

# THE RVER'S GUIDE TO NATIONAL PARK CAMPGROUNDS

The 10 Least Visited National Parks in the Contiguous U.S.

Reservations, amenities, hookups, fees, park highlights, and more.



**Togo Tip:** Each national park website lists alerts for closures and other restrictions. Attractions, visitor centers, trails, campgrounds, and other points of interest may be temporarily closed or have other restrictions. Always research or call ahead first as reservation requirements and closures can change suddenly.

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# BLACK CANYON OF THE GUNNISON, COLORADO

NPS.gov/blca



## Introduction to Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park

Located in west-central Colorado, Black Canyon of the Gunnison is frequently overlooked in a state with three other national parks and an abundance of outdoor activities and stunning scenery. For those who make the effort to detour off the interstate, the park delivers with the dramatic sight of an improbably deep, narrow, sheer, and spectacular canyon cutting through the surrounding grass and scrubland.

The closest major city to Black Canyon is Denver, Colorado, 280 miles away.

Interstate (I-70) is an 80-mile drive to Grand Junction, Colorado. Montrose, Colorado, the gateway town to Black Canyon of the Gunnison, is a charming small town with a good variety of shops, restaurants, and other amenities.

Similar to the Grand Canyon, Black Canyon has a quieter north rim in contrast with its more popular south rim. Also like the Grand Canyon, an hour-long drive is required to get from one rim to the other. First-time visitors will get more out of the south rim, which has the visitor center, ranger programs, and twice as many scenic overlooks. Unlike the Grand Canyon, you may have the overlooks all to yourself.

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### **SOUTH RIM VISITOR CENTER**

GPS COORDINATES: 38.5550, -107.6866

7 miles north on CO Highway 347 from the intersection with U.S. Highway 50

970-641-2337

(Open year-round)

### **NORTH RIM RANGER STATION**

(Open intermittently during the summer)

# BLACK CANYON OF THE GUNNISON, COLORADO



## TOP ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

### 1. Scenic Drive

It's difficult to convey how breathtaking it is to gaze down into the Black Canyon for the first time, at its sheer, narrow, dark walls closing in on a ribbon of a river far, far below. A scenic drive may sound leisurely, but each view of the canyon is its own thrill.

The South Rim Drive is 7 miles long, with 12 overlooks. It's open to vehicles from late April to mid-November. Most overlooks can be reached by a short trail. The North Rim Road road has six overlooks, including some of the most impressive vertical views. It's a gravel road and is closed to vehicles in winter.

### 2. Hiking

Compared to other national parks, hiking trails in Black Canyon of the Gunnison are somewhat limited. Hiking the inner canyon is possible, but requires a wilderness permit and skill, experience, and preparation. See the national park website for more information.

The hiking trails on the rim are flat and moderate, providing an opportunity to traverse the landscape, spot wildlife, and take in the views all by foot. The 2-mile Rim Rock Nature Trail leaves from the campground and visitor center, and offers great views of the Gunnison River at the canyon floor. On the north rim, 1.5 miles along the North Vista Trail lead to Exclamation Point, with some of the best inner-canyon views.

### 3. Stargazing

A certified International Dark Sky Park, Black Canyon of the Gunnison is one of the best places in the country to view the night sky. Even if you're not camping overnight, the park does not close and welcomes visitors to safely stargaze after dark. Check the national park website for information on Astronomy Ranger Programs.



## BEST TIMES TO VISIT

The South Rim Visitor Center is open year-round, and though the road past the visitor center is closed to cars in the winter, it's still open for cross-country skiers and snowshoers.

The best time to visit is during the summer, when the park is fully open. Summer weekends are busier, especially holidays, and reservations should be made in advance for the park campground, but the park is rarely crowded. Keep in mind that temperatures vary greatly between the canyon rim and floor: It may be 60 degrees at the rim and 100 degrees inside the canyon.



## PET-FRIENDLY TIP

Leashed pets are allowed to be walked on roads, in campgrounds, to the overlooks, and on the following trails: Cedar Point Nature Trail, North Rim Chasm View Nature Trail, and Rim Rock Trail.

From June 1 to August 15, dogs are not allowed outside of your campsite—even for leashed walks—due to the presence of deer who may become aggressive to protect their young.

See the national park website for information on area pet boarders.



## INSIDER TIPS

A drive down East Portal Road (closed in winter) lets you experience the unique vantage point of the canyon walls and the Gunnison River from the canyon floor. Within the boundary of Curecanti National Recreation Area, East Portal is a popular destination for fishing. Note that the winding road is steep and narrow, and vehicles over 22 feet are prohibited.

Oak Flat Loop Trail gives visitors an experience below the canyon rim without taking on the challenge of hiking to the river. This 2-mile round-trip hike starts at the visitor center. The trail is narrow and traverses steep slopes, and is not recommended for small children.

If your time is limited, consider driving your RV into the park for a visit even if you don't have a campground reservation. You can park at the visitor center, take in the canyon views and a short hike, and get back on the road. Don't miss a chance to see Black Canyon in person, even if you only have time for a quick visit.



