishermen and boaters as well as campers. The main camping areas are located amid mesas and canyons along Blue Mesa, which is the largest of the lakes, lake tributaries, and the Gunnison River. Backcountry camping is permitted along each lake.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Cimarron and Elk Creek are open all year. Water and flush toilets are available from late May to mid-September; the rest of the year pit toilets are provided and water is available ¼ mile away at visitor centers. The rest of the campgrounds are open from May to October; exact dates depend on snow and road conditions. All sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Handicapped-accessible restrooms are provided in all campgrounds.

Group Campground: The campground is open from May to October. Reservations are required; contact the park. The site is only for organized groups of up to 50 persons. Handicapped-accessible restrooms are available.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed from April through October along the lakeshores on a first-come, first-served basis; exact dates depend on the lakes' ice conditions.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Cimarron, Lake Fork, and Stevens Creek—evening ranger programs; Elk Creek—hot showers, restaurant, evening ranger programs.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Cimarron	25	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Dry Gulch	10	●	●	●	14	●			
East Portal	17	●	●	●	14	●			
Elk Creek	180	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Gateview	5	●	●		14	●			
Lake Fork	86	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Ponderosa	24	●	●	●	14	●			
Red Creek	7	●	●	●	14	●			
Stevens Creek	58	●	●	●	14	●			●
Group Campground									
East Elk Creek	1	●	●	●	14	●			
Backcountry Campsites									
Boat-in campsites (boat-in)	8		●		14				

Dinosaur National Monument
P.O. Box 210, Dinosaur, CO 81610

Camping in Colorado and Utah

Setting: In a park where prehistoric dinosaurs reigned 140 million years ago and where paleontologists continue to search for and find their ancient fossil bones, campers are never very far away from the past. Millions of years of geologic history are recorded in the rocks. Campers can stay in the deep canyons of the Green and Yampa Rivers and in the desert highlands.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Split Mountain is open all year. Flush toilets and water are provided in the summer; water is not available the rest of the year and pit toilets are provided. Gates of Lodore is open all year. Deerlodge Park and Green River are open from about mid-May to mid-September; exact dates depend on road and snow conditions.

Backcountry Campsites: Echo Park and Rainbow Park are open in the summer; exact dates depend on road and snow conditions. They are open on a first-come, first-served basis. Camping in the rest of the backcountry is allowed all year; a backcountry permit is required. The limit of stay varies with location.

Special Notes: The only place where fossils can be seen are at Dinosaur Quarry Visitor Center; the nearest campgrounds are Green River and Split Mountain, both about 5 miles away. Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: Split Mountain—evening ranger programs.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Deerlodge Park	10	●	●		15				
Gates of Lodore	17	●	●		15	●			
Green River	99	●	●	●	15	●	●		
Split Mountain	35	●	●	●	15	●	●		
Backcountry Campsites									
Echo Park (high-clearance 2WD-in)	15	●	●		15				
Rainbow Park (high-clearance 2WD-in)	2	●	●		15				
Other locations (hike-in, boat-in)	open		●		varies				

Great Sand Dunes National Monument Mosca, CO 81146

Setting: The 700-foot-high Great Sand Dunes—North America's tallest dunes—loom over the most popular camping areas. Backcountry campers can spend a night among the windblown sands on the dunes, as well as at other isolated sites near the dunes. The 14,000-foot snow-topped Sangre de Cristo Mountains dominate the eastern horizon.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open from early April through October on a first-come, first-served basis. Each site is limited to one vehicle and its occupants. Some sites can accommodate RVs up to 60 feet long. A handicapped-accessible site is near an accessible restroom.

Group Campground: The campground is open from April through October. Reservations are required; call the park. Sites accommodate 25 to 50 persons. A handicapped-accessible site is available near an accessible restroom.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout much of the park on a first-come, first-served basis. A backcountry permit is required.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Pinyon Flats—visitor center, evening ranger programs. Fires are permitted only in grills provided or campstoves. Firewood gathering is prohibited. In summer shoes should be worn when walking on the hot dunes sand. When thunderstorms approach, seek low ground; get off the dunes if possible.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Pinyon Flats	88	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	
Group Campground									
Pinyon Flats	3		●	●	14	●	●	●	
Backcountry Campsites									
Backpacker Campsites (hike-in)	2		●						
Castle Creek (4WD-in, hike-in)	1		●						
Sand Pit (4WD-in, hike-in)	1		●						
Other locations (hike-in)	open		●						

Mesa Verde National Park

Mesa Verde National Park, CO 81330

Setting: The ancient Anasazi Indians who built the impressive prehistoric city of cliff dwellings called Mesa Verde hunted game and grew crops of corn, beans, and squash on the 7,000- to 8,000-foot-high plateau where the camping areas are located. The Anasazi lived here until 1300 A.D. From the plateau, there are panoramic views of the Four Corners, where four states come together.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open from mid-April to mid-October on a first-come, first-served basis; exact dates depend on road and snow conditions. Six handicapped-accessible campsites are located near accessible restrooms.

Group Campground: The campground is open from mid-April to mid-October on a first-come, first-served basis.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Morefield—hot showers, coin-operated laundry, gasoline station, snack bar, firewood, evening ranger programs. Firewood gathering is prohibited.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Morefield	477	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Group Campground									
Morefield	17	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●

Rocky Mountain National Park

Estes Park, CO 80517

Setting: A broad spectrum of camping experiences is possible in the glacial landscape of the Rocky Mountains, with its valleys, its highlands of pine, fir, and spruce forests, its alpine meadows, its clear streams, and its crystal lakes. Elevations range from 8,200 to 14,255 feet. Bighorn sheep, elk, deer, marmots, and ptarmigan find refuge in the park.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Longs Peak, Moraine Park, and Timber Creek are open all year. Water and flush toilets are provided from about May to September; the rest of the year water is not available and pit toilets are provided. Aspenglen and Glacier Basin are open from early June to September. Reservations through Ticketron are required for Glacier Basin and Moraine Park from the end of June to mid-August. The rest of the year sites at these campgrounds are available first-come, first-served. The rest of the campgrounds are always on a first-come, first-served basis. The limit of stay for all campgrounds is as noted below from June through September; the rest of the year it is extended by 15 days. All campgrounds have handicapped-accessible restrooms.

Group Campground: The campground is open from early June to September. Reservations are required; contact the park. Three vehicles are permitted per site. See "Backcountry Campsites" below for information on backcountry group campsites.

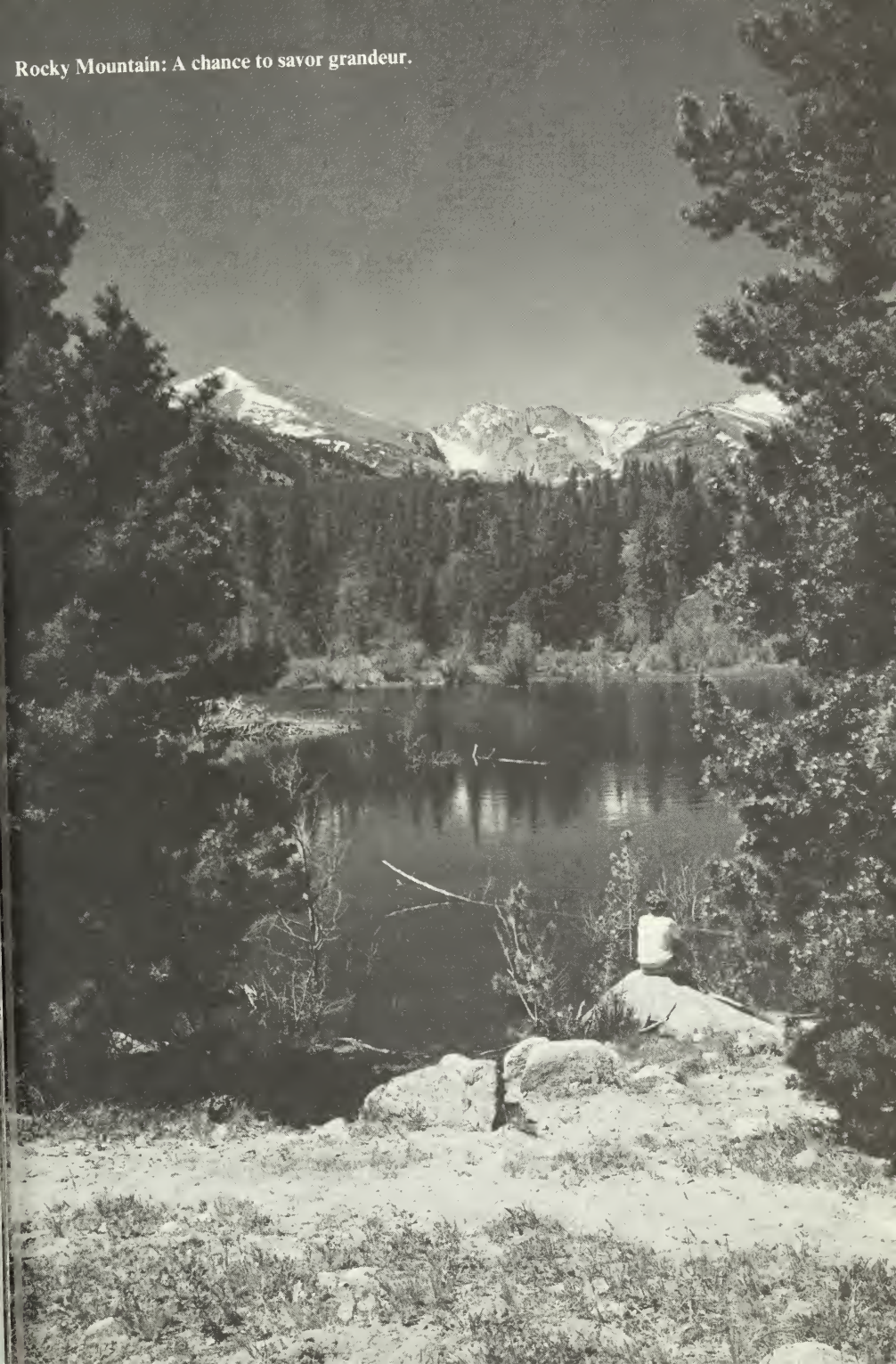
Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout much of the park. A backcountry permit is required. Designated backcountry campsites and crosscountry campsites are designed for smaller camping parties; some are open to horseback riders. Bivouac camps are restricted to use by technical mountain climbers; no tents are allowed. Backcountry group sites are for organized groups only; the sites can accommodate from 8 to 20 persons. Besides these sites, there is a special site for handicapped persons called Handi-camp, which is reached via a sometimes steep ½-mile hard-surfaced access trail. The site accommodates 10 persons. An accessible restroom is provided. Reservations can be made for many backcountry sites by writing or appearing in person at the park throughout the year, or, from October through May, by calling the park. The limit of stay for all backcountry areas is as noted below from June through September; the rest of the year it is extended by 15 days.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Glacier Basin—horse rentals, evening ranger programs; Moraine Park—horse rentals, visitor center, evening ranger programs; Timber Creek—evening ranger programs. Fires are per-

mitted only in grills provided or campstoves. Lightning can be a serious hazard; avoid high exposed areas during storms.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Aspenglen	26	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	●
Glacier Basin	152	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	
Longs Peak	30		●	●	3	●	●		
Moraine Park	250	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	
Timber Creek	100	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	
Group Campground									
Glacier Basin	18		●	●	7	●	●	●	
Backcountry Campsites									
Bivouac Camps (climb-in)	ltd				7				
Crosscountry campsites (hike-in)	ltd		●		7				
Designated backcountry sites (hike-in, horseback ride-in)	200		●		7				
Group Campsites (hike-in)	19		●		7				
Handi-camp (trail access)	1		●		3				

Rocky Mountain: A chance to savor grandeur.



Florida

Biscayne National Park

P.O. Box 1369, Homestead, FL 33090

Setting: Subtropical islands of the Florida Keys provide remote camping areas not far from the city of Miami. Brown pelicans, herons, and other sea birds populate the islands' tropical forests, while offshore dazzling fishes inhabit crystal clear Biscayne Bay and undersea coral reefs in the Atlantic. The islands are 7 miles off the Florida mainland. Island access is by boat only.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. Handicapped-accessible restrooms are available.

Group Campground: The campground is open all year. Reservations are required; contact the park.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout most of Elliott Key and on Sands Key on a first-come, first-served basis. A backcountry permit is required.

Special Notes: Although camping is permitted all year, mosquito infestations during the summer can make camping unbearable; contact the park for up-to-date information. Commercial tour boats ferry passengers to Elliott Key from Convoy Point on the park mainland; contact the park for information. Private boats may dock in the 66 slips in Elliott Key harbor or anchor offshore. Services available seasonally or all year on Elliott Key include: cold showers (handicapped-accessible), visitor center, evening ranger programs. No food, fuel, or other supplies are available on the islands; the nearest are 7 miles away by boat on the mainland. Campers must pack out all trash.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Elliott Key (boat-in)	35	●		14	●	●			
Group Campground									
Elliott Key (boat-and hike-in)	1	●		14					
Backcountry Campsites									
Elliott Key (boat-in, boat-and-hike-in)	ltd	●		14					
Sands Key (boat-in, boat-and-hike-in)	ltd	●		14					

Everglades National Park

P.O. Box 279, Homestead, FL 33030

Setting: Sanctuary for alligators and crocodiles, the Florida panther, a myriad of birds, and many tropical plants, the watery expanse of the Everglades also serves as a refuge for campers. Most campers stay in camping areas on the coast of Florida Bay or in an inland pine forest. Backcountry campers can stay in more isolated areas of this subtropical wilderness.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. Flamingo has 60 walk-in tent sites. The limit of stay is as noted below from November to May; the rest of the year it is 30 days. Each campground has one site reserved for the handicapped next to an accessible restroom.

Group Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open all year. Reservations are required; contact the park. Each campsite accommodates up to 15 persons.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout much of the park on a first-come, first-served basis. A backcountry permit is required. In watery areas, designated campsites are on wooden platforms called chickees. One campsite—Pearl Bay Chickee—is accessible to the handicapped.

Special Notes: The park staff strongly recommends against camping at Flamingo or in many areas of the backcountry from April through November because of seasonal mosquito infestations. Campers should come prepared for mosquitoes all year; bring insect repellent, bug-proof

tent netting, long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and a cover for your head. Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Flamingo—cold showers, coin-operated laundry, restaurant, gasoline station, marina, boat and bike rentals, boat tours, evening ranger programs; Long Pine Key—evening ranger programs. Wildlife is most easily seen in winter.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Flamingo	300	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Long Pine Key	107	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	
Group Campgrounds									
Flamingo	4		●		14	●	●		●
Long Pine Key	1		●		14	●	●		
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in, bike-in, boat-in)	ltd		●		14				

Fort Jefferson National Monument

c/o Everglades National Park, P.O. Box 279, Homestead, FL 33030

Setting: Far off the beaten track, this camping area is located in the Dry Tortugas, a collection of subtropical islands 70 miles west of Key West, Florida. Fort Jefferson, the largest of America's 19th century coastal forts, is preserved here. Campers stay on Garden Key next to the fort. A tern nesting sanctuary and undersea coral reefs are nearby. Park access is by boat or seaplane.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year on Garden Key on a first-come, first-served basis. Boaters also can anchor offshore and spend the night.

Special Notes: Reservations can be made with private charter boats and seaplanes for transportation to the park from Key West and other south Florida areas all year; contact Everglades National Park for information. No drinking water, food, boat fuel, or other supplies are available in the park; the nearest are in Key West. Campers must carry out all trash. Fires are permitted only in grills provided or campstoves.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (boat-in, fly-in)	10		●		14		●		

Gulf Islands National Seashore

See also Mississippi

P.O. Box 100, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561

Setting: Campers share Santa Rosa Island, one of a chain of barrier islands off the Florida mainland in the Gulf of Mexico, with great blue herons, terns, brown pelicans, and other sea birds, skunks, and raccoons. Offshore, gamefish abound. Forests of live oak and pine shade the camping areas. Fort Pickens, a 19th-century coastal fort, is nearby. A toll bridge links the island to the mainland.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. Electrical hookups are available for RVs at 131 sites. A special area of the campground is set aside for campers with pets; space is limited. The limit of stay is as noted below from March to December; the rest of the year it is 30 days. Several campsites near a handicapped-accessible restroom are held until at least noon each day for handicapped campers. Demand for campsites is great near Easter and in the summer; the park advises arriving early in the week to get a site.

Group Campground: The campground is open all year. Reservations are required; contact the park. The site accommodates up to 40 persons. The limit of stay is as noted below from March to December; the rest of the year it is 30 days.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Ft. Pickens (tent/RV campground)—hot showers, lifeguarded beach; Ft. Pickens (group campground)—cold showers, lifeguarded beach.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Ft. Pickens	189	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Group Campground									
Ft. Pickens	1		●	●	14	●	●		●

Georgia

Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park

P.O. Box 2128, Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742

Setting: The hills and valleys along Chickamauga Creek that are the setting for the camping area were the scene of a decisive Civil War battle in the fall of 1863. It was here that Union troops gained control of the city of Chattanooga, Tennessee, a key southern rail center and gateway to the heart of the Confederacy. Cannons and monuments surround the camping area.

Group Campground: The campground is open all year. Reservations are required; call the park. Sites accommodate 10 to 30 campers. One handicapped-accessible site is located near an accessible toilet.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally within 1 mile of the campground include: South Post—ranger programs (on request only). Climbing on historical objects is prohibited.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Group Campground									
South Post	10	●	●	10	●				●

Cumberland Island National Seashore

P.O. Box 806, St. Marys, GA 31558

Setting: While on primitive Cumberland Island, a camper's neighborhood is one of wide sandy beaches, dunes, salt marshes, and dense maritime oak forests. The 16-mile-long barrier island, which is located 3 miles off Georgia's mainland shore, provides habitat for whitetailed deer, waterbirds, alligators, wild turkeys, and other island wildlife. Park access is by boat only.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open all year. Reservations are required; call the park. Handicapped-accessible restrooms are available but can be difficult to reach.

Group Campground: The campground is open all year. Reservations are required; call the park. Each site accommodates up to 15 persons.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year at sites shown below. Reservations are required; call the park. Each backcountry area accommodates up to 20 persons.

Special Notes: A passenger boat from St. Marys, Georgia, ferries visitors to the island all year. The boat runs daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day; the rest of the year it runs 5 days a week. Private boaters planning to stay at SeaCamp may unload gear at the SeaCamp dock and then anchor offshore. Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: SeaCamp—cold showers (handicapped-accessible). No food, fuel, or other supplies are provided on the island; the nearest are 7 miles away by boat in St. Marys, Georgia. Pets are not allowed in the park. Fires are permitted only in grills provided or campstoves.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
SeaCamp (hike-in)	14	●		7	●	●			
Group Campground									
SeaCamp (hike-in)	2	●		7	●	●			
Backcountry Campsites									
Brick Hill Bluff (boat-and-hike-in)	ltd	●		7					
Hickory Hill (boat-and-hike-in)	ltd	●		7					
Stafford Beach (boat-and-hike-in)	10	●		7					
Yankee Paradise (boat-and-hike-in)	ltd	●		7					

Hawaii

Haleakala National Park

P.O. Box 369, Makawao, Maui, HI 96768

Setting: Campers stay either amid the volcanic desert-like landscape of lava ash flows and cinder cones of Haleakala Crater or in the contrasting lush green coastal areas of grasslands and rainforests. No eruptions have occurred since the early 1700s. Colorful tropical birdlife, much of it unique to the Hawaiian Islands, can be found here on this Maui Island preserve.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. Hosmer Grove accommodates up to 25 persons; Oheo Gulch accommodates up to 50. Each camping party is limited to a maximum of 15 persons. Handicapped-accessible toilets are available at Oheo Gulch.

Backcountry Campsites: Holua and Paliku are open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. A backcountry permit is required. Each site accommodates up to 25 persons. Camping parties are limited to 15 persons. Holua Cabin Camp, Kapalaoa Cabin Camp, and Paliku Cabin Camp each have a primitive cabin available all year. Each cabin is equipped with bunk beds, woodstove, and cooking utensils and accommodates up to 12 persons. Persons can apply for a cabin 3 months in advance by writing the park; cabins are assigned in a lottery drawing 2 months in advance. Occasionally drinking water is not available at backcountry sites; check with the park for up-to-date information. The limit of stay noted below is for each specific backcountry site; the total permitted length of stay in the backcountry is 3 days per month.

Special Notes: Food, fuel, and other supplies are not available in the park; the nearest are more than 15 miles away in Pukalani and Makawao, Maui. Services available all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Oheo Gulch—swimming at natural mountain pools. (No life-guards are provided; swimming is prohibited in these pools when flooded). Campers should be prepared for variable weather conditions, including intensely sunny days, hailstorms, rain, high winds, and near-freezing temperatures. Fires are permitted only in grills provided, woodstoves, or campstoves.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Hosmer Grove	ltd	●	●		3	●	●		
Oheo Gulch	ltd	●	●		3		●		
Backcountry Campsites									
Holua (hike-in, horseback ride-in)	ltd		●		2	●			
Holua Cabin Camp (hike-in, horseback ride-in)	ltd			●	2				
Kapalaoa Cabin Camp (hike-in, horseback ride-in)	ltd			●	2				
Paliku (hike-in, horseback ride-in)	ltd		●		2	●			
Paliku Cabin Camp (hike-in, horseback ride-in)	ltd			●	2				

Hawaii Volcanoes National Park

Hawaii National Park, HI 96718

Setting: From a distance, campers may experience an eruption of Mauna Loa or Kilauea, two of the most active volcanoes on Earth and the main attractions of this Hawaii island park. Fiery eruptions of lava occurred as recently as 1985. From the coast to the summit of the two volcanic mountains are sandy beaches, tropical rainforests, and lava-covered slopes.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. Handicapped-accessible restrooms are available at Kamoamo and Namakani Paio.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year at sites shown below on a first-come, first-served basis. A backcountry permit is required. Pepeiau, Mauna Loa Summit, and Red Hill Cabins each have a primitive sheltering cabin with bunk beds. The rest of the campgrounds, except Napau Crater, have 3-sided camping shelters. Shelter is not provided at Napau Crater.

Special Notes: Services available all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Namakani Paio—restaurant, golf course, volcano helicopter tours. Campers and hikers should avoid wandering off trails into unknown areas, where deep cracks in the Earth's surface pose dangers. Campers should be prepared for variable weather conditions, including intensely sunny days, high winds, heavy rains, and, in higher elevations, subfreezing temperatures. Elevations rise higher than 13,000 feet; altitude sickness occurs often.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Kamoamo	ltd	●	●		7	●	●		
Kipuka Nene	ltd	●	●		7	●			
Namakani Paio	ltd	●	●		7	●	●		
Backcountry Campsites									
Halape (hike-in)	ltd		●		7	●			
Kaaha (hike-in)	ltd		●		7	●			
Keauhou (hike-in)	ltd		●		7	●			
Pepeiau Cabin (hike-in)	ltd		●		7	●			
Mauna Loa Summit Cabin (hike-in)	ltd		●		7	●			
Napau Crater (hike-in)	ltd		●		7				
Red Hill Cabin (hike-in)	ltd		●		7	●			



Craters of the Moon National Monument

P.O. Box 29, Arco, ID 83213

Setting: Camp settings are in the heart of what has been called an outdoor museum of volcanism and the strangest 81 square miles on the North American continent. The stark terrain consists of lava flows and cinder cones created during more than 10,000 years of eruptions that ended 2,000 years ago. Mule deer, prairie falcons, marmots, and other wildlife inhabit this moon-like world.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open from mid-April to mid-October on a first-come, first-served basis; exact dates depend on road and snow conditions. Water and flush toilets are available from mid-May through September; the rest of the year water is not available and pit toilets are provided.

Group Campground: The campground is open from mid-May through September. Reservations are required; contact the park. The site accommodates up to 30 persons and 5 vehicles.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed from mid-April through October throughout much of the park. A backcountry permit is required.

Special Notes: No food, fuel, or other supplies are available in the park; the nearest are 18 miles away in Arco, Idaho. Charcoal fires are permitted in grills or campstoves; wood fires are prohibited.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Lava Flow	52	●	●	●	14	●	●		
Group Campground									
Lava Flow	1	●	●	●					
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in)	open		●						

Kentucky

Mammoth Cave: A camping trip tests outdoor skills.



Cumberland Gap National Historical Park P.O. Box 1848, Middlesboro, KY 40965

Camping in Kentucky,
Tennessee, and Virginia

Setting: The Wilderness Road, the historic route through the Appalachian Mountains that Daniel Boone and other pioneers followed on their way west in the 1700s, winds past the main camping area. Several more isolated backcountry camping areas are perched along a high ridge in the mountains. Dense oak-hickory forests predominate throughout the region.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open from late spring to late fall on a first-come, first-served basis. A few handicapped-accessible sites are available.

Group Campground: The campground is open from late spring to late fall. Reservations are required; call the park. Each site accommodates up to 48 persons.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year at sites shown below on a first-come, first-served basis. A backcountry permit is required.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: Wilderness Road—hot showers, gasoline, firewood, evening campfire programs.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Wilderness Road	112	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Group Campground									
Wilderness Road	13	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Backcountry Campsites									
Chadwell Gap (hike-in, horseback ride-in)	4		●		14				
Gibson Gap (hike-in, horseback ride-in)	2		●		14				
Hensley Settlement (hike-in, horseback ride-in)	1		●		14				
Martins Fork (hike-in, horseback ride-in)	8		●		14				
White Rocks (hike-in, horseback ride-in)	4		●		14				

Mammoth Cave National Park
Mammoth Cave, KY 42259

Setting: The main camping areas are located in oak-hickory forests throughout the hilly karst limestone landscape that overlies Mammoth Cave, part of a 300-mile cave system renowned as the longest cave network in the world. Backcountry campers stay predominantly in the valleys of the Green and Nolin Rivers on river floodplains and islands.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. Two handicapped sites at Headquarters Campground located near accessible restrooms are held until 6 p.m. each day for handicapped campers.

Group Campground: The campground is open all year. Reservations are required; call the park. Each site is limited to 32 persons.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year at sites shown below on a first-come, first-served basis. A backcountry permit is required.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Headquarters—hot showers, coin-operated laundry, visitor center, where cave tours begin. Ticks and poisonous copperheads and rattlesnakes are prevalent in warm weather.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Headquarters	111	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Houchins Ferry	12	●	●		14	●			
Group Campground									
Maple Springs	6	●	●	●	14	●			
Backcountry Campsites									
Dennison Ferry (high-clearance 2WD-in)	4		●		14				
River campsites (boat-in)	ltd		●		14				
Other locations (hike-in, horseback ride-in)	11		●		14				

Maine

Acadia National Park

P.O. Box 177, Bar Harbor, ME 04609

Setting: Coastal forests shelter campers on Mount Desert Island, where the cold Atlantic meets the most mountainous terrain on the East Coast of the United States. The high point is Cadillac Mountain, which rises 1530 feet above the waves. A backcountry camping area is located on Isle au Haut, one of many rocky islands off the Maine coast. Seals and sea birds visit the park.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Blackwoods is open all year. Flush toilets are available from May through mid-October; pit toilets are provided the rest of the year. Reservations through Ticketron can be made for the period from June 15 to September 15. The rest of the year Blackwoods is on a first-come, first-served basis. Seawall is open from Memorial Day through September on a first-come, first-served basis. It has several walk-in tent sites. The limit of stay for both campgrounds is as noted below from June 14 to September 16; the rest of the year it is 30 days. Each campsite is limited to 8 persons. Both campgrounds have a few handicapped-accessible sites near accessible restrooms. The campgrounds usually fill up by early afternoon from mid-July through August.

Group Campgrounds: Blackwoods is open from May to mid-October. Seawall is open from Memorial Day through September. Reservations are required for both campgrounds; contact the park. Each campground has sites that accommodate up to 20 persons.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed from mid-May to mid-October at site shown below. Reservations are required; contact the park. A reservation fee is charged; there is no daily camping fee. The limit of stay is as noted below between June 15 and September 15; from May 15 to June 15 and from September 15 to October 15 the limit is 5 days. Camping is restricted to lean-to shelters provided; no tents are permitted.

Special Notes: A private mail/passenger boat ferries campers to the backcountry camping area on Isle au Haut from Stonington, Maine. From mid-June through August the boat lands within 1/10 mile of the camping area; at other times the boat lands 4 miles away. The boat does not run on Sundays or holidays. Contact the park for transportation information. Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: Blackwoods and Seawall—hot showers, coin-operated laundry, evening ranger programs.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Blackwoods	320	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Seawall	214	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Group Campgrounds									
Blackwoods	5	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Seawall	5	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Backcountry Campsites									
Isle au Haut—shelters provided (boat-and-hike-in)	5				3	●			

Maryland

Antietam National Battlefield

P.O. Box 158, Sharpsburg, MD 21782

Setting: Amid the fields, woods, and farmlands of Antietam Battlefield, campers may be able to imagine the events of September 17, 1862, the single bloodiest day of the Civil War. More than 23,000 Union and Confederate troops were killed or wounded on that day. Antietam Creek runs along the edge of the camping area and Burnside Bridge, the park's best known landmark, is nearby.

Group Campground: The campground is open from March through October. Reservations are required; contact the park. The sites are for organized groups only.

Special Notes: Campers should bring firewood. Sites have little or no shade. Fires are permitted only in designated fire rings or campstoves. Ticks and chiggers infest the area in the summer; bring insect repellent.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Group Campground									
Rohrback	4	●		3					●

Assateague Island National Seashore

Route 2, Box 294, Berlin, MD 21811

Setting: For campers, Assateague Island is a gateway to white sandy beaches along the Atlantic Ocean, dunes, pine forests, salt marshes, and sheltered coves on Chincoteague Bay. The 37-mile-long barrier island, located off Maryland and Virginia's mainland, is a favorite haunt of nesting shorebirds and migrating waterfowl. Several bands of wild ponies roam the island.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Bayside is open all year. North Beach is open from Memorial Day weekend through September. All campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The limit of stay for both campgrounds is as noted below from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day; the rest of the year it is 14 days. North Beach has several walk-in tent sites. North Beach also has one handicapped-accessible site near an accessible toilet; inquire at the campground office. Campgrounds usually fill up every day from mid-June to Labor Day; campers should arrive early in the week and place their name on a waiting list for a campsite.

Group Campground: The campground is open all year. Reservations are required; contact the park. Each site accommodates 12 to 25 persons.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed at sites shown below on a first-come, first-served basis. Ocean-side sites are open all year. Bay-side sites are open from March through October; however biting insects discourage most campers from using Bay-side sites in the summer. A backcountry permit is required for all sites. The limit of stay is as noted below from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day; the rest of the year it is 14 days.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: Bayside and North Beach—lifeguarded beaches. All campsites except for some in the backcountry are unshaded. Eighteen-inch tent stakes are recommended for camping in sandy soil and strong winds. Mosquitoes and biting flies can be abundant from mid-May to mid-October; bring insect repellent and bug-proof tent netting. Assateague State Park, located adjacent to the national park, has a campground with hot showers.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Bayside	40	●	●	●	7	●		●	
North Beach	86	●	●	●	7	●		●	
Group Campground									
North Beach	5		●	●	7	●		●	

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Backcountry Campsites									
Bay side (hike-in, boat-in)	4	●			7				
Ocean side (hike-in)	3	●			7				

Catoctin Mountain Park Thurmont, MD 21788

Setting: Men once logged, farmed, and made moonshine deep in the hills of this portion of the Appalachian Mountains where campers today come for a quiet woodland visit. Evidence of man's past activities can be seen in the second-growth forests of chestnut oak, hickory, birch, poplar, and sassafras. Creeks flow through the hills. Whitetailed deer are natives.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open from mid-April to late November on a first-come, first-served basis. The limit of stay noted below is for any one stay; the total permitted stay in one year is 14 days. Trailers up to 22 feet long are permitted. Handicapped-accessible restrooms are provided.

Group Campgrounds: Misty Mount camp has several rustic wood and stone cabins and lodges. Each cabin accommodates up to 4 persons; lodges, 8. Anyone 18 years or older can rent a cabin or lodge, both of which are available from May through October. Each cabin and lodge has single beds and mattresses; central hot showers and restrooms are available. Some cabins and all restrooms are handicapped-accessible. Reservations are required; contact the volunteer organization that runs the camp at Misty Mount Camp, C.A.M.P.E.R., Inc., P.O. Box 352, Thurmont, MD 21788. Greentop, also a cabin camp, has several rustic cabins and 1 lodge equipped like those at Misty Mount, but it is for organized groups only. Round Meadows includes 4 modern dormitories and is similarly equipped to the cabin camps. It, too, is for organized groups only. Both Greentop and Round Meadow are available in the spring and fall. Reservations are required; contact the park during January for the spring camping season and in May for the fall season. Groups at Greentop and Round Meadow must include at least 65 persons.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: Owens Creek—evening campfire programs. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the park. Fires are permitted only in grills provided or designated fire rings.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Owens Creek	51	●	●	●	7	●	●		
Group Campgrounds									
Greentop	1			●		●	●		●
Misty Mount (not NPS)	25			●	14	●	●		
Round Meadow	1			●		●	●		●

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park P.O. Box 4, Sharpsburg, MD 21782

Camping in Maryland and West Virginia

Setting: Campers get a taste of history and nature along the 184-mile Chesapeake and Ohio (C&O) Canal. The 19th-century transportation canal parallels the wooded shores of the Potomac River from urban Georgetown in Washington D.C. (milepost 0) to the mountains of Cumberland, Maryland (milepost 184). A gravel-surfaced towpath follows the entire canal route.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open from Memorial Day to Labor Day on a first-come, first-served basis. RVs up to 16 feet long are permitted at McCoy's Ferry, 15-Mile Creek, and Spring Gap.