## RV CAMPING IN BLACK CANYON OF THE GUNNISON NATIONAL PARK

The park offers three developed campgrounds for RVs and tents. Located a mile from the South Rim Visitor Center, South Rim Campground is the largest and most easily accessible, and is reservable during the peak season. Note that while the campground has sites for RVs over 40 feet, they are limited and book up quickly. If you're traveling with a big rig, it's best to make a reservation, or stay at a gateway town campground nearby.

The North Rim and East Portal Campgrounds are smaller, more remote, and suitable only for RVs under 22 feet.

# BLACK CANYON OF THE GUNNISON, COLORADO



## Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park Campgrounds

### SOUTH RIM CAMPGROUND

**SEASONALITY:** Open year-round.

**RESERVATIONS:** Reservations can be made for Loops A and B during May through September dates on a 6-month rolling basis. Visit [recreation.gov/camping/gateways/2592](https://www.recreation.gov/camping/gateways/2592) or call 877-444-6777 to make a reservation. The remaining 32 sites are first come, first served in the summer. In spring, fall, and winter, all sites are nonreservable.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** A total of 88 sites can be used by tent or RV campers. Sites in Loops A and C fit RVs up to 23 feet. Loop B, which has electric hookups, can fit up to 30 feet, with a limited number of sites large enough for RVs over 40 feet.

**HOOKUPS:** The 23 sites in Loop B have electric hookups.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Each campsite has a picnic table and fire ring. The campground has vault toilets, and potable water is available seasonally.

**COST:** \$16 to \$22 per night. Senior discount available.

**CONNECTIVITY:** There is no cell phone service or WiFi in the park.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** 14 days.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets are allowed on certain dates; see details on where and when under “Pet-Friendly Tip” above.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** This rustic campground is set among scrub brush and small trees, with direct access to hiking trails and the visitor center. Campers can enjoy ranger-led astronomy talks during the summer.

### NORTH RIM CAMPGROUND

**SEASONALITY:** Open spring to fall.

**RESERVATIONS:** First come, first served only.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** This small campground has 13 spaciouly laid-out sites. For RVs up to 22 feet only.

**HOOKUPS:** No hookups.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Each campsite has a picnic table and fire ring. The campground has vault toilets, and potable water is available seasonally.

**COST:** \$16 per night. Senior discount available.

**CONNECTIVITY:** There is no cell phone service or WiFi in the park.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** 14 days.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets are allowed.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The last 7 miles of the north rim road to the campground are unpaved. This remote campground fills up fast in the summer, especially on weekends. Visitors who can snag a spot are rewarded with an unforgettable stay a short walk from north rim views.

### EAST PORTAL CAMPGROUND

**SEASONALITY:** Open spring to fall.

**RESERVATIONS:** First come, first served only.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** This small campground has 15 shady sites, for RVs up to 22 feet only.

**HOOKUPS:** No hookups.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Each campsite has a picnic table and fire ring. The campground has vault toilets, and potable water is available seasonally.

**COST:** \$16 per night. Senior discount available.

**CONNECTIVITY:** There is no cell phone service or WiFi in the park.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** 14 days.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets are allowed.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** East Portal Campground is located at the base of the canyon next to the Gunnison River, providing a unique vantage point. Note that the road down to the canyon floor is steep and narrow. Only RVers comfortable with driving steep grades should attempt a first-come, first-served site at East Portal.



# BLACK CANYON OF THE GUNNISON, COLORADO



## Featured Campgrounds Outside Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park

RVers have a range of options to choose from when visiting Black Canyon. The gateway town of Montrose has a scenic location on the Gunnison River, a charming downtown, spacious public parks, and a mix of chain and independent stores and restaurants. Private campgrounds are available in Montrose and surrounding small towns. With the South Rim Visitor Center 20 minutes away, and the major national park sites in a relatively compact area, you can get a lot out of a half-day visit to Black Canyon from Montrose.

For visitors who've already been to the south rim, or whose travel itinerary makes the north rim a more realistic stop, choices are more limited. Still, there are good options to stay nearby and visit the more remote side of the park.

### CAMPGROUND OPTIONS NEAR BLACK CANYON OF THE GUNNISON SOUTH RIM

#### Montrose Black Canyon KOA

[koa.com/campgrounds/montrose-black-canyon-natl-park](http://koa.com/campgrounds/montrose-black-canyon-natl-park)

970-249-9177

This shady campground offers spacious, big rig friendly sites and typical KOA kid-friendly amenities, conveniently located a few blocks from downtown Montrose and 14 miles from the South Rim Visitor Center.

#### Riverbend RV Park & Cabins

[riverbend-rvpark.com](http://riverbend-rvpark.com)

877-249-8235

Located just outside downtown and 18 miles from the South Rim Visitor Center, Riverbend is a comfortable RV park with full hookups and large sites, tall shady trees, a dog park, a duck pond, and river access in a friendly environment.

#### Black Canyon RV Park & Campground

[blackcanyonrvpark.com](http://blackcanyonrvpark.com)

970-249-1147

Black Canyon RV Park provides pull-through sites with full hookups, picnic tables, and stand-up grills in an expansive, grassy area with views over the Cimarron valley. Located 23 miles from the South Rim Visitor Center.

### CAMPGROUND OPTIONS NEAR BLACK CANYON OF THE GUNNISON NORTH RIM

#### Crawford State Park

[cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/crawford](http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/crawford)

970-921-5721

For RVers, this Colorado state park is a good alternative to the small national park campground on the north rim, with developed sites, partial hookups, basic facilities, and a beautiful lakeside setting. Located 15 miles from the north rim ranger station.

#### The Campground at Big B's Delicious Orchards

[campspot.com/book/bigbs](http://campspot.com/book/bigbs)

970-527-1110

Big B's offers a unique opportunity to park overnight on the grounds of a spacious orchard, with a variety of dry camping spaces for tents and RVs up to 40 feet. Located 30 miles from the north rim ranger station.

### CAMPGROUND OPTIONS NEAR BLACK CANYON OF THE GUNNISON NORTH AND SOUTH RIMS

#### Valley Sunset RV Ranch

[valleysunsetrvranchdelta.com](http://valleysunsetrvranchdelta.com)

970-874-0200

For RVers who want the option of visiting both rims at Black Canyon, or don't want to travel too far from I-70, the town of Delta, Colorado, is a good central location. Valley Sunset Ranch is a family-run, kid-friendly RV park with full hookups and amenities. About 40 miles from either the north or south rim entrances.

# CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK, CALIFORNIA

[NPS.gov/chis](https://www.nps.gov/chis)



## Introduction to Channel Islands National Park

It may surprise you to learn that Channel Islands National Park is one of the least visited national parks, since it's clearly visible from the shoreline of one of the most populous areas of the country. But its very limited facilities, rules forbidding motorized vehicles and even bicycles, and accessibility only by boat or plane service at an additional cost, quickly explain why.

It may take some extra effort, planning, and budgeting, but visitors to this string of five narrow islands off the coast of Santa Barbara, California, are rewarded with the experience of hiking, swimming, kayaking, snorkeling, and wildlife viewing in a unique and pristine natural environment. Known as the “Galapagos of North America,” the Channel Islands are home to subspecies of animals and plants that can't be found anywhere else.

**ROBERT J. LAGOMARSINO VISITOR CENTER**  
1901 SPINNAKER DRIVE, VENTURA, CA 93001  
805-658-5730  
(Main visitor center—ferries depart from here)

**OUTDOORS SANTA BARBARA VISITOR CENTER**  
113 HARBOR WAY 4TH FLOOR, SANTA BARBARA, CA 93109  
805-884-1475  
(No ferries depart from Santa Barbara)

# CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK, CALIFORNIA



## TOP ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

There's no transportation between the islands and each has its own character and activities available. There are no services on the islands—no food or water available, no cell service, and pit toilets only. Check the national park website for departure times, duration, prices, and information on what to pack.

### 1. Half-Day Trip to Anacapa Island

With express boat service, visitors can enjoy hiking the 2-mile loop trail around Anacapa, followed by a swim or snorkel before returning to the mainland. There's a small visitor center on the island, and free guided hikes are frequently offered. Note that while the hiking trail is flat, visitors must climb a steel-rung ladder to the dock, and 157 stairs to the top of the island.

### 2. Full-Day Trip to Santa Cruz Island

The largest island in California, Santa Cruz is the state in miniature, with mountain ranges, canyons, and a central valley. Its jagged coastline features cliffs, tide pools, expansive beaches, and giant sea caves. An island concessionaire offers snorkel and kayak rentals and guided tours. Several hiking trails cross the park, with stunning views. (Note: Most of the island is owned by The Nature Conservancy and is not accessible from the trails.)

### 3. Boat Tours

From whale watching to bird-watching, there are several guided boat tours offered for visitors to experience the island landscapes and spectacular marine life up close, without having to disembark.



## BEST TIMES TO VISIT

While the Channel Islands share mainland Southern California's Mediterranean climate, with relatively mild temperatures year-round, they do have distinctions to each season. Plus, ocean and weather conditions can vary greatly on a day-to-day basis.

Late June to late September is the best time for warm weather and calmer winds and seas. Winter, spring, and early summer bring higher chances of rain, fog, or high winds. It's possible to experience a perfectly sunny, warm, and calm day throughout the year. Ask about weather conditions when making reservations, and check again as you get closer to the travel date.



## PET-FRIENDLY TIP

Pets are not allowed in the park and should be kept at home. If you're planning a full-day visit, check with your RV park for pet boarding recommendations.



## INSIDER TIPS

Advance planning and ticket purchase are essential to getting the most out of a trip to the Channel Islands.

The best-value boat tour is the Island Wildlife Cruise, a non-landing, 3.5-hour tour with the chance to see dolphins, whales, sea lions, and nesting birds up close to the rugged shores of Anacapa. This is a good option for families with smaller children.

One of the largest sea caves in the world is on Santa Cruz Island. For those physically able, Painted Cave can be visited by kayak from the island (guided tours available). Otherwise, the boat tour to Santa Rosa Island includes a stop at Painted Cave on the return journey.