Group Campground: The campground is open all year. Water is available from April through November. An advance permit is required; call the park's Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center in Great Falls, Maryland.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year at the sites shown below on a first-come, first-served basis. Water is available at all sites only from April through November.
Special Notes: Milepost numbers along the canal and towpath are listed after each campground name below.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Antietam Creek 69.3	30		●		10	●			●
McCoys Ferry 110.4	15	●	●		14				
15-Mile Creek 140.9	12	●	●		14	●			●
Spring Gap 173.3	19	●	●		14	●			●
Group Campground									
Marsden Tract 11.5	4		●		7	●			
Backcountry Campsites									
Swains Lock 16.6 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			
Horsepen Branch 26.1 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			
Chisel Branch 30.5 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			
Turtle Run 34.4 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			●
Marble Quarry 38.2 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			
Indian Flats 42.5 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			
Calico Rocks 47.6 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			●
Bald Eagle Island 49.9 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			
Huckleberry Hill 62.5 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			
Killiansburg Cave 75.2 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			●
Horseshoe Branch 79.6 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			
Big Woods 82.4 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			
Opequon Junction 90.9 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			
Cumberland Valley 95.2 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			
Jordan Junction 101.2 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			●
North Mountain 109.5 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			
Licking Creek 116.0 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			
Little Pool 120.6 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			
Leopards Mill 129.9 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Cacapon Junction 133.6 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			
Indigo Neck 139.2 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			
Devils Alley 144.5 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			
Stickpile Hill 149.4 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			
Sorrel Ridge 154.1 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			
Paw Paw Tunnel 156.0 (boat-in only)	ltd		●		1	●			●
Purslane Run 157.4 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			
Town Creek 162.1 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			
Potomac Forks 164.8 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			
Pigmans Ferry 169.1 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			
Iron Mountain 175.3 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			●
Evitts Creek 179.0 (hike-in, bike-in)	ltd		●		1	●			

Greenbelt Park

6501 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Setting: This woodland retreat in the greater Washington D.C. metropolitan area allows urban dwellers to go camping and get away from it all without going very far. Situated on the rolling hills of the Piedmont coastal plain, the park's hardwood forests are a natural sanctuary for raccoons, squirrels, red fox, bobwhite quail, and many other birds. Downtown Washington is 12 miles away.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. The limit of stay is as noted below from Memorial Day to Labor Day; the rest of the year it is 14 days. One family is allowed per site. RVs up to 30 feet long are permitted. Handicapped-accessible sites are available close to restrooms; assistance may be needed to enter the restrooms.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally within 1 mile of campground include: Greenbelt— evening campfire programs. Fires are permitted only in grills provided or campstoves.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Greenbelt	174	●	●	●	5	●	●	●	

Michigan

Isle Royale National Park

87 North Ripley Street, Houghton, MI 49931

Setting: An unbroken wilderness awaits campers on Isle Royale, a 45-mile-long island of spruce-fir and birch-maple forests, inland lakes, and rocky shores 22 miles off Minnesota's mainland in Lake Superior. Dozens of smaller islands surround the main island. Moose and wolves share the island with red fox and beaver. Park access is by boat or floatplane only.

Group Campgrounds: See "Backcountry Campsites" below for information on backcountry group sites.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed from mid-April through October on a first-come, first-served basis. A backcountry permit is required. All backcountry camping areas have sites for camping parties of 6 persons or less. Eighty-eight 3-sided wooden shelters are located in the camping areas. In addition, 17 of the camping areas have sites for groups with from 7 to a maximum of 10 persons (including group leaders). These 17 areas are: Beaver Island, Belle Island, Birch Island, Caribou Island, Duncan Bay, Duncan Narrows, Grace Island, Hay Bay, Huginnin Cove, Intermediate Lake, Lake Richie Canoe, Lake Whittlesey, Lane Cove, Little Todd Harbor, North Lake Desor, Pickerel Cove, Washington Creek, and Wood Lake. Groups should write the park for special group camping information. Some sites listed below as hike-in sites are accessible by a combination of canoeing and portaging. Docks are available at all boat-in sites.

Special Notes: Commercial passenger boats and a floatplane ferry visitors to the park throughout the camping season. Boats leave from Grand Portage, Minnesota, and Houghton and Copper Harbor, Michigan. A floatplane leaves from Houghton, Michigan. Reservations, which must be made with the individual transportation services, are recommended. Contact the park for up-to-date transportation information. Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: Rock Harbor—showers, coin-operated laundry, restaurant, snack bar, marina, canoe rentals, evening ranger programs; Washington Creek—coin-operated laundry, boat fuel, canoe rentals, evening ranger programs; Daisy Farm—evening ranger programs. Fires are permitted only in grills provided or campstoves; all campers should bring stoves. Wood gathering is prohibited in many areas. Campers must pack out all trash. Pets are not allowed within park boundaries. Mosquitoes, black flies, and gnats can be bothersome in the summer; bring insect repellent and bug-proof tent netting.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Backcountry Campsites									
Beaver Island (boat-in)	3		●		3				●
Belle Isle (boat-in)	6		●		5				
Birch Island (boat-in)	2		●		3				
Caribou Island (boat-in)	4		●		3				
Chippewa Harbor (hike-in, boat-in)	7		●		3				
Daisy Farm (hike-in, boat-in)	26		●		3	●			
Duncan Bay (boat-in)	3		●		3				
Duncan Narrows (boat-in)	3		●		3				
East Chickenbone Lake (hike-in)	6		●		2				
Feldtman Lake (hike-in)	8		●		2				
Grace Island (boat-in)	2		●		3				
Hatchet Lake (hike-in)	8		●		2				
Hay Bay (boat-in)	1		●		3				
Huginnin Cove (hike-in, boat-in)	5		●		3				

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Intermediate Lake (canoe-in only)	3	●			2				
Island Mine (hike-in)	9	●			3				
Lake Richie (hike-in, canoe-in only)	6	●			2				
Lake Richie Canoe (canoe-in only)	2	●			2				
Lake Whittlesey (canoe-in only)	3	●			2				
Lane Cove (hike-in)	5	●			3				
Little Todd Harbor (hike-in)	4	●			2				
Malone Bay (hike-in, boat-in)	8	●			3				
McCargoe Cove (hike-in, boat-in)	12	●			3				
Merritt Lane (boat-in)	2	●			3				
Moskey Basin (hike-in, boat-in)	11	●			3				
North Lake Desor (hike-in)	3	●			2				
Pickeral Cove (boat-in)	1	●			2				
Rock Harbor (hike-in, boat-in)	23	●			1	●			●
Siskiwit Bay (hike-in, boat-in)	9	●			3				
South Lake Desor (hike-in)	10	●			2				
Three Mile (hike-in, boat-in)	15	●			1				●
Todd Harbor (hike-in, boat-in)	10	●			3				
Tookers Island (boat-in)	2	●			3				●
Washington Creek (hike-in, boat-in)	19	●			3	●			●
West Chickenbone Lake (hike-in)	9	●			2				
Wood Lake (canoe-in only)	3	●			2				

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore

P.O. Box 40, Munising, MI 49862

Setting: Campers in this northwoods wilderness overlook Lake Superior from the 50- to 200-foot-high sandstone cliffs known as the Pictured Rocks. Wave erosion has created arches, pedestals, and other rock sculptures along shore. There are sand and pebble beaches, waterfalls, lakes, dunes, and forests of hardwoods, spruce, hemlock, and fir. Whitetailed deer, beaver, and muskrat are common.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. Water is available only from early May to mid-November. Handicapped-accessible sites are provided at each campground; reservations can be made for these by contacting the park. If not reserved, these sites are held until 6 p.m. each day on a first-come, first-served basis for use by any handicapped person. Handicapped-accessible toilets are also provided at the campgrounds.

Group Campgrounds: See "Backcountry Campsites" below for information on backcountry group sites.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year at campsites shown below. A backcountry permit is required. Reservations can be made for some sites, while others are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations can be requested by writing the park. Camp-

sites for parties of 8 persons or less are available at all camping areas. One group site, for groups of up to 20 persons, is available at each of the following areas: Au Sable Point East, Beaver Lake, Cliffs, Coves, Masse Homestead, Mosquito River, Sevenmile Creek, and Trapper's Lake. In the winter when snow covers the ground more of the park is open for backcountry camping. **Special Notes:** Heavy snows close park roads from about November to May each year. Campers may still enter the park on designated snowmobile routes, or by crosscountry skiing or snowshoeing.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Hurricane River	10	●	●		14	●			
Little Beaver Lake	8	●	●		14	●			
Twelvemile Beach	37	●	●		14	●			
Backcountry Campsites									
Au Sable Point East (hike-in)	9		●		3				
Beaver Creek (hike-in)	6		●		3				
Beaver Lake (hike-in)	11		●		3				
Benchmark (hike-in)	6		●		3				
Chapel Beach (hike-in)	15		●		3				
Cliffs (hike-in)	4		●		3				
Coves (hike-in)	6		●		3				
Island View (hike-in)	4		●		3				
Masse Homestead (hike-in)	4		●		3				
Mosquito River (hike-in)	11		●		3				
Pine Bluff (hike-in)	5		●		3				
Sevenmile Creek (hike-in)	7		●		3				
Trapper's Lake (hike-in)	6		●		3				

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore

400 Main Street, Frankfort, MI 49635

Setting: Many camping areas lie in this hilly region of massive coastal sand dunes, clear inland lakes, beech-maple forests, sandy beaches, and birch-shaded streams along Lake Michigan. The largest dune, Sleeping Bear Dune, is a highlight of any visit. Backcountry campers can find privacy on North and South Manitou Islands off the Michigan mainland. Island access is by boat only.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. Water is available only from mid-April to November. Each campground has 1 handicapped-accessible site next to an accessible toilet.

Group Campground: The campground is open all year. Water is available only from mid-April to November. Reservations are required; contact the park. The entire campground accommodates up to 100 persons. See "Backcountry Campsites" below for information on backcountry group sites.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year at sites shown below. A backcountry permit is required. Backcountry group sites, which accommodate up to 25 persons, are available. Reservations are required for these sites; contact the park. The rest of the sites are for smaller camping parties; these are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Special Notes: A commercial passenger boat ferries visitors from Leland, Michigan, to South Manitou Island, where Bay, Bay Group, Popple, Weather Station, and Weather Station Group backcountry campsites are located, and to North Manitou Island from May to December. The boat runs daily in the summer, less frequently during the rest of its operating season. Reservations are recommended; they must be made directly with the boat operator. Contact the park

for information. Services available all year or seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: D.H. Day and Platte River—gasoline station, boat rentals, firewood, evening ranger programs. Backcountry campers on South Manitou Island will find limited camping supplies and a restaurant near the boat landing dock; North Manitou does not have any services. Fires are permitted only in grills provided, designated fire rings, or campstoves. Campers can collect dead and down firewood anywhere but on the dunes.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
D.H. Day	89	●	●	●	14	●		●	●
Platte River	160	●	●	●	14	●		●	●
Group Campground									
D.H. Day	4		●	●	14	●			
Backcountry Campsites									
Bay (boat-and-hike-in)	27		●		14				
Bay Group (boat-and-hike-in)	3		●		14				
North Manitou (boat-and-hike-in)	open		●		14				
Popple (boat-and-hike-in)	8		●		14				
Valley View (hike-in)	6		●		14				
Weather Station (boat-and-hike-in)	27		●		14	●			
Weather Station Group (boat-and-hike-in)	3		●		14	●			
White Pine (hike-in)	6		●		14				

Voyageurs: The nearest campsite? Only a boat trip away.



Minnesota

Grand Portage National Monument

P.O. Box 666, Grand Marais, MN 55602

Setting: Just as 18th and 19th century fur traders on their way to and from the fur-rich lands of Canada once rested overnight along the Grand Portage, so do campers today. The Grand Portage was a vital overland link in the historic trading route along rivers and other waterways into the continent's interior. The camping area is in a birch-fir forest on the Pigeon River.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year at sites shown below on a first-come, first-served basis. A backcountry permit is required. Each site accommodates up to 5 campers.

Special Notes: Mosquitoes and other insects can be bothersome in the summer; bring insect repellent and bug-proof tent netting. Winter temperatures often fall to -10°F and colder.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Backcountry Campsites									
Fort Charlotte (hike-in, boat-in)	2		●						

Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway (see Wisconsin)

Voyageurs National Park

P.O. Box 50, International Falls, MN 56649

Setting: Like the French-Canadian voyageurs who canoed through this lakes region in the heyday of the fur trade in the 1700s and 1800s, campers can spend the night on lakeshores or forested islands. The region's lakes, bogs, freshwater marshes, and mixed forests of hardwoods and evergreens are wilderness sanctuaries for moose, wolves, beaver, black bear, and loons.

Group Campgrounds: See "Backcountry Campsites" below for information on backcountry group sites.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout much of the park on a first-come, first-served basis. Many sites are inaccessible during the freeze-up of the lakes from mid-November to mid-December and again during spring thaw in April; when the lakes are frozen, access is by snowmobile, crosscountry skiing, or snowshoeing. Two campsites designed for larger groups each accommodate up to 5 tents.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (boat-in, boat-and-hike-in)	100		●		14				

Mississippi

Gulf Islands National Seashore
3500 Park Road, Ocean Springs, MS 39564

See also Florida

Setting: Davis Bayou, a saltwater inlet that opens up into the Gulf of Mexico, borders the main camping area. Saltwater marshes, homes for shorebirds, alligators, shrimp, and fish, are nearby. Magnolias and a variety of pines and oaks shelter the camping area. For more primitive surroundings, campers can retreat to barrier islands about 10 miles off Mississippi's mainland.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. The limit of stay is as noted below from January through March; the rest of the year it is 30 days. Water and electrical hookups are provided at each site. Several campsites near handicapped-accessible restrooms are held until noon each day for handicapped persons.

Group Campground: The campground is open all year. Reservations are recommended; contact the park. The campground is for organized groups only; up to 30 persons can be accommodated.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year on East Ship, Horn, and Petit Bois Islands. The only island where drinking water is available is Horn Island; it is provided at the ranger station.

Special Notes: Commercial passenger boats ferry persons to backcountry camping areas on the islands from Davis Bayou on the mainland. The boats run all year; contact the park for information. Private boaters may pull boats up on island beaches or anchor offshore; no docks are provided. Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Davis Bayou—hot showers, restaurants, gasoline station, evening ranger programs.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Davis Bayou	51	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Group Campground									
Davis Bayou	1		●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (boat-in, boat-and-hike-in)	open		●						

Natchez Trace Parkway
R.R. 1, NT-143, Tupelo, MS 38801

Camping in Mississippi and Tennessee

Setting: A historic frontier route used by Indians, Civil War troops, and other travelers for more than 400 years, the Natchez Trace Parkway today offers camping along its current 375 miles of paved parkway. The highway runs from Natchez, Mississippi (milepost 0), through Alabama, to Nashville, Tennessee (milepost 449). Camping areas are on rolling hills in mixed pine-hardwood forests.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. All campgrounds have some handicapped-accessible sites and restrooms.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Jeff Busby—gasoline station; Rocky Springs—evening ranger programs. In the summer, high temperatures range from 90 to 95°F and the relative humidity commonly is 90 percent and above. Milepost numbers along the parkway are listed after each campground name below.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Rocky Springs 54.8	22	●	●		14	●	●		
Jeff Busby 193.1	18	●	●		14	●	●		●
Meriwether Lewis 385.9	32	●	●		14	●	●		

Missouri

Ozark National Scenic Riverways

P.O. Box 490, Van Buren, MO 63965

Setting: The Current and Jacks Fork Rivers meander through hills and hollows of the Ozark Mountains, where the land is almost as wild for campers today as it was in the days when early Indians hunted and fished here. Both rivers have quiet pools and mild rapids. Large freshwater springs and limestone caves are abundant along the rivers. Oaks and hickories shade riverside camping areas.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. Handicapped-accessible sites near accessible restrooms are available at Alley and Big Spring. Handicapped-accessible restrooms are provided at Round Spring.

Group Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open all year. Reservations are required; contact the park after January 1 to make reservations for the upcoming camping season. A nonrefundable reservation fee is charged in addition to a camping fee. Sites accommodate from 15 to 45 persons. Handicapped-accessible sites near accessible restrooms are available at Alley.