Finally, the free visitor center in Ventura Harbor is well worth a stop even if you don't travel to the islands. With engaging, hands-on exhibits and views of the Channel Islands, it's a great way to learn about this unique destination and plan a future trip. Kids can earn their junior ranger badge without leaving the mainland.



## RV CAMPING IN CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK

There is no RVing on the Channel Islands, or camping facilities at the mainland visitor center. Rustic tent camping on the islands is a popular activity for an overnight or multiday trip. Note that with no services, campers must pack in and pack out everything they need. For more information on tent camping, see the national park website.



# CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK, CALIFORNIA



## Featured Campgrounds Outside Channel Islands National Park

There are many options for RVers on the mainland between Ventura and Santa Barbara. Note that while there's a small visitor center in Santa Barbara, all boat tours depart from the main visitor center in Ventura, 30 miles south.

This stretch of the California coast is a popular tourist destination year-round. It's best to book your RV park in advance, and have a backup plan if you're trying your luck at a first-come, first-served state beach camping spot.

If you're traveling the coast for the first time, the beautiful city of Santa Barbara is a destination in its own right, and worth the extra time to get to the port in Ventura. Check traffic conditions, and enjoy the scenic drive.

The beach town of Ventura has its own laid-back charm to offer. Only an hour west of Los Angeles, Ventura is a great option for visitors staying in Southern California, who have already been to Santa Barbara, or who want to be close to the boat departure point.

### CAMPGROUND OPTIONS NEAR VENTURA, CALIFORNIA

#### Ventura Beach RV Resort

[vbrvresort.com](http://vbrvresort.com)

805-643-9137

**SEASONALITY:** Open year-round.

**RESERVATIONS:** Visit [vbrvresort.com](http://vbrvresort.com) or call 805-643-9137.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** Close to 200 big rig friendly sites. Mix of back-in and pull-through, with more space available at Premier sites (for a higher rate).

**HOOKUPS:** Full hookups available.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Picnic tables and fire rings at sites. Amenities include restrooms and showers, laundry, general store, pool and hot tub, recreation room, playground, bike rentals, free downtown shuttle, and access to walking/biking path to the beach.

**COST:** \$75 to \$175 per night, depending on site type and date.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** Check with the campground.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is good.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets allowed, with some dog breed restrictions. Fee applies per pet.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Located next to the beach and only 6 miles from the Channel Islands visitor center, Ventura Beach RV Resort is a great option for families with kids, offering fun activities and events in addition to amenities like the pool and playground.

#### Foster Residence Campground

[venturaparks.org/reservation/camping](http://venturaparks.org/reservation/camping)

805-654-3951

**SEASONALITY:** Open year-round.

**RESERVATIONS:** Visit [venturaparks.org/reservation/camping](http://venturaparks.org/reservation/camping) or call 805-654-3951.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** Under 20 sites in a wooded setting. A few sites can fit RVs over 40 feet, but most are suitable for 25 to 30 feet max.

**HOOKUPS:** Full-hookup and no-hookup sites available.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Picnic tables and fire rings at sites, central restrooms available.

**COST:** \$23 for no hookups, \$42 for full hookups. Additional reservation fee applies.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** 14 days.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is weak to good.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets allowed.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** This comfortable county campground offers full-hookup sites in a natural setting, at a good value for the area. Located 12 miles from the main national park visitor center.

# CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK, CALIFORNIA

## Emma Wood State Beach

[parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=604](https://parks.ca.gov/?page_id=604)

805-585-1850

**SEASONALITY:** Open year-round.

**RESERVATIONS:** First come, first served, or visit [reservecalifornia.com/CaliforniaWebHome](https://reservecalifornia.com/CaliforniaWebHome).

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** 90 campsites for RVs up to 40 feet long.

**HOOKUPS:** No hookups available.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** None. The campground is for self-contained vehicles only.

**COST:** \$40 per night.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** 7 days.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is good.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets allowed in the campground, but not on the beach.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** While this is essentially a long and narrow parking lot, with train tracks and Highway 101 behind it, the expansive beachfront location makes it a coveted stop for RVers along the California coast. It's located 8 miles from the main national park visitor center.

## Faria Beach Park

[ventura.org/parks-department/beach-front-parks/faria-beach-park](https://ventura.org/parks-department/beach-front-parks/faria-beach-park)

805-654-3951

**SEASONALITY:** Open year-round.

**RESERVATIONS:** Visit [venturaparks.org/reservation/camping](https://venturaparks.org/reservation/camping). Can be made up to 180 days in advance.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** 42 campsites, some can fit RVs up to 34 feet.

**HOOKUPS:** 15 sites have hookups, the rest have no hookups.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Fire pits, showers, bathrooms, concession stand.

**COST:** \$43 per night for no hookups, \$60 per night for hookups during peak season.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** 14 days.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is good, WiFi offered.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets allowed in the campground, but not on the beach.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Compared to nearby California state beaches, this Ventura County beachfront campground is a hidden gem. Tight spaces take some maneuvering but are worth the effort. Located 11 miles from the main national park visitor center.

## CAMPGROUND OPTIONS NEAR SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

### Santa Barbara Sunrise RV Park

[santabarbararv.com](https://santabarbararv.com)

805-966-9954

**SEASONALITY:** Open year-round.

**RESERVATIONS:** Visit [secure.thinkreservations.com/santabarbararv/reservations](https://secure.thinkreservations.com/santabarbararv/reservations) or call 805-966-9954.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** 30 sites, most are big rig friendly.

**HOOKUPS:** Full hookups available.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Picnic tables, restrooms, and laundry.

**COST:** \$60 to \$70 per night.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** Check with the campground.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is good, WiFi offered is strong.

**PET POLICIES:** Pets allowed, with some breed restrictions.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Spaces are tight and there is some noise from the adjacent highway, but the hosts are friendly and the location is ideal, close to downtown Santa Barbara and walking distance to the beach. Located 30 miles from the Channel Islands visitor center.

### Earl Warren Showgrounds RV Park

[earlwarren.com/rv-park](https://earlwarren.com/rv-park)

805-350-4556

**SEASONALITY:** Open year-round.

**RESERVATIONS:** Visit [earlwarren.com/rv-park](https://earlwarren.com/rv-park).

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** 44 big rig friendly sites.

**HOOKUPS:** Full hookups available.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Showers and restrooms are available.

**COST:** \$65 per night.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** Check with the campground.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is good, WiFi offered is strong.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets allowed.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** This fairgrounds campground has a basic parking lot layout, but is a great value for its full-hookup sites and central location in Santa Barbara. Convenient to the highway, yet in a quiet location surrounded by trees. Find it 35 miles from the Channel Islands visitor center.

# CONGAREE NATIONAL PARK, SOUTH CAROLINA

[NPS.gov/cong](https://www.nps.gov/cong)



## Introduction to Congaree National Park

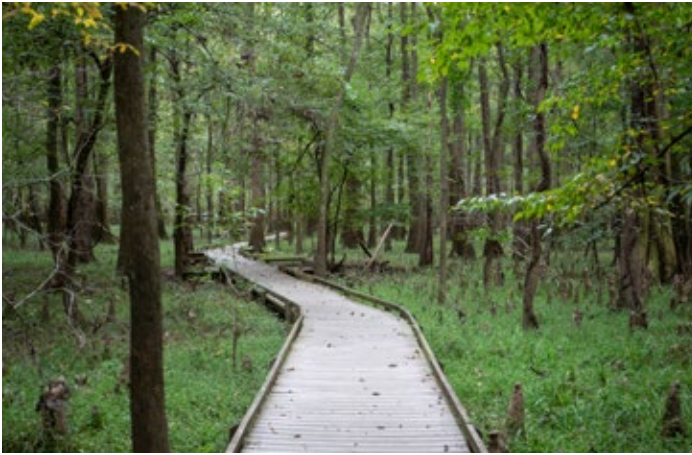
Congaree National Park is located on the East Coast, in central South Carolina. Despite its central location in the southeast, Congaree is one of the least visited national parks. It's only 20 miles from the state capital of Columbia, and about 100 miles from both Charleston, South Carolina, and Charlotte, North Carolina.

Congaree preserves the largest remaining section of old-growth bottomland hardwood forest in the United States. Its unique river floodplain ecosystem boasts a soaring tree canopy, including 25 trees that are the largest known examples of their species. The park is known for its sheer diversity in all types of plant and animal species: 75 different trees, almost 200 birds, 60 fish, 75 reptiles and amphibians, and even 65 different species of butterflies.

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**HARRY HAMPTON VISITOR CENTER**  
100 NATIONAL PARK ROAD, HOPKINS, SC 29061  
803-776-4396

# CONGAREE NATIONAL PARK, SOUTH CAROLINA



## PET-FRIENDLY TIP

Congaree is a pet-friendly national park, with leashed pets allowed on all trails and boardwalks. If you prefer to leave your pet in the comfort of your RV, nearby campgrounds are less than an hour's drive from the visitor center.



## INSIDER TIPS

To get the most out of your visit to Congaree, join one of the free ranger programs. From a 2-hour nature walk along the boardwalk to a 5-mile off-trail Big Tree Hike, there's a program for everyone to learn about the unique beauty of Congaree. View the schedule in advance on the national park website.

Some of the most popular programs are the ranger-guided canoe tours offered in the spring and summer. Tours are free, but reservations are required and they sell out quickly. To make a reservation, visit [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) or call 877-444-6777.

If you're planning to visit in the spring, check the schedule of dates for the annual Firefly Festival, which celebrates the amazing sight of the synchronized hovering lights among the trees. The visitor center is open late and there are extra kid-friendly activities during the 2-week festival.



## RV CAMPING IN CONGAREE NATIONAL PARK

Congaree offers tent and hammock camping only, in two developed campgrounds or the backcountry. Tent sites at the campgrounds are all walk-in, from 100 feet to a mile from the designated parking areas. If you're interested in tent camping, see [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) for more information and reservations.



## TOP ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

### 1. Hiking

Hiking and nature walks among the tall trees are the most popular activities. Congaree has more than 25 miles of hiking trails, plus 2 miles of accessible boardwalk that take visitors over the floodplain and through a primeval bald cypress forest.