Special Notes: Campgrounds are occasionally closed due to flooding. Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Akers and Pulltite—evening ranger programs; Alley—hot showers, evening ranger programs; Big Spring—cold showers, restaurant, evening ranger programs; Round Spring—hot showers, coin-operated laundry, evening ranger programs. Canoe rentals are available all along the rivers. Fires are permitted only in grills provided or campstoves.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Akers	81	●	●	●	14	●			●
Alley Spring	187	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Big Spring	205	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	
Owls Bend	27	●	●	●	14	●			
Pulltite	56	●	●	●	14	●			●
Round Spring	60	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Two Rivers	12	●	●		14	●			●
Group Campgrounds									
Akers	5		●	●	14	●			●
Alley Spring	3		●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Big Spring	4		●	●	14	●	●	●	
Owls Bend	2		●	●	14	●			
Pulltite	3		●	●	14	●			●
Round Spring	3		●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Two Rivers	2		●	●	14	●			●

Montana

Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area
P.O. Box 458, Fort Smith, MT 59035

Camping in Montana and
Wyoming

Setting: Bighorn Lake, a 71-mile-long reservoir created by the damming of the Bighorn River, is a favorite of fishermen, boaters, and campers. Canyon walls 1,500 feet high flank the lake on both sides. From north to south, the ever-changing lakeshore scenery blends from semi-desert into a scrub juniper woodland into forested mountains and finally into a short-grass prairie.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open all year on a first-come, first-served basis; heavy snows sometimes close campgrounds for periods from November through March. Water is available at Afterbay and Horseshoe Bend only from April to October. Flush toilets are available all year at Afterbay, but at Horseshoe Bend they are provided only from April through September; the rest of the year pit toilets are available. Afterbay and Horseshoe Bend have handicapped-accessible restrooms.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout much of the park on a first-come, first-served basis. Two areas—Black Canyon and Medicine Creek—are open only from about March to December; exact dates depend on when Bighorn Lake freezes and thaws. Black Canyon has flush toilets from May to October and pit toilets the rest of the year. A backcountry permit is required.

Special Notes: Campgrounds may be closed for periods during the high fire danger season from mid-June to mid-August. Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: Afterbay—evening ranger programs; Horseshoe Bend—marina, snack bar, evening ranger programs. In Black Canyon, fires are permitted only in grills provided and campstoves; in other areas, the park staff recommends building fires in grills, designated fire pits, or campstoves. Temperatures range from 100°F, and hotter, in the summer to -10°F, and colder, in the winter.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Afterbay	37	●	●		14	●	●	●	●
Horseshoe Bend	75	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Barry's Landing	20	●	●		14				
Backcountry Campsites									
Black Canyon (boat-in)	12		●		14		●		
Medicine Creek (boat-in)	20		●		14				
Other locations (hike-in, boat-in)	ltd		●		14				

Glacier National Park
P.O. Box 128, West Glacier, MT 59936

Setting: This glacially carved landscape in the northern Rocky Mountains attracts campers with its promise of high mountain adventure, 200 sparkling lakes, rivers and streams, waterfalls, forests, and alpine wildflowers. Mountain goats, bighorn sheep, grizzlies, and black bears dwell here. The park is part of Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park, which includes an adjacent Canadian park.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Apgar and St. Mary Lake are open all year. Water and flush toilets are available from about mid-May to mid-September; the rest of the year no water is available and pit toilets are provided. Bowman Lake, Cut Bank, Kintla Lake, Logging Creek, River, and Two Medicine are open from mid-May or early June to mid-November. Water and flush toilets, where provided, are available from the opening of the campground until mid-September; the rest of the season water is not available and pit toilets are provided. The rest of the campgrounds open in June or July and close in late August or September. All campground sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The limit of stay for all campgrounds is as noted

below in July and August; the rest of the year it is 14 days. Up to 8 persons are allowed in a campsite. Only hard-sided camping vehicles can use Avalanche and Many Glacier. Towed camping vehicles are prohibited from using Sprague Creek because of limited turnaround room. Apgar, Avalanche, Fish Creek, Many Glacier, Rising Sun, Sprague Creek, and St. Mary Lake have handicapped-accessible restrooms. Campgrounds often fill in July and August; campers should arrive by early afternoon to get a site.

Group Campground: The campground is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. Water and flush toilets are available from about mid-May to mid-September; the rest of the year no water is available and pit toilets are provided. Each site accommodates from 9 to 15 persons. The limit of stay is as noted below in July and August; the rest of the year it is 14 days. The campground has handicapped-accessible restrooms.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout much of the park on a first-come, first-served basis. A backcountry permit is required. Reservations are recommended; they must be made in person at park headquarters no more than 1 day in advance. A camping party may extend its length of stay beyond 6 days by contacting a ranger at the end of 6 days.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: Apgar and St. Mary Lake—restaurant, gasoline station, evening ranger programs; Avalanche, Many Glacier, Fish Creek, Rising Sun, Sprague Creek, and Two Medicine—evening ranger programs. Fires are permitted only in grills provided or campstoves. Campers should keep a clean camp and store food in vehicles or, in the backcountry, on poles provided to avoid attracting black and grizzly bears. Backcountry campers should be aware of the dangers of avalanches in winter and spring.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Apgar	196	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	●
Avalanche	87	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	
Bowman Creek	6	●	●		7				●
Bowman Lake	48	●	●	●	7	●			
Cut Bank	19	●	●	●	7	●			
Fish Creek	180	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	●
Kintla Lake	19	●	●	●	7	●			
Logging Creek	8	●	●	●	7	●			
Many Glacier	117	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	●
Quartz Creek	7	●	●	●	7	●			
Rising Sun	83	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	●
River	7	●	●		7				
Sprague Creek	25	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	
St. Mary Lake	156	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	
Two Medicine	99	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	●
Group Campground									
Apgar	10	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	●
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in)	65		●		6				

Nevada

Lake Mead National Recreation Area
601 Nevada Highway, Boulder City, NV 89005

Camping in Nevada and
 Arizona

Setting: In earlier times few travelers would have chosen to stay overnight in this harsh desert of canyons and mountains, but since the construction of Hoover Dam and Davis Dam and the creation of man-made Lake Mead and Lake Mohave, this area has become a mecca for those seeking opportunities for lakeshore camping and water sports. Backcountry desert camping is offered, too.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. In all campgrounds except trailer villages each site is limited to 9 persons and 1 vehicle (plus anything being towed). The limit of stay noted below for Cottonwood Cove applies to part of the campground all year; in the rest of the campground the limit is 30 days from March 1 to May 31 and 90 days the rest of the year. Trailer villages, which are run by park concessioners, have water, electrical, and sewage hookups for RVs. Persons staying at trailer villages can request an extension to their limit of stay after 30 days; extensions up to 6 months may be granted. Handicapped-accessible sites and restrooms are available at all campgrounds.

Group Campground: The campground is open all year. Reservations are required; call the park. Groups must include at least 10 persons.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed along both lakeshores and throughout much of the desert. The park recommends camping from October to May, when cooler temperatures prevail.

Special Notes: All camping areas except Hemenway are within 1 mile of a restaurant, marina, and boat rentals. Other services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Boulder Beach and Lakeshore Trailer Village (at Boulder Beach)—hot showers, coin-operated laundry, evening ranger programs; Callville Bay Trailer Village—hot showers and coin-operated laundry (both for trailer village occupants only); Cottonwood Cove and Cottonwood Cove Trailer Village—hot showers, coin-operated laundry, gasoline station; Echo Bay, Echo Bay Trailer Village, Temple Bar, and Temple Bar Trailer Village—hot showers (trailer village occupants only), coin-operated laundry, gasoline station; Overton Beach and Overton Beach Trailer Village—hot showers (trailer village occupants only), coin-operated laundry; Katherine and Lake Mohave Resort Trailer Village (at Katherine)—hot showers and coin-operated laundry (both for trailer village occupants only), gasoline station, evening ranger programs; Willow Beach Trailer Village—hot showers and coin-operated laundry (both for trailer village occupants only), gasoline station. Fires are permitted only in grills provided or campstoves. Summer daytime temperatures reach 100°F and above; pets should never be left in vehicles or trailers.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Boulder Beach	154	●	●	●	30	●	●	●	●
Callville Bay	80	●	●	●	90	●	●	●	●
Callville Bay Trailer Village (not NPS)	6	●		●	30	●	●	●	●
Cottonwood Cove	149	●	●	●	30	●	●	●	●
Cottonwood Cove Trailer Village (not NPS)	75	●		●	30	●	●	●	●
Echo Bay	166	●	●	●	90	●	●	●	●
Echo Bay Trailer Village (not NPS)	58	●		●	30	●	●	●	●
Hemenway	184	●	●	●	30	●	●	●	●
Katherine	173	●	●	●	30	●	●	●	●
Lake Mohave Resort Trailer Village (not NPS)	39	●		●	30	●	●	●	●

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Lakeshore Trailer Village (not NPS)	75	●		●	30	●	●	●	●
Las Vegas Wash	89	●	●	●	30	●	●	●	●
Overton Beach	40	●	●		30	●	●	●	●
Overton Beach Trailer Village (not NPS)	15	●		●	30	●	●	●	●
Temple Bar	153	●	●	●	90	●	●	●	●
Temple Bar Trailer Village (not NPS)	13	●		●	30	●	●	●	●
Willow Beach Trailer Village (not NPS)	18	●		●	30	●	●	●	●
Group Campground									
Boulder Beach (walk-in)	5		●	●	30	●	●	●	●
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (boat-in, 4WD-in)	open		●						

Bandelier: A cold day could be the perfect excuse for a campfire.



New Jersey

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (see Pennsylvania)

New Mexico

Bandelier National Monument

Los Alamos, NM 87544

Setting: The mesas, canyons, and plateaus where campers stay today were the home of ancient Anasazi Indians from the 12th to 16th centuries. The preserved ruins of their agricultural villages include cliff dwellings, open pueblos, and shrines. Most campers stay on the mesa tops, but backcountry campers find overnight sites on mesa tops and canyon bottoms.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open from early March through November on a first-come, first-served basis. Handicapped-accessible restrooms are available.

Group Campground: The campground is open from mid-April through October. Reservations are required; call the park. A maximum of 50 campers is permitted per site.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout much of the park on a first-come, first-served basis. A backcountry permit is required. Camping parties are limited to 10 persons.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: Juniper—evening ranger programs. Food, fuel, and other supplies are not available in the park; the nearest are 12 miles away in Los Alamos and White Rock, New Mexico.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Juniper	96	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	
Group Campground									
Ponderosa	4		●	●	7	●			
Backcountry Campsites									
Wilderness Sites (hike-in)	8		●		2				
Other locations (hike-in)	ltd		●						

Chaco Culture National Historical Park

Star Route 4, Box 6500, Bloomfield, NM 87413

Setting: The desert canyon country where the camping areas are located was the site of a flourishing Anasazi Indian city of pueblos in the 10th century A.D. Prehistoric ruins in Chaco Canyon, the center of the far-flung community, are nearby. Pueblo Bonito, the largest of Chaco's pueblos, had 600 to 800 rooms and outdoor plazas. Ancient roads connected the pueblos.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. Drinking water is available all year 1 mile away at the visitor center. Flush toilets are provided at the campground in the summer, pit toilets the rest of the year. RVs up to 30 feet long are permitted.

Group Campground: The campground is open all year. Reservations are required; contact the park. Groups must include from 15 to 50 persons. Drinking water is available all year 1 mile away at the visitor center. RVs up to 30 feet long are permitted.

Special Notes: During rainy weather the dirt access road to the park can be difficult to travel; call the park for up-to-date road conditions. Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Gallo—visitor center, with exhibits of the art, artifacts, and architecture of the Anasazi Indians, evening campfire programs. No food, fuel, telephone, or other services are available in the park; the nearest are 30 miles away on New Mexico State Highway 44. Fires are permitted only in grills provided or campstoves. Firewood gathering is prohibited.

El Morro: An out-of-the-way place to stay.



Chaco Culture continued	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Gallo	46	●	●		14		●	●	
Group Campground									
Gallo	1	●	●		14		●	●	

**El Morro National Monument
Ramah, NM 87321**

Setting: Two hundred-foot-high El Morro, a great sandstone butress and landmark marking the site where weary western travelers once rested, dominates the view from the camping area. Indians and Spanish conquistadors stopped to enjoy water from the natural pool at El Morro's base and carve messages into the rock. Hundreds of inscriptions record their passing.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. It may be closed by snow for periods from January through March. Water is provided only from about April through October; the rest of the year the nearest water is 1/2 mile away at the visitor center. One handicapped-accessible site and accessible toilets are available.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally within 1 mile of the campground include: El Morro— evening ranger programs. Food, fuel, and other supplies are not available in the park; the nearest are 9 miles away at Lewis Trading Post. Thunderstorms occur frequently from July through September.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
El Morro	9	●	●		14	●			



Fire Island National Seashore

120 Laurel Street, Patchogue, NY 11772

Setting: Although New York City's skyline is just out of view, campers can feel far removed from city life while staying on this 32-mile-long barrier island south of Long Island. The white sandy beaches, grassy dunes, thickets, and wetlands are rich in geese, ducks, and other waterfowl, and marine life such as crabs and fish. Access to the park's camping area is by boat only.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open from mid-May to mid-October. Reservations are required; contact the park for information. Up to 5 persons are permitted at a site. Handicapped-accessible restrooms are available.

Group Campground: The campground is open from mid-May to mid-October. Reservations are required; persons should send a self-addressed stamped envelope and a request for a group camping application to the park after March 1. The application should be completed and returned before April 15; the site is assigned by a lottery drawing conducted after April 15. The site accommodates up to 40 persons. Handicapped-accessible restrooms are available.

Special Notes: From May through October, a commercial boat ferries passengers from Patchogue, New York, to a ferry landing less than ¼ mile from the camping areas. The ferry runs daily; for information contact the park or call the Watch Hill Ferry Company in Patchogue, New York. Private boaters can dock at the Watch Hill marina within ¼ mile of the campgrounds. Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: Watch Hill—solar-heated showers, restaurant, snack bar, evening ranger programs. Fires are permitted only in grills provided or campstoves. Sandy campsites require longer-than-normal tent stakes. Mosquitoes are abundant in warmer months; bring insect repellent and bug-proof tent netting.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Watch Hill (walk-in)	25	●		4		●	●		●
Group Campground									
Watch Hill (walk-in)	1	●		4		●	●		●

North Carolina

Blue Ridge Parkway

700 Northwestern Bank Building, Asheville, NC 28801

Camping in North Carolina
and Virginia

Setting: The 469-mile ribbon of highway known as the Blue Ridge Parkway winds along the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia and North Carolina and past several camping areas. The parkway begins just south of Shenandoah National Park (milepost 0) and continues through woodlands of hardwoods, pine, spruce, and fir until it reaches Great Smoky Mountains National Park (milepost 469).

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Otter Creek, Roanoke Mountain, Price Park, and Linville Falls are open all year. Water is available at these campgrounds year-round, but flush toilets are provided only from May through October; pit toilets are available the rest of the year. The other campgrounds are open from May to October. All campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The limit of stay is as noted below for all campgrounds from June 1 to Labor Day; the rest of the year there is no limit. All campgrounds have some sites reserved for RV use only. All campgrounds have at least 2 handicapped-accessible sites near accessible restrooms.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is available all year at campsites shown below on a first-come, first-served basis. A backcountry permit is required.

Special Notes: The parkway is often closed during periods of ice and snow from November to mid-March. Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Otter Creek—restaurant, evening ranger programs; Peaks of Otter, Doughton Park, Crabtree Meadows, and Mt. Pisgah—restaurant, gasoline station, evening ranger programs; Julian Price—boat rentals, evening ranger programs. Campers at Mt. Pisgah should keep a clean camp and store food in their vehicles to avoid attracting black bears. Milepost numbers along the parkway are listed after the campground names below.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Otter Creek 60.9	67	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Peaks of Otter 86.0	148	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Roanoke Mountain 120.5	105	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	
Rocky Knob 167.1	109	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	
Doughton Park 241.1	136	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Julian Price 297.1	197	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	
Linville Falls 316.3	75	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	
Crabtree Meadows 339.5	93	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Mt. Pisgah 408.6	140	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Backcountry Campsites									
Rock Castle Gorge 168.0 (hike-in)	8		●		14				
Basin Cove 241.1 (hike-in)	10		●		14				

Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Route 1, Box 675, Manteo, NC 27954

Setting: The influence of the sea is evident throughout camping areas on the Outer Banks, a narrow 70-mile chain of barrier islands off the North Carolina mainland. Coastal fishing villages, historic lighthouses, the remains of shipwrecks, sea birds, crabs and clams, and sportfish abound. Access to most of the park is by road; one island, Ocracoke, can be reached only by ferry.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Cape Point, Ocracoke, and Oregon Inlet are open from early April through October. Frisco and Salvo are open from about Memorial Day to Labor Day. Reservations through Ticketron can be made from mid-May to Labor Day for all campgrounds except

Salvo; during the rest of the camping season sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Salvo campsites are on a first-come, first-served basis all year. Cape Point has handicapped-accessible restrooms.

Special Notes: State-operated ferries carry passengers and vehicles to Ocracoke Island from Hatteras Island, Swanquarter, and Cedar Island, North Carolina, all year; for reservations, call the state Department of Transportation's Cedar Island Ferry Reservations number in Atlantic, North Carolina, or the department's Ferry Reservations number in Swanquarter. Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Cape Point, Frisco, Ocracoke, and Salvo—cold showers; Oregon Inlet—cold showers, marina. Mosquitoes are abundant in the summer; bring insect repellent and bug-proof tent netting. Longer-than-normal tent stakes are recommended for camping in sandy spots. Shade is scarce.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Cape Point	202	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Frisco	126	●	●	●	14	●	●		●
Ocracoke	136	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	
Oregon Inlet	120	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Salvo	130	●	●	●	14	●	●		●

Cape Lookout National Seashore
P.O. Box 690, Beaufort, NC 28516

Setting: When campers come to this chain of wild barrier islands off North Carolina's mainland, they immerse themselves in a seaside kingdom ruled by waves, wind, tides, and storms. Fifty-five miles of wide sandy beaches, dunes, salt marshes, and maritime forests support waterfowl and sea life. An 1859 lighthouse and abandoned coastal village are here, too. Park access is by boat only.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout much of the park on a first-come, first-served basis. RV camping is limited to small tent-campers or 4-wheel-drive trucks with camper tops.

Special Notes: Commercial ferries transport passengers from Ocracoke, Atlantic, Davis, and Harkers Island, North Carolina, to various points in the park from April through October or November, depending on the weather. The ferries from Davis and Atlantic will transport 4-wheel-drive vehicles. Reservations must be made with ferry operators; contact the park for information. Private boats can be anchored offshore. No food, fuel, or other supplies are available in the park; the nearest are in towns where ferry services are located. Campers must carry out all trash. Mosquitoes and gnats can be bothersome in warmer months; bring insect repellent and bug-proof tent netting. Longer-than-normal tent stakes are required for camping in sandy spots.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (boat-in, boat-and-hike-in, boat-and-4WD-in)	open	●	●						

Great Smoky Mountains National Park (see Tennessee)

Theodore Roosevelt: Where the spirit of the American West lives on.



North Dakota

Theodore Roosevelt National Park

P.O. Box 7, Medora, ND 58645

Setting: The rugged country of badlands and prairies along the Little Missouri River that surrounds campers of today inspired conservationist ideals in Theodore Roosevelt in the late 1800s. A multitude of prairie life, including bison, pronghorn, wild horses, and prairie dogs, inhabits the area's grass-and-sagebrush plains. The park's two sections are 72 miles apart; each has camping.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open from spring to fall on a first-come, first-served basis. Water and flush toilets are available from May to mid-October; the rest of the year no water is available and pit toilets are provided. Both campgrounds have handicapped-accessible sites.

Group Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open all year. Reservations are required; contact the park after March 1 for the upcoming camping season. Groups must include at least 8 persons. Halliday Wells accommodates up to 30 persons and 20 horses; an additional fee is charged for horses. Horses are not permitted at Squaw Creek.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout much of the park on a first-come, first-served basis. A backcountry permit is required.

Special Notes: No food, fuel, or other supplies are available in the park; the nearest are from 5 to 15 miles away from the various campgrounds. Fires are permitted only in grills provided or campstoves. Beware of bison and rattlesnakes.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Cottonwood	85	●	●	●	14	●	●		
Squaw Creek	50	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	
Group Campgrounds									
Halliday Wells	1	●	●	●	7	●			
Squaw Creek	1	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	
Backcountry Campsites									
North Unit (hike-in, horseback ride-in)	ltd		●						
South Unit (hike-in, horseback ride-in)	ltd		●						



Chickasaw National Recreation Area

P.O. Box 201, Sulphur, OK 73086

Setting: This hilly region of cold mineral and freshwater springs and streams has been a traditional camper's getaway since the turn of the century. Today the man-made Lake of the Arbuckles, a popular place for boating and fishing for catfish, largemouth bass, and sunfish, is an added attraction. Many camping areas are shaded by oaks, hickories, and pecan trees.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Buckhorn, Point, and Rock Creek are open all year. The rest of the campgrounds are open from spring to fall. All campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The limit of stay is as noted below from Memorial Day to Labor Day; the rest of the year there is no limit. All campgrounds have handicapped-accessible restrooms.

Group Campgrounds: Rock Creek is open all year. The rest of the campgrounds are open from spring to fall. Reservations are recommended; call the park's Travertine Ranger Station. Groups must include at least 10 persons. The limit of stay is as noted below from Memorial Day to Labor Day; the rest of the year there is no limit. All campgrounds have handicapped-accessible restrooms.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Buckhorn—evening ranger programs; Central, Cold Springs, and Rock Creek—coin-operated laundry, restaurant, gasoline, evening ranger programs. Tornado season is from May through July. In the summer temperatures of 100°F and a relative humidity of 40 percent are common.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Buckhorn	184	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Cold Springs	63	●	●	●	14	●	●		●
Guy Sandy	39	●	●	●	14	●			
Point	52	●	●	●	14	●	●		
Rock Creek	106	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Group Campgrounds									
Buckhorn	4	●	●	●	14	●		●	●
Central	12	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	
Cold Springs	1	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Rock Creek	1	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●



Crater Lake National Park

P.O. Box 7, Crater Lake, OR 97604

Setting: Sapphire-blue Crater Lake, the deepest lake in the United States with a depth of 1932 feet, is the prime attraction for campers, as well as other visitors. The lake sits in the collapsed center of a volcano that erupted about 6,800 years ago. This region of the Cascade Range also boasts virgin forests of ponderosa and lodgepole pine, red fir, and mountain hemlock and summer displays of flowers.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Lost Creek is open from mid-July to early October. Mazama is open from late June to September. Sites at both campgrounds are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Each site is limited to 6 persons. Mazama has handicapped-accessible restrooms. The campgrounds sometimes fill up in the summer; campers should arrive by early afternoon to get a site.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout much of the park on a first-come, first-served basis. A backcountry permit is required. Horseback riders can camp at one designated camping area. Dogs are allowed at a few campsites along the Pacific Crest Trail.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: Mazama— evening campfire programs. Campers should keep a clean camp and store food in their vehicles to avoid attracting black bears.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Lost Creek	12	●	●		14	●	●		
Mazama	200	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in, horseback ride-in)	ltd		●		14				

Pennsylvania

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Bushkill, PA 18324

Camping in Pennsylvania
and New Jersey

Setting: Camping areas are scattered throughout the long valley of the Delaware River, which cut the great slash of the Delaware Water Gap through this hardwood-forested region of the Appalachian Mountains. Nearby, tributary streams cascade down to the river through deep eroded gorges. Stone houses and other historic structures built by early Dutch settlers are preserved.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open from April through October. Reservations are recommended; contact the park concessioner at Dingmans Campground, R.D. 1, Box 312, Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328. Water and electrical hookups are provided at some sites.

Group Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open from April through October. Reservations are required; contact the park. Both campgrounds are for organized groups only. Each site at Hidden Lake and Rivers Bend accommodates a maximum of 25 persons.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is permitted all year along the Delaware River and along the Appalachian Trail on a first-come, first-served basis. River sites are only for boaters on trips of 2 or more days. Trail sites are only for Appalachian Trail hikers on trips of 2 or more days. The limit of stay shown below is for any one backcountry site.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: Dingmans Campground—hot showers, canoe rentals; Hidden Lake and Rivers Bend—ranger programs (on request only). Fires are permitted only in designated fire rings or pits, grills provided, and campstoves.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Dingmans Campground (not NPS)	107	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Group Campgrounds									
Hidden Lake	2		●	●	14	●			●
Rivers Bend	5		●		14				
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in, boat-in)	ltd		●		1				

Fort Necessity National Battlefield R.D. 2, Box 528, Farmington, PA 15437

Setting: The campground is nestled in the Allegheny Mountains near Fort Necessity Battlefield, where, on July 3, 1754, the first shots of the French and Indian War were fired and George Washington held his first military command. Nearby are a reconstruction of Fort Necessity and Mount Washington Tavern, a stagecoach inn of the 1800s. Campers are shaded by oaks and hickories.

Group Campground: The campground is open from early spring to late fall. However, heavy snow can make access difficult at times; contact the park for information on road conditions. Reservations are required at least 1 week in advance; call the park. The campground is for youth groups only. Each group is required to perform a 3-hour park conservation project and expected to attend park programs such as fort tours and talks. There must be 1 adult leader at least 21 years old for every 6 youths. Water is available only from mid-April to mid-October.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Group Campground									
Fort Necessity (walk-in)	1		●		14	●			

Gettysburg National Military Park
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Setting: A secluded, woods-enclosed camping area sits in a corner of Gettysburg Battlefield, the bloodiest battlefield of the Civil War. Here, in three July days in 1863, 51,000 men were killed or wounded. Many of the Union soldiers who died are buried in the national cemetery nearby. It was at the dedication of the cemetery 4 months later that Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address.

Group Campground: The campground is open from mid-April to mid-October. Reservations are required; contact the park beginning January 1 for the upcoming camping season. The campground is for organized youth groups only. Groups can include up to 55 persons; there must be at least 1 adult for every 10 youths.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally within 1 mile of the campground: McMillan Wood—firewood.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Group Campground									
McMillan Wood	8	●	●		14	●			●

South Dakota

Badlands National Park

P.O. Box 6, Interior, SD 57750

Setting: There are colorful views of the wind- and water-carved canyons, ridges, rock spires, and knobs of the Badlands from every camping area. Only a few streams intersect this otherwise arid environment. Campers may see bison, prairie dogs, and other animals that inhabit this remnant of the prairie that once stretched uninterrupted across North America's heartland.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. However, heavy snows and blizzards may close campgrounds for periods from December through April. Cedar Pass has water and flush toilets in the summer; the rest of the year no water is available and vault toilets are provided. Neither campground has fire grills. The limit of stay is as noted below from June through August; the rest of the year it is 14 days.

Group Campground: The campground is open all year. Heavy snows and blizzards can close the campground for periods from December through April. Reservations are required from Memorial Day to Labor Day; contact the park. Reservations are accepted, but not required, the rest of the year. The limit of stay is as noted below from June through August; the rest of the year it is 14 days. Fire grills are not provided.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout much of the park on a first-come, first-served basis.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: Cedar Pass—restaurant, evening ranger programs. In the summer temperatures reach 110°F and severe storms, with lightning, hail, and high winds, can occur. Fires are permitted only in campstoves.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Cedar Pass	110	●	●	●	10	●	●	●	●
Sage Creek	5	●	●		10				
Group Campground									
Cedar Pass	3	●	●	●	10	●	●	●	●
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in)	ltd		●						

Wind Cave National Park

Hot Springs, SD 57747

Setting: Campers enjoy the sunlit world of rolling prairies and woodlands where bison, elk, and pronghorn graze and prairie dog towns thrive, while below them lies the dark side of the park—42-mile-long Wind Cave. The cave entrance, just 1 mile from where most campers stay, leads to underground chambers of boxwork, frostwork, and other limestone cave formations.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. Water and flush toilets are available from May to early October; the rest of the year no water is available and chemical toilets are provided.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout much of the park. A backcountry permit is required. All fires and smoking are prohibited.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Elk Mountain—restaurant, visitor center, firewood, cave tours, evening campfire programs.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Elk Mountain	100	●	●	●	14	●	●		
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in)	ltd		●						

Tennessee

Cumberland Gap National Historical Park (see Kentucky)

Great Smoky Mountains National Park Gatlinburg, TN 37738

Camping in Tennessee and
North Carolina

Setting: Deep in the Appalachians, one of the Earth's oldest mountain ranges, campers are enveloped by a vast Eastern wilderness forest with an extraordinarily rich variety of flora and fauna. Black bear and deer abound, as do rustic cabins and barns of early mountain folk.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Cades Cove, Elkmont, and Smokemont are open all year. Reservations through Ticketron are required for these campgrounds from May through October. The rest of the year sites at these campgrounds are available first-come, first-served. The other campgrounds are open from April or May to late October on a first-come, first-served basis. Handicapped persons can make reservations through Ticketron for sites near handicapped-accessible restrooms at Cades Cove, Elkmont, and Smokemont from May through October.

Group Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open from April or May to late October. Reservations are required; contact the park. The campgrounds are for organized groups only. There are limits to the size of groups permitted at each site at each campground.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout much of the park. Reservations are accepted; write Backcountry Reservations in care of the park. A backcountry permit is required. A camping party can include up to 8 persons. Three-sided shelters are provided at 18 areas. The limit of stay for each backcountry site is 3 days, or, where a shelter is provided, 1 day. The total permitted length of stay in the backcountry is 14 days.

Special Notes: Services provided seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: Balsam Mountain and Elkmont—evening ranger programs; Cades Cove—bike and horse rentals, hay rides, evening ranger programs; Cosby, Deep Creek, and Smokemont—horse rentals, evening ranger programs. Campers should keep a clean camp and store food in vehicles or, in the backcountry, hang it high from trees or provided poles to avoid attracting black bears.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Abrams Creek	16	●	●	●	7	●	●		
Balsam Mountain	46	●	●	●	7	●	●		
Big Creek	9	●	●	●	7	●	●		
Cades Cove	161	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	●
Cataloochee	27	●	●	●	7	●	●		
Cosby	175	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	
Deep Creek	119	●	●	●	7	●	●		
Elkmont	220	●	●	●	7	●	●		
Smokemont	152	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	
Group Campgrounds									
Cades Cove	4		●	●	7	●	●	●	●
Cattaloochee	1		●	●	7	●	●		
Cosby	3		●	●	7	●	●	●	
Deep Creek	3		●	●	7	●	●		
Elkmont	4		●	●	7	●	●		
Smokemont	5		●	●	7	●	●	●	
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in, horseback ride-in)	116				varies				

Natchez Trace Parkway (see Mississippi)

Texas

Amistad Recreation Area

P.O. Box 420367, Del Rio, TX 78842

Setting: Built primarily for flood control and water conservation, the dam across the Rio Grande that created Lake Amistad reservoir also created a setting for lakeshore camping on the United States-Mexico border. Most campers stay in a few concentrated areas around the lake, but backcountry campers can stay at many remote spots along the 500 miles of U.S. shoreline below the highwater mark.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open all year on a first-come, first-served basis.

Group Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open all year. Reservations are required; contact the park. Campgrounds are for organized groups only. Groups must include at least 25 persons. One of the sites can accommodate up to 200 persons.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year along the U.S. side of the lake below the highwater mark (below contour level 1,144.3 feet) on a first-come, first-served basis. The park requests that you pick up a backcountry permit. Lakeshore camping is also permitted on the Mexican side; campers must stay within 500 feet of the shoreline.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Governors Landing—marina, boat rentals, restaurant, evening ranger programs; San Pedro Flat—gasoline, evening ranger programs. A sanitary dump station is located in the park; the nearest campground, Governors Landing, is 2 miles away.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Governors Landing	18	●	●		15				●
San Pedro Flat	22	●	●		15				●
Spur 406	6	●	●		15				
277 North	13	●	●		15				
277 South	4	●	●		15				
Group Campgrounds									
Rock Quarry	1	●	●		15				
San Pedro Flat	1	●	●		15				●
277 North	1	●	●		15				
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (boat-in)	ltd		●		15				

Big Bend National Park

Big Bend National Park, TX 79834

Setting: The banks of the Rio Grande, the nearly 8,000-foot Chisos Mountains, and the Chihuahuan Desert all provide places to camp. Plant and animal life varies with each environment, with willows, beavers, and many birds thriving in the river community; pinyon, juniper, ponderosa pine, and whitetailed deer in the mountains; and cactus and kangaroo rats in the desert.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Rio Grande Village-A, Basin, Cottonwood, and Rio Grande Village Trailer Park are open all year. Rio Grande Village-B is open only around the Easter holiday season and during Thanksgiving week in November. All sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Rio Grande Village Trailer Park has water, sewer, and electrical hookups for RVs. Persons towing trailers more than 20 feet long or driving motorhomes more than 24 feet long are discouraged from trying to camp at Basin because the access road is narrow and winding.