### 2. Canoeing and Kayaking

Canoeing or kayaking the 20 miles of marked trail along Cedar Creek is an unforgettable way to experience the old-growth forest and view wildlife up close. Note that the park does not have watercraft rentals available. Bring your own, or rent from local outfitters.

### 3. Recreational Fishing

Congaree National Park allows catch-and-release fishing with a valid South Carolina fishing license. Different types of shiner, sunfish, and perch can be found, among more than 60 species of fish.



## BEST TIMES TO VISIT

The park is open and accessible year-round. The best times to visit are March through May and September through November. Temperatures are milder, and mosquitoes less prevalent during spring and fall.

Mid-May to mid-June is firefly season, while late October or early November brings peak fall colors.

# CONGAREE NATIONAL PARK, SOUTH CAROLINA

## Featured Campgrounds Outside Congaree National Park

There are several public and private campgrounds within 30 to 40 miles of the visitor center. Depending on your budget and preferences, you have the option of state parks with partial hookups or private RV parks with full hookups that range from small and simple to full of kid-friendly amenities. Campers have convenient access to city shopping and dining opportunities in nearby Columbia as well.



### Santee State Park

[southcarolinaparks.com/santee](http://southcarolinaparks.com/santee)

803-854-2408

**SEASONALITY:** Open year-round.

**RESERVATIONS:** Visit [reserve.southcarolinaparks.com](http://reserve.southcarolinaparks.com) or call 866-345-PARK. Reservations can be made up to 13 months in advance. Two nights minimum required.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** The park has over 150 campsites for tents or RVs in two campgrounds. Most can fit rigs up to 35 or 40 feet, a few can accommodate RVs up to 50 feet. Availability can be filtered by RV size on the reservation website.

**HOOKUPS:** Partial hookups available.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Picnic tables and fire rings or grills at sites. Campground facilities include a dump station, restrooms and showers, playgrounds, and a park store. Biking, hiking, and water activities are all available.

**COST:** \$18 to \$27 per night, depending on the date.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** 14 days.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is weak. Free WiFi is offered at the camp store.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets allowed.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Located on Lake Marion, Santee State Park is popular with day trippers and weekend campers for fishing and water activities. Kayak and canoe rentals are available. Located 38 miles from the park entrance, and close to I-95.

### Poinsett State Park

[southcarolinaparks.com/poinsett](http://southcarolinaparks.com/poinsett)

803-494-8177

**SEASONALITY:** Open year-round.

**RESERVATIONS:** Visit [reserve.southcarolinaparks.com](http://reserve.southcarolinaparks.com) or call 1-866-345-PARK. Reservations can be made up to 13 months in advance. Two nights minimum required.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** A smaller state park campground than Santee, Poinsett has 24 RV sites. Most can fit RVs up to 35 feet, a few up to 40 feet. Availability can be filtered by RV size on the reservation website.

**HOOKUPS:** Partial hookups available.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Picnic tables and fire rings or grills at site. Campground facilities include a dump station, restrooms and showers, a playground, and a park store. Biking, hiking, and water activities are all available.

**COST:** \$32 to \$45 per night, depending on date.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** 14 days.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is good. Free WiFi is offered at the camp store.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets allowed.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Located within Manchester State Forest, this wooded campground features hiking and mountain biking trails and a 10-acre lake. Kayak, canoe, and stand-up paddleboard rentals are available. Note: Campers have complained that the road into the park is narrow and rutted. Call the campground in advance to ask about road conditions, especially if you have a bigger RV. Located 35 miles from the national park entrance.

# CONGAREE NATIONAL PARK, SOUTH CAROLINA

## Sesquicentennial State Park

[southcarolinaparks.com/sesqui](http://southcarolinaparks.com/sesqui)

803-788-2706

**SEASONALITY:** Open year-round.

**RESERVATIONS:** Visit [reserve.southcarolinaparks.com](http://reserve.southcarolinaparks.com) or call 1-866-345-PARK. Reservations can be made up to 13 months in advance. Two nights minimum required.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** 84 sites for tents or RVs that can accommodate rigs up to 30 feet. 17 sites can accommodate up to 35 feet. Availability can be filtered by RV size on the reservation website.

**HOOKUPS:** Partial hookups available.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Picnic tables and fire rings or grills at site. Campground facilities include a dump station, restrooms and showers, playgrounds, and a park store. Biking, hiking, and water activities are all available, in addition to a volleyball court, splash pad, and dog park.

**COST:** \$20 to \$45 per night, depending on date.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** 14 days.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is good. No WiFi offered.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets are allowed. Purchase of permit required to use the 2-acre dog park on site.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Located in the Columbia metropolitan area, "Sesqui" is a popular destination for locals and families to enjoy the splash pad and 30-acre lake. Kayak, stand-up paddleboard, and pedal boat rentals are available. Located 27 miles from the national park entrance.

## River Bottom Farms Family Campground

[riverbottomfarms.com](http://riverbottomfarms.com)

803-568-4182

**SEASONALITY:** Open year-round

**RESERVATIONS:** Visit [riverbottomfarms.com/reservation.html](http://riverbottomfarms.com/reservation.html) or call 803-568-4182.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** 70 sites that can accommodate RVs of all sizes.