Group Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open all year. Reservations are required; contact the park up to 90 days in advance. Campgrounds are for organized groups only. Basin accommo-

dates from 3 to 5 persons at smaller sites, and from 8 to 12 persons at larger sites. The Cottonwood site accommodates from 10 to 30 persons. Rio Grande Village-A sites accommodate up to 20 persons at smaller sites and up to 40 at larger ones.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout much of the park on a first-come, first-served basis. A backcountry permit is required.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Basin—restaurant, horse rentals, evening ranger programs; Cottonwood—gasoline station, evening ranger programs; Rio Grande Village—hot showers, coin-operated laundry, gasoline station, visitor center, evening ranger programs. Access points to Mexico are located within 1 mile of Cottonwood and Rio Grande Village; entry is by foot and boat. Summer temperatures can reach 105°F and above.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Basin	63	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Cottonwood	35	●	●	●	14	●			●
Rio Grande Village—A	100	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Rio Grande Village—B	200	●	●	●	14	●		●	●
Rio Grande Village Trailer Park (not NPS)	25	●		●	14	●		●	●
Group Campgrounds									
Basin	12		●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Cottonwood	1		●	●	14	●			●
Rio Grande Village—A	4		●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in, 4WD-in, horseback ride-in, boat-in)	ltd		●		14				

Guadalupe Mountains National Park

Camping in Texas

3225 National Parks Highway, Carlsbad, NM 88220

Setting: Just as early westward-bound travelers welcomed the sight of the landmark Guadalupe Mountains on the edge of the Texas desert, so, too, will today's campers. The variety of camping areas include shady spots near the imposing 8078-foot El Capitan peak, juniper-oak woodlands in canyons, and, in the backcountry, forests of Douglas-fir, limber pine, and ponderosa pine.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. Both campgrounds have several walk-in tent sites. Grills are not provided in Pine Springs; fires there must be made in campstoves. Handicapped-accessible restrooms are available in both campgrounds; some assistance may be needed to reach the restroom in Dog Canyon.

Group Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open all year. Reservations are recommended for Pine Springs; call the park. Each Pine Springs site accommodates a minimum of 10 and maximum of 20 persons. The Dog Canyon site, available on a first-come, first-served basis, accommodates a minimum of 6 and maximum of 12 persons.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout much of the park on a first-come, first-served basis. A backcountry permit is required.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: Pine Springs—evening ranger programs. Wood and charcoal fires are prohibited at Pine Springs and in the backcountry, but they are permitted at Dog Canyon. Fires are permitted in campstoves at Pine Springs and in the backcountry. Campers should be prepared for strong winds, which occasionally reach speeds of up to 80 to 100 miles per hour in February, March, and April.

Tent/RV Campgrounds

Dog Canyon	26	●	●		14	●	●		
Pine Springs	53	●	●	●	14	●	●		
Group Campgrounds									
Dog Canyon	1		●		14	●	●		
Pine Springs	2		●	●	14	●	●		
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in, horseback ride-in)	ltd		●						

Lake Meredith Recreation Area
P.O. Box 1438, Fritch, TX 79036

Setting: The refreshing waters of Lake Meredith reservoir, the Canadian River, and smaller streams are one of the main reasons campers come to these otherwise arid, windswept plains. The flatlands are broken by 200-foot-deep canyons, buttes, and pinnacles. Along the water cottonwoods and willows add a touch of green. In drier regions mesquite, prickly pear, and prairie grasses grow.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open all year on a first-come, first-served basis.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Harbor Bay—coin-operated laundry, gasoline station, restaurant; Sanford-Yake—marina.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Bates Canyon	25	●	●		14			●	
Big Blue	20	●	●		14				
Blue West	40	●	●		14			●	
Bugbee Canyon	25	●	●		14				
Fritch Fortress	10	●	●		14	●	●	●	●
Harbor Bay	19	●	●		14			●	●
McBride Canyon	10	●	●		14			●	
Mullinaw Canyon	10	●	●		14				
Plum Creek	15	●	●		14			●	
Rosita	25	●	●		14			●	
Sanford-Yake	53	●	●		14	●	●	●	●
Spring Canyon	6	●	●		14				●

Padre Island National Seashore
9405 South Padre Island Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78418

Setting: This barrier island in the Gulf of Mexico just off the Texas mainland offers camping throughout much of its 68 miles of wide sandy beaches, dunes, and grassy flats. A multitude of marine life and waterfowl populate the island and its waters. Backcountry camping areas are on the gulf beach and on islands in Laguna Madre, the body of water separating the island from the mainland.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. The campground usually fills up on spring and summer holiday weekends.

Group Campground: The campground is open all year. Reservations are required; contact the park.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year along the Gulf Coast and on Laguna Madre islands on a first-come, first-served basis.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Malaquite—cold showers, lifeguarded beaches, evening ranger programs. In the summer temperatures can reach 95°F and the relative humidity is usually above 70 percent.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Malaquite	42	●	●	●	15	●	●	●	●
Group Campground									
Group Camp	1		●		15				●
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (boat-in, hike-in, 4WD-in)	ltd		●						

Utah

Arches National Park

c/o Canyonlands National Park, 125 West 2nd Street, Moab, UT 84532

Setting: Landscape Arch, Delicate Arch, and more than 400 other arches are concentrated in the redrock country of this park, and campers are rarely more than a short drive or hike from one of the natural spans. Other creations of erosion—balanced rocks, sandstone fins, and oddly shaped pedestals and spires—are scattered throughout the area.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. Water and flush toilets are available from mid-March to mid-October; the rest of the year water is not available and pit toilets are provided. Handicapped-accessible toilets are available. The campground usually fills by mid-day from March to mid-October.

Group Campground: The campground is open all year. Water and flush toilets are available from mid-March to mid-October; the rest of the year water is not available and pit toilets are provided. Reservations are required; contact the park. Groups must include at least 10 persons. One site accommodates up to 35 persons; the other, 55. Handicapped-accessible toilets are available.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout much of the park. A backcountry permit is required.

Special Notes: No food, fuel, or other supplies are available in the park; the nearest are 23 miles away in Moab, Utah. Fires are permitted only in grills provided or campstoves. Firewood gathering is prohibited.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Devils Garden	53	●	●	●	7	●	●		
Group Campground									
Devils Garden (walk-in)	2		●	●	7	●	●		
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in)	ltd		●						

Bryce Canyon National Park

Bryce Canyon, UT 84717

Setting: The colorful eroded wonderland of rock spires, pedestals, and other geologic sculptures known as Bryce Canyon is no more than a stone's throw away from all camping areas. Most campsites are within walking distance of the canyon rim in forests of ponderosa pine on the 8,000-foot-high Paunsaugunt Plateau, but there are backcountry sites below in Bryce Canyon itself.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: North is open all year. Sunset is open from about mid-May through September. Sites at both campgrounds are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Both campgrounds have handicapped-accessible restrooms. The campgrounds usually fill by late afternoon or early evening from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend.

Group Campground: The campground is open from about mid-May through September. Reservations are recommended; contact the park.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed in the southern part of Bryce Canyon from spring to fall on a first-come, first-served basis. A backcountry permit is required. The limit of stay listed below is for a specific campsite; the total permitted length of stay in the backcountry is 14 days. Each of 10 sites accommodates up to 6 persons; 2 sites each accommodate up to 15.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: North and Sunset—hot showers, coin-operated laundry, restaurant, gasoline station, horse rentals, visitor center, evening ranger programs. Fires are permitted only in grills provided or campstoves. Firewood gathering is prohibited.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
North	105	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Sunset	111	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Group Campground									
Sunset	2	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in, horseback ride-in)	12		●		3				

Canyonlands National Park 125 West 2nd Street, Moab, UT 84532

Setting: This Colorado Plateau wilderness provides many opportunities for enjoying far-reaching vistas, unusual rock formations, and ancient Fremont and Anasazi Indian art and architecture. Campers must come prepared to rough it, whether they plan to stay on the Island in the Sky plateau, in the colorful rock pinnacles called the Needles, in the jumble of canyons called the Maze, or along the Green and Colorado Rivers.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. Water is available at Squaw Flat only from April through September. Water is available all year within ½ mile at Needles District headquarters.

Group Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open all year. Reservations are required; contact the park. Squaw Flat accommodates up to 50 persons and 10 vehicles; Wooden Shoe, up to 25 persons and 5 vehicles; and Split Top Cave, up to 15 persons and 3 vehicles. All camping areas are within 1½ miles of the Squaw Flat tent/RV campground, where water is available seasonally. Water is available all year within 1 mile of each of the camping areas at Needles District headquarters.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year on a first-come, first-served basis throughout much of the park. A backcountry permit is required. Riverrunners going through Cataract Canyon of the Colorado River will need a special river permit, too. The permitted length of stay varies with location, as well as season.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: Squaw Flat and Willow Flat— evening ranger programs. No food, fuel, or other supplies are available in the park; the nearest towns, Moab and Monticello, Utah, are more than 40 miles away. Fires are permitted only in grills provided, designated fire rings, or campstoves. Firewood gathering is prohibited. Summer temperatures commonly reach 100°F and above. Backcountry campers should avoid camping in low-lying areas, which are prone to storm-caused flash floods in late summer and fall.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Squaw Flat	26	●	●	●	14	●			
Willow Flat	12	●	●		14				
Group Campgrounds									
Split Top Cave	1	●	●	●	14				
Squaw Flat	1	●	●	●	14				
Wooden Shoe	1	●	●	●	14				
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in, 4WD-in, horseback ride-in, boat-in)	ltd		●		varies				



Capitol Reef National Park
Torrey, UT 84775

Setting: A variety of red, yellow, orange, and white rock cliffs predominantly carved from Waterpocket Fold—a 100-mile-long buckling of the Earth’s surface—sets the outdoor stage for campers. Camping areas range from the historic site of the oasis-like Mormon pioneer community of Fruita on the banks of the Fremont River to more remote outposts in the desert.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. Flush toilets are provided from April to November, pit toilets the rest of the year.

Group Campground: The campground is open all year. Flush toilets are available from April to November, pit toilets the rest of the year. Reservations are required; contact the park. The campground is for organized groups only. Each site accommodates up to 20 persons.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout much of the park on a first-come, first-served basis. A backcountry permit is required.

Special Notes: Cedar Mesa is accessible only via a dirt road; contact the park for up-to-date road conditions. No food, fuel, or other supplies are available in the park; the nearest are 10 miles away in Torrey, Utah.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Cedar Mesa (high-clearance 2WD-in)	5	●	●		14				
Fruita	53	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	
Group Campground									
Fruita	2	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in)	ltd		●						

Cedar Breaks National Monument
P.O. Box 749, Cedar City, UT 84720

Setting: Highcountry spruce-fir forests near the colorful Cedar Breaks Amphitheater, a huge bowl-shaped masterpiece of erosion carved from the side of the 10,000-foot-high Markagunt

Cedar Breaks: Wildflowers for photographing, not picking.



Dale Dombrowski

Plateau, shelter the most popular camping areas. Subalpine meadows nearby fill with wildflowers in spring and summer. Some backcountry camping is done in the amphitheater.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open from mid-June to mid-September on a first-come, first-served basis.

Group Campground: The campground is open from mid-June to mid-September. Reservations are required; contact the park. Groups must include at least 10 but no more than 20 persons.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year below 9,000 feet in the amphitheater. The park requests that campers notify a ranger of their plans before starting their trip.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: Point Supreme—visitor center, evening ranger programs. Firewood can be collected only in the immediate vicinity of the campgrounds; wood must be dead and down.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Point Supreme	29	●	●	●	14	●	●		
Group Campground									
Point Supreme	1		●	●	14	●	●		
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in)	ltd		●						

Glen Canyon National Recreation Area
P.O. Box 1507, Page, AZ 86040

Camping in Arizona and
 Utah

Setting: The damming of the Colorado River and the creation of 186-mile-long Lake Powell almost 30 years ago created a dramatic landscape of blue water and desert slickrock ideal for boating, waterskiing, fishing, swimming, and lakeshore camping. Those who want to experience the place as it was before Glen Canyon Dam can backcountry camp away from the lake.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open all year. Bullfrog, Halls Crossing, Hite, Lees Ferry, and Wahweap sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations are accepted for campgrounds run by park concessioners at Bullfrog, Halls Crossing, and Wahweap. For reservations, contact Bullfrog Resort and Marina, Hanksville, UT 84734; Halls Crossing Resort and Marina, Blanding, UT 84511; or Wahweap Lodge and Marina, P.O. Box 1597, Page,

AZ 86040. All concession campgrounds have water, electrical, and sewage hookups for RVs. Hite is within 1 mile of drinking water at Hite Marina.

Group Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open all year. Reservations are required; contact the park. The campgrounds are primarily for organized groups of 10 or more persons.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout much of the park on a first-come, first-served basis. A backcountry permit is required only for the Escalante Canyon region.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas are: Bullfrog—hot showers, coin-operated laundry, restaurant, gasoline station, marina, boat rentals, boat tours, evening ranger programs; Halls Crossing—hot showers, coin-operated laundry, marina, boat rentals, boat tours; Hite—marina, boat rentals; Lees Ferry—evening ranger programs; Wahweap—hot showers, coin-operated laundry, restaurant, gasoline station, marina, boat rentals, boat tours, evening ranger programs. Fires are permitted only in grills provided, fire pans, or campstoves. Camping is prohibited in Rainbow Bridge National Monument, which is adjacent to the recreation area.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Bullfrog	87	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Bullfrog (not NPS)	24	●	●	●		●	●	●	●
Halls Crossing	70	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Halls Crossing (not NPS)	40	●	●	●		●	●	●	●
Hite	ltd	●	●		14				●
Lees Ferry	65	●	●	●	14	●	●		
Wahweap	178	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Wahweap (not NPS)	118	●	●	●		●	●	●	●
Group Campgrounds									
Bullfrog	ltd	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Wahweap	ltd	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in, horseback ride-in, 4WD-in, boat-in)	ltd		●		14				

Hovenweep National Monument
c/o Mesa Verde National Park
Mesa Verde National Park, CO 81330

Camping in Utah

Setting: The campground is perched on a mesa in a pinyon-juniper forest above Little Ruin Canyon, the location of Square Tower, the best preserved of many prehistoric Anasazi Indian ruins in the park. From the campground there are colorful views of the surrounding mesa-and-canyon country and distant mountain ranges. Park access is by dirt roads only.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. Water and flush toilets are provided from mid-April to mid-November; the rest of the year water is available ½ mile away at a ranger station and pit toilets are provided.

Special Notes: Park access roads can be difficult to travel during or after rainstorms; contact the park for up-to-date road conditions. Gnats can be bothersome in May and June; bring insect repellent and bug-proof tent netting. Climbing on prehistoric ruins is prohibited.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Square Tower	31	●	●	●	14	●	●		

Natural Bridges National Monument

c/o Canyonlands National Park, 125 West 2nd Street, Moab, UT 84532

Setting: The camping areas serve as gateways to more remote country where three large natural sandstone bridges created by stream erosion are located. A nearby scenic drive leads to bridge overlooks and trails lead to the bridges themselves. The bridges, named Owachomo, Sipapu, and Kachina, range from 180 to 268 feet in length and 106 to 220 feet in height.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. Water is available within ½ mile of the campground at the visitor center. RVs up to 21 feet long are permitted. The campground sometimes fills by early afternoon from May to October.

Group Campground: The campground is open all year. Reservations are recommended; write the park. The campsite accommodates up to 12 persons. Water is available within ½ mile of the campground at the visitor center. RVs up to 21 feet long are permitted.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: Natural Bridges—visitor center, evening ranger programs. No food, fuel, or other supplies are available in the park; the nearest are 25 miles away in Fry Canyon. During summer thunderstorms avoid high exposed areas prone to lightning strikes. Firewood gathering is prohibited.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Natural Bridges	13	●	●		14				
Group Campground									
Natural Bridges	1	●	●		14				

Zion National Park

Springdale, UT 84767

Setting: Campers can stay along the cottonwood-shaded banks of the Virgin River in Zion Canyon, a 2,000-foot-deep gorge with colorful eroded cliffs of sandstone. A more remote camping area is available in a highcountry forest of ponderosa pine, pinyon, and juniper atop the Kolob Plateau. The backcountry lures campers even further into this precipitous canyon country.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Watchman is open all year, South from May through September, and Lava Point usually from May to October. All sites are available first-come, first-served. The limit of stay is as noted below from May to October; the limit is extended the rest of the year. South and Watchman have handicapped-accessible sites near accessible restrooms.

Group Campground: The campground is open from March through November. Reservations and an advance deposit are required; contact the park. A maximum of from 15 to 45 persons is allowed per site, depending on the site size. Three vehicles are allowed per site.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout much of the park. A backcountry permit is required.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Watchman and South—hot showers, restaurants, visitor center, Zion Nature Center (for children ages 6 through 12), evening ranger programs. Fires are permitted only in grills provided or campstoves. Summer temperatures regularly reach 100°F and higher at lower elevations.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Lava Point	6	●	●						
South	140	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Watchman	223	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Group Campground									
Watchman	7	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in)	ltd		●						

Virginia

Blue Ridge Parkway (see North Carolina)

Cumberland Gap National Historical Park (see Kentucky)

Prince William Forest Park

P.O. Box 209, Triangle, VA 22172

Setting: What once were intensively farmed fields are today an outdoor recreation area where campers, and others, can enjoy a land reclaimed by nature. A young forest of Virginia pine in the rolling hills of the Piedmont coastal plain harbors whitetailed deer, wild turkey, raccoons, squirrels, and woodpeckers. Quantico Creek and other streams and lakes are in the area.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Oak Ridge is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. RVs up to 18 feet long are permitted. Travel Trailer Village is also open all year. Reservations are recommended; contact the park concessioner at Travel Trailer Village, 16058 Dumfries Rd., Dumfries, VA 22026. Electrical, water, and sewage hookups for RVs are available at all village sites. RVs up to 35 feet long are permitted. Both campgrounds have handicapped-accessible sites and restrooms.

Group Campgrounds: Turkey Run Ridge is open all year. Reservations are accepted by mail; call the park for a camping application. Sites accommodate from 15 to 35 persons. RVs up to 18 feet long are permitted. Cabin Camps are available from April through August. Each camp includes sleeping cabins, central kitchen and dining hall, restrooms, hot showers, and firewood. Reservations are accepted each year from January 1 to February 15 for the upcoming camping season. Groups must include at least 50 persons; the maximum number that can be accommodated at one camp is 216. Groups are charged for use of utilities in addition to being charged a camping fee. Groups must bring bedding and cooking utensils.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed from mid-May to mid-September at sites shown below. Reservations can be made by writing the park or appearing in person. A backcountry permit is required.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: Cabin Camps—ranger programs on request (see "Group Campgrounds" for information on other special services provided); Oak Ridge—firewood, evening ranger programs; Travel Trailer Village—hot showers, coin-operated laundry, swimming pool, firewood; Turkey Run Ridge—firewood, ranger programs on request. Fires are permitted only in grills provided, designated fire rings, or campstoves.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Oak Ridge	113	●	●	●	14	●	●		
Travel Trailer Village (not NPS)	79	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	
Group Campgrounds									
Cabin Camps	5			●	14	●	●		
Turkey Run Ridge	9	●	●	●	14	●	●		
Backcountry Campsites									
Chopawamsic designated sites (hike-in)	6		●		14				
Chopawamsic crosscountry sites (hike-in)	ltd		●		14				

Shenandoah National Park

Route 4, Box 292, Luray, VA 22835

Setting: In a part of the Blue Ridge Mountains where homes and farms once stood, campers can escape to a wilderness where forests of oak, hickory, and evergreens now grow and black

bear and whitetailed deer roam. All camping areas except backcountry sites are along Virginia's Skyline Drive, which starts at Front Royal (milepost 0) and ends near Waynesboro (milepost 105).

Tent/RV Campgrounds: All campgrounds except Big Meadows are open from May through October on a first-come, first-served basis. Big Meadows is open from March through December. From mid-May through October, reservations can be made through Ticketron for Big Meadows; the rest of the camping season its sites are on a first-come, first-served basis. Handicapped-accessible sites next to accessible restrooms are available at all campgrounds. On weekends in May, October, and in the summer, campgrounds fill up by Friday evening.

Group Campground: The campground is open from mid-May through October. Reservations are recommended; call the park. The campground is for non-commercial groups only. A maximum of 20 persons per site is permitted.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout much of the park on a first-come, first-served basis. A backcountry permit is required. The limit of stay noted below is for any one campsite; there is no limit on the total length of stay in the backcountry.

Special Notes: Skyline Drive may be closed in the winter due to snow. Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Mathews Arm and Lewis Mountain— evening ranger programs; Big Meadows— hot showers, coin-operated laundry, restaurant, gasoline station, wagon rides, visitor center, evening ranger programs, Loft Mountain— hot showers, coin-operated laundry, snack bar, gasoline station, evening ranger programs. Campers are required to keep a clean camp and store food in vehicles or, in the backcountry, hang it high from trees to avoid attracting black bears. Milepost numbers along Skyline Drive are listed after each campground name below.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Mathews Arm 22.2	186	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Big Meadows 51	227	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Lewis Mountain 57.5	31	●	●	●	14	●	●		●
Loft Mountain 79.5	221	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Group Campground									
Dundo 83.7	7	●	●	●	14	●			
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in)	ltd		●		2				

Virgin Islands: Sharing a tropical paradise.



Virgin Islands

Virgin Islands National Park

P.O. Box 7789, St. Thomas, VI 00801

Setting: The days when Christopher Columbus first sailed in this tropical paradise are long gone, but campers can still find enticing turquoise waters, sandy beaches, brilliant flowers, and multi-colored reef fishes and corals. Bayshore camping areas are on St. John, the smallest of the three major U.S. islands. Island access is by boat and seaplane only.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open all year. Three types of camping opportunities are available. There are 10 bare tent sites where campers provide their own tents and all their own camping gear; 54 sites where canvas tents for 4 to 6 persons are provided; and 40 one-room screened-in cottages that sleep 4 to 6. Provisions supplied at the latter two include cots, bedding linen, cooking and eating utensils, charcoal grill, gas stove, and ice chest. Reservations are required for all camping and can be made up to 8 months in advance. Persons wanting bare tent sites should contact the park concessioner at Cinnamon Bay Campground, P.O. Box 720, Cruz Bay, St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands 00830. Persons wanting tent sites with tents provided or cottages can contact the concessioner at Cinnamon Bay Campground or at Rockresorts Reservations, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, Room 5400, New York City, NY 10112. The limit of stay is as noted below from December 15 to April 15; the rest of the year it is 21 days. Handicapped-accessible restrooms are available in the campground. Campgrounds are usually booked up well in advance for the December 15 to April 15 camping period.

Group Campground: The campground is open all year. Eight 4-to-6-person canvas tents are provided at each site, along with cots, linen, cooking and eating utensils, charcoal grill, gas stove, and ice chest. Reservations are required; they can be made up to 8 months in advance. Persons should contact the park concessioner at Cinnamon Bay Campground or Rockresorts Reservations (see addresses above). The campground is for organized groups only. The limit of stay is as noted below from December 15 to April 15; the rest of the year it is 21 days.

Special Notes: A commercial passenger boat ferries visitors year-round from St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, to a landing dock on St. John in Cruz Bay, about 5 miles from the campgrounds. Taxis are available on St. John to transport persons to the campgrounds. Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Cinnamon Bay—cold showers, evening ranger programs, water sports center with sailing, scuba, and snorkeling tours and scuba, snorkeling, and windsurfing gear rentals. Pets are not permitted in the camping areas.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Cinnamon Bay (not NPS)	104	●	●	14	●	●			●
Group Campground									
Cinnamon Bay (not NPS)	2	●	●	14	●	●			●

Washington

Coulee Dam National Recreation Area

P.O. Box 37, Coulee Dam, WA 99116

Setting: Lake Roosevelt, a 151-mile-long reservoir fed by the waters of the Columbia River and created by Grand Coulee Dam, is the centerpiece around which a variety of camping areas are found. Campers can choose from a range of settings, from the arid sagebrush hills in the south to the cooler pine-fir forests to the north. Fishing, boating, and waterskiing are popular activities.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: All campgrounds except Hunters and Porcupine Bay are open all year. Water and flush toilets are provided at these campgrounds (where noted below) from April to mid-October; the rest of the year water is not available and pit toilets are provided. Hunters and Porcupine Bay are open from May through October. Water and flush toilets are provided at Hunters from June to mid-October; the rest of the year water is not available and pit toilets are provided. All sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The maximum trailer length permitted at Hawk Creek and Keller Ferry is 16 feet; at Gifford, Marcus Island, and Porcupine Bay, 20 feet; and at Evans, Fort Spokane, Haag Cove, Hunters, Kettle Falls, and Spring Canyon, 26 feet. Handicapped-accessible restrooms are available at Evans, Fort Spokane, Keller Ferry, Kettle Falls, Porcupine Bay, and Spring Canyon.

Group Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open all year. Reservations are recommended; contact the park. Campgrounds are for organized groups only. Fort Spokane accommodates up to 75 persons; Kettle Falls, up to 150; and Spring Canyon, up to 20. The maximum trailer length permitted at each campground is 26 feet. Handicapped-accessible restrooms are provided at Fort Spokane, Kettle Falls, and Spring Canyon.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year at lakeside sites shown below on a first-come, first-served basis.

Special Notes: Backcountry campsites are accessible by boat only; the other camping areas can be reached by boat and by road. However, because of fluctuations in the lake level and winter freezing of portions of the lake, some sites are not accessible by boat all year; contact the park for up-to-date lake conditions. Services available seasonally or within 1 mile of camping areas include: Fort Spokane—lifeguarded beach, guided fort tours, evening ranger programs; Evans, Keller Ferry, Kettle Falls, Porcupine Bay, and Spring Canyon—lifeguarded beach, evening ranger programs.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Bradbury Beach	5	●	●		14	●			
Cloverleaf	8	●	●		14	●			
Evans	46	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Fort Spokane	67	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Gifford	47	●	●	●	14	●			
Haag Cove	18	●	●		14	●			
Hawk Creek	16	●	●		14	●			
Hunters	42	●	●	●	14	●	●		
Jones Bay	4	●	●		14				
Kamloops	14	●	●		14	●			
Keller Ferry	50	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Kettle Falls	77	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Kettle River	20	●	●		14	●			
Marcus Island	20	●	●		14	●			●
North Gorge	10	●	●		14	●			
Porcupine Bay	31	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Snag Cove	6	●	●		14	●			
Spring Canyon	87	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Group Campgrounds									
Fort Spokane	1	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Kettle Falls	1	●	●	●	14	●		●	●
Spring Canyon	1	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Backcountry Campsites									
Crystal Cove (boat-in)	4		●		14				
Detillion (boat-in)	12		●		14				
Enterprise (boat-in)	12		●		14				
Ponderosa (boat-in)	7		●		14				
Sherman Creek (boat-in)	6		●		14				
Summer Island (boat-in)	4		●		14				

Mount Rainier National Park

Tahoma Woods, Star Route, Ashford, WA 98304

Setting: The grandeur that lures mountaineers to the summit of 14,410-foot Mount Rainier draws campers to its forested slopes as well. The ancient—but not extinct—volcano and its surrounding valleys are covered with dense stands of Douglas-fir, red cedar, and western hemlock and subalpine meadows of flowers. Glaciers blanket higher slopes of this Cascade Range peak.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Sunshine Point is open all year. The rest of the campgrounds are open from May or June to September or October; exact dates depend on the weather. All sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Cougar Rock has a few handicapped-accessible sites and restrooms.

Group Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open from late May to mid-October; exact dates depend on the weather. Reservations are required; call the park. Reservations are accepted up to 90 days in advance. Cougar Rock sites accommodate from 12 to 40 campers. Ipsut Creek sites accommodate from 20 to 30 campers.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout much of the park on a first-come, first-served basis. A backcountry permit is required from June 15 to September 30.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: Cougar Rock, Ipsut Creek, Ohanapecosh, and White River—evening ranger programs. Hot showers are provided at Paradise Visitor Center; the nearest campground, Cougar Rock, is 10 miles away. Campers should be prepared for inclement weather throughout the year.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Cougar Rock	200	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Ipsut Creek	29	●	●	●	14	●			
Ohanapecosh	232	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	
Sunshine Point	18	●	●	●	14	●			
White River	117	●	●	●	14	●	●		
Group Campgrounds									
Cougar Rock	5		●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Ipsut Creek	2		●	●	14	●			
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in)	ltd		●						

North Cascades National Park Service Complex

800 State Street, Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

Setting: Three adjacent park areas—North Cascades National Park, Lake Chelan National Recreation Area, and Ross Lake National Recreation Area—have camping areas from their large man-made lakes to their lofty, snow-topped Cascade Range peaks. Stehekin Valley, surrounded by towering mountains, is particularly popular with campers. Access to the park complex varies (see “Special Notes” below).

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Harlequin and Purple Point are open from mid-spring to mid-fall. Goodell Creek and Gorge Lake are open all year. Water is available at Goodell Creek only from spring through fall. Colonial Creek is open from mid-April to mid-October. Hozomeen is open from early May through October. Newhalem is open from mid-June to Labor Day. Campsites at all these campgrounds are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Diablo Lake Resort is open all year and reservations are accepted; contact the park concessioner at Diablo Lake Resort, P.O. Box 176, Rockport, WA 98283. The maximum trailer length recommended at Colonial Creek, Goodell Creek, Hozomeen, and Newhalem is 22 feet. Colonial Creek and Newhalem have handicapped-accessible campsites and toilets.

Group Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open all year. Reservations are required; contact the park. The campgrounds are for organized groups only. The maximum trailer length recommended in part of Goodell Creek is 22 feet; trailers are not recommended in the other portion of the campground. See “Backcountry Campsites” below for information on backcountry group camping.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout much of the park complex. A backcountry permit is required. One group campsite—Bridge Creek Group—is available in Stehekin Valley (see chart below). Reservations are required; contact the park. The site accommodates from 10 to 20 persons. Organized groups of up to 12 persons can make reservations for sites at Boundary Bay, Green Point, McMillian, Ponderosa, and Silver Creek, which are all along Ross Lake. Other backcountry sites, including Bridge Creek, Cottonwood, Dolly Varden, Flick Creek, High Bridge, Manley Wham, Shady, Tumwater, and Weaver Point—all in Stehekin Valley—as well as other locations in the complex, are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Camping parties with horses are permitted at some sites, including one in Stehekin Valley.

Special Notes: Campers can reach Stehekin Valley campsites by taking a passenger boat and shuttlebus, or a floatplane and shuttlebus. The boat leaves from Fields Landing just outside Chelan, Washington, at the southern end of Lake Chelan and lands at Stehekin, the main entry point for campers into Stehekin Valley. The plane leaves from Chelan and also lands at Stehekin. From Stehekin campers can board a shuttlebus that will drop them off near Stehekin Valley campsites. The 23-mile shuttlebus road is remote and not connected to any other roads. The boat is available on a first-come, first-served basis all year; it runs daily in the summer, less frequently the rest of the year. The plane is available all year by reservation only. The shuttlebus runs daily on a first-come, first-served basis from about May 15 to October 15. For information on transportation services, contact the park. Stehekin has hot showers, coin-operated laundry, visitor center, and evening programs; Purple Point and Weaver Point are within 1 mile. Other services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Colonial Creek, Goodell Creek, Hozomeen, and Newhalem—evening ranger programs; Diablo Lake Resort—restaurant, gasoline station, boat rentals; Green Point—boat rentals (trail or boat access only). Washington State Highway 20, the only access road to Ross Lake National Recreation Area, is usually closed to through traffic from November to April because of snow and the danger of avalanches; contact the park for up-to-date road conditions. Campers should keep a clean camp and store food in vehicles, or, in the backcountry, hang it high between trees, to avoid attracting black bears.

Lake Chelan National Recreation Area	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Harlequin (hike-in, bus-in)	7	●							
Purple Point (hike-in)	4	●				●			●

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Group Campground									
Harlequin (hike-in, bus-in)	1	●							
Backcountry Campsites									
Flick Creek (hike-in, boat-in)	1	●							●
Manley Wham (boat-in)	1	●							
Weaver Point (hike-in, boat-in)	13	●				●	●		●
Other locations (hike-in, horseback ride-in)	ltd	●							

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
North Cascades National Park									
Backcountry Campsites									
Bridge Creek (hike-in, bus-in)	7	●							
Bridge Creek Group (hike-in, bus-in)	1	●							
Cottonwood (hike-in, bus-in)	5	●							
Dolly Varden (hike-in, bus-in)	1	●							
High Bridge (hike-in, bus-in)	2	●							
Shady (hike-in, bus-in)	1	●							
Tumwater (hike-in, bus-in)	2	●							
Other locations (hike-in, horseback ride-in)	ltd	●							

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Ross Lake National Recreation Area									
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Colonial Creek	164	●	●	●		●	●	●	
Diablo Lake Resort (not NPS)	10	●	●	●		●	●		●
Goodell Creek	22	●	●	●		●			
Gorge	12	●	●						
Hozomeen	122	●	●						
Newhalem	129	●	●	●		●	●	●	●
Group Campground									
Goodell Creek	3	●	●						●
Backcountry Campsites									
Big Beaver (hike-in, boat-in)	7		●						
Boundary Bay (boat-in)	3		●						
Buster Brown (boat-in)	3		●						
Cat Island (boat-in)	5		●						
Cougar Island (boat-in)	3		●						
Devil's Junction (hike-in, boat-in)	1		●						

Ross Lake continued	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Dry Creek (boat-in)	4		●						
Green Point (hike-in, boat-in)	7		●						
Hidden Cove (boat-in)	1		●						
Lightning Creek (hike-in, boat-in)	6		●						
Little Beaver (boat-in)	6		●						
May Creek (hike-in, boat-in)	1		●						
McMillian (boat-in)	3		●						
Ponderosa (boat-in)	3		●						
Rainbow Point (hike-in, boat-in)	4		●						
Roland Point (boat-in)	1		●						
Silver Creek (boat-in)	3		●						
Spencer's Camp (boat-in)	2		●						
Ten-Mile Island (boat-in)	3		●						
Thunder Point (boat-in)	3		●						
Other locations (hike-in, horseback ride-in)	ltd		●						

Olympic National Park

600 East Park Avenue, Port Angeles, WA 98362

Setting: Camping areas are located throughout the park's extraordinarily diverse landscape. Scenes change from the snow- and glacier-covered peaks of the Olympic Range, to forests of hemlock, fir, and pine, to lush Pacific rainforests, to rocky ocean shores where harbor seals and migrating gray whales can be spotted. Elevations range from sea level to 5,400 feet.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Elwha, Fairholm, Heart O' the Hills, Hoh, Kalaloch, Mora, Ozette, Soleduck, and Staircase are open all year. Heavy snows sometimes close some of these campgrounds for periods. Water and flush toilets at Soleduck are available only from Memorial Day through September; the rest of the year no water is available and pit toilets are provided. The other campgrounds are open from May or June through September; exact dates depend on snow. All campgrounds are on a first-come, first-served basis. Deer Park, Doswallips, North Fork, and Queets are for tents only, because the access roads are too narrow and rough for RVs. RVs 21 feet long or shorter are recommended in the rest of the campgrounds; however most have some sites that accommodate RVs up to 30 feet. Staircase is limited solely to RVs 21 feet or shorter. Handicapped-accessible toilets are provided at Doswallips, Elwha, Fairholm, Graves Creek, Heart O' the Hills, Hoh, Kalaloch, Mora, Queets, Soleduck, and Staircase.