**HOOKUPS:** Full hookups available.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** A former Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park, this private campground is full of kid-friendly amenities, including a bounce pad, playground, seasonal pool, sports fields, and activities. Additional facilities include a general store, dump station, bathhouse, fishing pond, and nature trails.

**COST:** \$38 to \$45 per night.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is good. WiFi not offered.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** Check with the campground.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets allowed, although some dog breeds are restricted.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** River Bottom Farms' location is not as convenient to Columbia or the interstate as other options, but it's a great choice for families with young kids spending a few days in the area. Located 41 miles from the national park entrance.

## Barnyard RV Park

[barnyardrvpark.com](http://barnyardrvpark.com)

803-957-1238

**SEASONALITY:** Open year-round.

**RESERVATIONS:** Call 803-957-1238.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** 129 pull-through sites, most can accommodate big rigs.

**HOOKUPS:** Full hookups.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Dump station, bathhouse and laundry, playground, dog park.

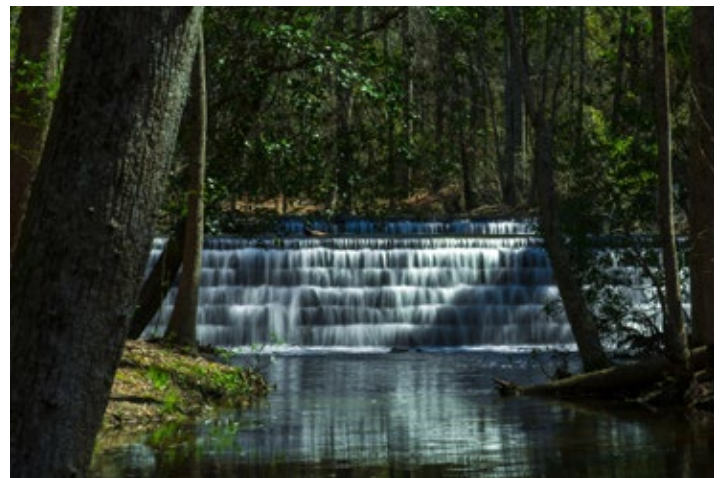
**COST:** \$38 to \$43 per night, depending on date. Weekly and monthly rates available.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** 1 month.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is good, WiFi offered.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets allowed.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** One of the closest full-hookup RV parks to Congaree, Barnyard's spacious grounds are also close to Columbia, I-20, and I-26. Located 25 miles from the national park entrance.



# DRY TORTUGAS NATIONAL PARK, FLORIDA

NPS.gov/drto



## Introduction to Dry Tortugas National Park

Dry Tortugas National Park is located in the middle of the sea, 70 miles west of Key West, the southernmost publicly accessible point in the continental United States. The park can be reached only by boat or seaplane, making it one of the most remote national parks.

The park is famous for Fort Jefferson, a stunning 19th-century brick fortress that dominates Garden Key. It's also well known for its clear waters and abundant marine life, from sea turtles to coral reefs. A visit to Dry Tortugas requires advance planning, budgeting, and a full-day commitment, but visitors are rewarded with the unforgettable experience of seeing the old fort and swimming in the beautiful waters surrounding this one-of-a-kind park.

### GARDEN KEY

GPS COORDINATES: 24.628477, -82.873187  
305-242-7700

### FORT JEFFERSON MUSEUM

901 CAROLINE STREET, KEY WEST, FL 33040  
305-293-8716

# DRY TORTUGAS NATIONAL PARK, FLORIDA



## TOP ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

### 1. Tour Fort Jefferson

Touring the Civil War-era fort is the main attraction at Dry Tortugas. Informational signs are available for visitors who prefer to wander through the corridors, arches, and stairways on their own. Guided ranger programs are also offered. Don't miss a walk atop the fortress walls or along the moat for unique vantage points.

### 2. Swim and Snorkel

While other national parks are famous for their hikes, visitors come to Dry Tortugas for swimming and snorkeling in the pristine waters. There are two dedicated swimming beaches around Fort Jefferson, and more experienced snorkelers can swim around the fort walls to inspect the sea life found inside.

### 3. Scuba

Scuba diving and deepwater snorkeling can be arranged only by booking a charter boat tour through one of the park's licensed tour guides. See the national park website for details.



## BEST TIMES TO VISIT

February through April is the ideal time to visit, although this is also the busiest period for the Florida Keys. If you do plan to travel at this time, it's imperative to book your RV park and boat or seaplane transportation to the national park well in advance.

May and June are also good times, after peak season but before hurricane season. Some visitors prefer the winter for thinner crowds, although the seas can be rougher. Regardless of the season, be sure to check the weather forecast before visiting.



## PET-FRIENDLY TIP

Pets are not allowed on the commercial seaplane or ferry services to Dry Tortugas. Even though a private boat with a licensed guide may permit pets, they're still not allowed at Fort Jefferson or the swimming beaches in Dry Tortugas. You'll be away from your RV for at least 12 hours for the day trip by boat, so it's best to board your pet. Ask your RV park for recommended services nearby.