Group Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open all year. Reservations are required; write the park. Kalaloch accommodates a maximum of 40 persons; Mora, a maximum of 20; Ozette, up to 12. Handicapped-accessible toilets are available at Kalaloch and Mora.

Backcountry Campsites: Boulder Creek is open from June through September; exact dates depend on snow. Water and flush toilets are available from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Erickson's Bay is open all year. A backcountry permit is required for camping at this site. July Creek is open all year; water is available from June to September. Backcountry camping is allowed throughout much of the rest of the park, too; a backcountry permit is required.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Elwha, Heart O' the Hills, Hoh, Mora, and Staircase—evening ranger programs; Fairholm—gasoline, boat rentals, evening ranger programs; Kalaloch—restaurant, gasoline station, evening ranger programs; Soleduck—restaurant, evening ranger programs.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Altaire	29	●	●	●	14	●	●		
Deer Park	10		●		14	●			
Dosewallips	33		●		14	●	●		
Elwha	41	●	●	●	14	●	●		
Fairholm	87	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	
Graves Creek	45	●	●		14				
Heart O' the Hills	105	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	
Hoh	95	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	
Kalaloch	179	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Mora	91	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	
North Fork	8		●		14				
Ozette	14	●	●		14	●			
Queets	26		●		14				
Soleduck	84	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Staircase	63	●	●	●	14	●	●		
Group Campgrounds									
Kalaloch	ltd	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Mora	ltd	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	
Ozette	ltd	●	●		14	●			
Backcountry Campsites									
Boulder Creek (hike-in)	50		●		14	●	●		
Erickson's Bay (hike-in, boat-in)	15		●		14				
July Creek (hike-in)	31	●	●		14	●			
Other locations (hike-in, horseback ride-in, boat-in)	ltd		●		14				

Apostle Islands: There's no extra charge for the view.



West Virginia

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park (see Maryland)

Wisconsin

Apostle Islands National Lakeshore

Route 1, Box 4, Bayfield, WI 54814

Setting: Groups seeking an island getaway can choose from many of the 22 Apostle Islands in Lake Superior. Forested with maple, birch, and spruce and populated with black bear and deer, the islands are much as they were when Indians visited them long ago. Lakeshore beaches and cliffs, grottoes, and pillars of sandstone are found. Park access is by boat only.

Group Campgrounds: See "Backcountry Campsites" below for information on backcountry group sites.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout much of the park. Camping parties of less than 10 persons can use all camping areas; sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Groups of 10 or more persons can stay at sites at Basswood, Oak, and Stockton Islands. Reservations are required for these sites; call the park. Backcountry camping in areas other than those sites shown below requires a backcountry permit.

Special Notes: Commercial boats carry passengers from Bayfield, Wisconsin, to Oak, Raspberry, Rocky, Sand, South Twin Island, and Stockton Islands. The boats run from Memorial Day to October; services are more limited after Labor Day. A water taxi will take passengers to the other islands. For reservations contact Apostle Islands Cruise Service, Box 691, Bayfield, WI 54814. Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: Raspberry, Rocky, South Twin and Stockton Islands—evening ranger programs. Campers should keep a clean campsite and hang their food high in trees to avoid attracting black bears. Mosquitoes, black flies, and other insects can be bothersome in warmer months; bring insect repellent and bug-proof tent netting.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Backcountry Campsites									
Basswood Island (boat-in)	8		●		14	●			
Devils Island (boat-in)	1		●		14				
Oak Island (boat-in)	10		●		14	●			
Raspberry Island (boat-in)	2		●		14				
Rocky Island (boat-in)	6		●		14	●			
Sand Island (boat-in)	5		●		14	●			
South Twin Island (boat-in)	5		●		14	●			
Stockton Island (boat-in)	27		●		14	●			
Other locations (boat-in)	ltd		●		14				

Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway P.O. Box 708, Saint Croix Falls, WI 54024

Camping in Wisconsin and
Minnesota

Setting: The Saint Croix and Namekagon Rivers are naturally designed for a combination of canoeing and camping. Along the 227 miles of riverway are pine and hardwood forests, marshes, quiet pools, and rapids. For part of its length, the Saint Croix flows along the Wisconsin-Minnesota border. Fishermen can angle for trout, pike, bass, and sunfish. Whitetailed deer and waterfowl are common.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open from April through October on a first-come, first-served basis; exact dates depend on the weather. The limit of stay noted below is for each campground; the total permitted length of stay in the park is 14 days. Both campgrounds have handicapped-accessible toilets.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed from April through October throughout much of the park on a first-come, first-served basis; exact dates depend on the weather. One area—Highway 70—has several campsites; the rest of the designated sites are primarily designed for one camping party. Although many backcountry sites are accessible by road, the park discourages anyone but persons floating the river from using them. Drinking water is available at some sites and not at others. The limit of stay noted below is for each specific campsite; the total permitted length of stay in the park is 14 days.

Special Notes: Many state park camping areas are located along the river; state parks require a camping permit and charge fees. Campers should be careful not to trespass on private property along the river.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Earl Park	15	●	●		3	●			
Howell Landing (walk-in)	8		●		3	●			
Backcountry Campsites									
Highway 70 (boat-in)	15		●		3	●			●
Other locations (boat-in)	ltd		●		3				

Wyoming

Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area (see Montana)

Devils Tower National Monument

Devils Tower, WY 82714

Setting: Devils Tower—one of the “things in nature that engender an awful quiet in the heart of man,” according to one observer—breaks into the sky to the northwest of the camping areas. The flat-topped fluted stone column, the core of an ancient volcano, rises 867 feet from its base. Cottonwood trees in a bend of the Belle Fourche River shade the camping areas.

Tent/RV Campground: The campground is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. Campground roads are not plowed in winter; snow may make access difficult. Water and flush toilets are provided from mid-May to mid-September; the rest of the year water and restrooms are available ½ mile away at park headquarters. RVs up to 35 feet long are permitted. The campground has a few handicapped-accessible sites near restrooms.

Group Campground: The campground is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. Campground roads are not plowed in winter; snow may make access difficult. Water and flush toilets are provided from mid-May to mid-September; the rest of the year water and restrooms are available ½ mile away at park headquarters. Groups must include at least 6 persons. RVs up to 35 feet long are permitted.

Special Notes: Heavy snows can close park roads in the winter; call the park for information on up-to-date road conditions. Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Belle Fourche River—hot showers, gasoline stations, restaurant, evening ranger programs.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campground									
Belle Fourche River	48	●	●	●	14	●	●		●
Group Campground									
Belle Fourche River	3	●	●	●	14	●	●		●

Grand Teton National Park

P.O. Drawer 170, Moose, WY 83012

Setting: The valley of Jackson Hole, where blue lakes reflect the craggy snow-capped 14,000-foot peaks of the Teton Range, is the center for camping. The Snake River and smaller streams flow through the valley. Backcountry campers can retreat further into the mountains. Bighorn sheep, moose, bald eagles, and a large elk herd range from the sagebrush flats to the high forested slopes.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Gros Ventre is open from mid-May to mid-October. Jenny Lake, Signal Mountain, and Colter Bay are open from late May to mid- or late September. Lizard Creek is open from mid-June to early September. All sites at these campgrounds are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Colter Bay, Gros Ventre, and Signal Mountain have handicapped-accessible restrooms. Colter Bay Tent Cabins, where canvas-and-log tents are provided, is open from early June to early September. A woodstove, bunkbeds without linens, and storage chest are provided; other camping gear can be rented within 1 mile. Colter Bay Trailer Village, with water, electrical, and sewage hookups for RVs, is open from Memorial Day weekend to late September or early October. Reservations are required for the Tent Cabins and the Trailer Village; contact the park concessioner at Grand Teton Lodge Company, P.O. Box 240, Moran, WY 83013. Reservations are accepted beginning in November prior to the upcoming camping season. Winter camping for tent and RV campers is permitted at Colter Bay Visitor Center from mid-October to mid-May; sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and drinking water and restrooms are available at the visitor center. In the summer, campgrounds fill up by noon or early afternoon daily.

Group Campground: Campgrounds are open from mid- or late May to mid-September. Reservations are recommended and accepted from January 1 to June 1 for the upcoming camping season; write the park. Campgrounds are for organized groups only. Groups must include at least 10 persons. Each Colter Bay site accommodates 20 to 100 persons. Each Gros Ventre site accommodates 20 to 75 persons.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year. A backcountry permit is required. Reservations can be made for many backcountry sites; persons must know when and where they want to camp. Reservations are accepted by the park from January 1 to June 1 for the upcoming camping season. Many backcountry sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Camping parties cannot include more than 12 persons. The limit of stay noted below is for any specific site, or designated backcountry zone; the total permitted length of stay in the backcountry is 10 days. Campers with horses are restricted to a few campsites. Climbing parties must have a climbing permit as well as a camping permit.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Colter Bay, Colter Bay Tent Cabins, and Colter Bay Trailer Village—hot showers, coin-operated laundry, restaurant, gasoline station, horse rentals, evening ranger programs; Gros Ventre, Jenny Lake, and Lizard Creek—evening ranger programs; Signal Mountain—restaurant, gasoline station, marina, boat rentals, float trips down the Snake River, evening ranger programs. Fires are permitted only in grills provided, designated fire rings, or campstoves.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Colter Bay	350	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Colter Bay Tent Cabins (not NPS)	72		●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Colter Bay Trailer Village (not NPS)	112	●		●	14	●	●	●	●
Gros Ventre	360	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Jenny Lake	49		●	●	7	●	●		●
Lizard Creek	63	●	●	●	14	●	●		
Signal Mountain	86	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●
Group Campgrounds									
Colter Bay	11		●	●	14				
Gros Ventre	5		●	●	14				
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in, horseback ride-in, boat-in)	ltd		●		2				

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway

c/o Grand Teton National Park, P.O. Drawer 170, Moose, WY 83012

Setting: This 88-mile-long scenic corridor linking Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks has roadside camping areas located in spruce-pine forests. The Snake River, with its bordering steep cliffs and rock outcrops, passes nearby these main camping areas. Backcountry campers can hike to roadless areas in surrounding hills and lodgepole pine forests.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Campgrounds are open from June through September. Snake River sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations are accepted for Flagg Ranch. Reservations are recommended at least 3 weeks in advance; contact the park concessioner at Flagg Ranch, P.O. Box 187, Moran, WY 83013. Flagg Ranch has electrical and water hookups for RVs. Snake River has handicapped-accessible restrooms.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed from June to October throughout much of the park on a first-come, first-served basis.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally within 1 mile of camping areas include: Flagg Ranch

and Snake River—hot showers, coin-operated laundry, restaurant, gasoline station, horse rentals, guided float trips down the Snake River, evening ranger programs. Campers should keep a clean camp and store food in their vehicles, or, in the backcountry, hang it high from trees, to avoid attracting grizzly and black bears. Fires are permitted only in grills provided or campstoves.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Flagg Ranch (not NPS)	150	●	●	●		●	●	●	●
Snake River	24	●	●	●	14	●	●		●
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in, horseback ride-in, boat-in)	ltd		●		14				

Yellowstone National Park

P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190

Setting: For campers in this Rocky Mountain wilderness, Old Faithful, symbol of America's oldest park, is just one of a multitude of wonders. Hundreds of geysers, hot springs, and other thermal features erupt, bubble, steam, and simmer. Yellowstone Lake and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River are grand-scale treasures. Grizzlies, black bears, bison, and elk head an impressive wildlife list.

Tent/RV Campgrounds: Mammoth is open all year. Madison is open from about early May through October. Bridge Bay is open from about late May through September. Slough Creek is open from about mid-May through October. Fishing Bridge and Fishing Bridge RV Park are open from about early June to early September. Pebble Creek and Tower Falls are open from about early June to mid-September. Canyon, Indian Creek, and Norris are open from about mid- or late June to mid-September. Grant Village and Lewis Lake are open from about mid-June to mid- or late October. Opening and closing dates can vary widely depending on the weather and other factors. All campgrounds except Fishing Bridge RV Park are on a first-come, first-served basis. At Fishing Bridge RV Park reservations are accepted; contact the park concessioner at Reservations Office, TW Services, Inc., Yellowstone National Park, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190. Canyon, Fishing Bridge, and Fishing Bridge RV Park are open only to hard-sided camping vehicles. The limit of stay is as noted below from July 1 to August 25; the rest of the year it is 30 days. Motor-driven generators are permitted only in Bridge Bay, Canyon, Fishing Bridge, Fishing Bridge RV Park, Grant Village, Madison, and Mammoth. Handicapped-accessible restrooms are available at Fishing Bridge RV Park and Madison. Campgrounds often fill up during the camping season; campers should arrive well before noon, especially in July and August, to get a site.

Group Campgrounds: Bridge Bay is open from late May through September. Grant Village is open from mid-June through October. Reservations are required; contact the park's visitor services office. The campgrounds are for organized groups only. Groups must include more than 10 persons. All group campgrounds are only for organized groups with designated leaders.

Backcountry Campsites: Backcountry camping is allowed all year throughout much of the park on a first-come, first-served basis. A backcountry permit is required. The limit of stay permitted at any specific campsite may be 1, 2, or 3 days; the total length of stay permitted in the backcountry is 14 days. Persons boating into campsites must get a boating permit as well as a camping permit.

Special Notes: Services available seasonally or all year within 1 mile of camping areas include: Bridge Bay—hot showers, coin-operated laundry, restaurant, gasoline station, marina, boat tours, evening ranger programs; Canyon—hot showers, coin-operated laundry, horse rentals, evening ranger programs; Fishing Bridge and Fishing Bridge RV Park—hot showers, coin-operated laundry, restaurant, evening ranger programs; Grant Village—hot showers, coin-operated laundry, gasoline station, evening ranger programs; Indian Creek, Lewis Lake, Madison, Norris, and Tower Falls—evening ranger programs; Mammoth—restaurant, evening ranger programs.

Weather is extremely variable; temperatures can fluctuate by as much as 80°F in 24 hours. Fires are permitted only in grills provided, designated fire rings, or campstoves; fire permits are required for fires in the backcountry. Campers should keep a clean campsite and store food in vehicles or, in the backcountry, hang it high from trees or provided wires or poles to avoid attracting black or grizzly bears. Parts of the backcountry are sometimes closed because of bears.

	Total sites	RVs	Tents	Fee	Limit of stay	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Sanitary dump	Camp store
Tent/RV Campgrounds									
Bridge Bay	420	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	●
Canyon	280	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	●
Fishing Bridge	308	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	●
Fishing Bridge RV Park (not NPS)	358	●		●	7	●	●	●	●
Grant Village	433	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	●
Indian Creek	78	●	●	●	7	●			
Lewis Lake	100	●	●	●	7	●			
Madison	292	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	
Mammoth	87	●	●	●	7	●	●		●
Norris	116	●	●	●	7	●	●		
Pebble Creek	36	●	●	●	7	●			
Slough Creek	29	●	●	●	7	●			
Tower Fall	32	●	●	●	7	●			
Group Campgrounds									
Bridge Bay	4		●	●	7	●	●	●	●
Grant Village	8		●	●	7	●	●	●	●
Backcountry Campsites									
Various locations (hike-in, horseback ride-in, boat-in)	ltd		●		varies				

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