## INSIDER TIPS

Advance purchase of your transportation to the national park is a must. If you have the budget for it, traveling to Dry Tortugas by seaplane is an unforgettable experience, and takes about 40 minutes compared to 2 hours each way on the ferry.

There are no services on Dry Tortugas besides the visitor center, although bathrooms and snacks are available on board the ferry while it's docked.

Confirm with the ferry or seaplane service what's included with the transportation, like meals and snorkeling equipment, and what's recommended to pack with you for the best experience.

For visitors who prefer to stay on dry land, Dry Tortugas is an incredible place for beachcombing—but note that taking any shells, rocks, or other material with you from the national park is strictly forbidden. Enjoy inspecting the objects in their natural habitat, and take only photos.



## RV CAMPING IN DRY TORTUGAS NATIONAL PARK

Dry Tortugas has one camping area for tents only. RVers will need to stay in Key West and take a day trip to the park. Note that ferry service to Key West is about 2 hours each way. Once you've booked your campground, make ferry or seaplane reservations to ensure you have a seat. See the national park website for information on licensed transportation options.



# DRY TORTUGAS NATIONAL PARK, FLORIDA



## Featured Campgrounds Outside Dry Tortugas National Park

The only way to get to Dry Tortugas is by boat or seaplane from Key West, and the only way to get to Key West by RV is to drive the 90-mile Overseas Highway from its start in Key Largo to the end. This paradise on the gulf is a bucket-list RV destination, but it does require time, advance planning, and budgeting to get the most out of a visit.

In the Lower Keys and Key West, private RV park rates of \$150 to \$200 per night are the norm during peak season, October through April. Even during the off season, rates can still be over \$100 per night. Below are a few select parks with a range of prices, amenities, and proximity to the Dry Tortugas ferry.

### CAMPGROUND OPTIONS IN KEY WEST, FLORIDA

#### Leo's Campground and RV Park

[leoscampground.com](http://leoscampground.com)

305-296-5260

**SEASONALITY:** Open year-round.

**RESERVATIONS:** Visit [leoscampground.com](http://leoscampground.com) or call 305-296-5260.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** 30 short-term RV sites are available. Maximum RV length is 42 feet, although not all sites can accommodate this size.

**HOOKUPS:** Full hookups available.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Picnic tables, laundry, lagoon access.

**COST:** Starting at \$98 per night during peak season, and \$79 per night during the off season.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** Monthly stays and rates available.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is good. The campground offers WiFi at the office and laundry.

**PET POLICIES:** Only pets under 30 pounds are allowed.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** This small, no-frills campground has high ratings for its friendly hosts, lagoon-front location, and easy proximity to downtown Key West. Located 4 miles from the national park ferry.

#### Boyd's Key West

[boydscampground.com](http://boydscampground.com)

305-294-1465

**SEASONALITY:** Open year-round.

**RESERVATIONS:** Visit [boydscampground.com/reservation.html](http://boydscampground.com/reservation.html) or call 305-294-1465.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** Large resort with sites accommodating RVs up to to 45 feet. Campground areas include open waterfront, dockside, and inland. Additional inland partial hookup sites are available for small vans and trailers.

**HOOKUPS:** Full hookups available.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Picnic tables, laundry, dump station, restrooms, showers, general store, game room, pool, water and bike path access, boat and bike rentals.

**COST:** Nightly rate varies from \$105 and up for an inland site in the off season to \$187 and up for a waterfront site in the peak season.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** Monthly rates and stays available.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is good, WiFi offered.

**PET POLICIES:** Certain dog breeds are restricted; see website for details.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** With a waterfront location, full hookups and amenities, friendly staff, and easy access to downtown Key West, Boyd's is a popular choice among RVers. Located 5 miles from the national park ferry.

# DRY TORTUGAS NATIONAL PARK, FLORIDA

## CAMPGROUND OPTIONS IN THE LOWER KEYS

### Bluewater Key

[bluewaterkey.com](http://bluewaterkey.com)

305-745-2494

**SEASONALITY:** Open year-round.

**RESERVATIONS:** Visit [bluewaterkey.com](http://bluewaterkey.com) or call 305-745-2494. Minimum 3 nights required in the off season, 7 nights during peak winter season.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** Large resort with big rig friendly sites, and a range of amenities at each site.

**HOOKUPS:** Full hookups available.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Tiki huts and outdoor seating at all sites. Additional site amenities can include private docks, decks, patio furniture, kitchen equipment, and TVs. Campground amenities include laundry, restrooms and showers, pool, dog park, clubhouse water access, and boat rentals.

**COST:** Nightly rates range from \$112 to \$237, depending on site and season.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** Monthly stay and rates available.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is good.

**PET POLICIES:** Not all sites allow pets, and certain dog breeds are restricted. See website for details.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Sites at Bluewater Key are privately owned and rented out through the management company. For RVers looking to splurge on a vacation in the Lower Keys, Bluewater Key delivers an unforgettable resort experience. Located 14 miles from the national park ferry.



### Bahia Honda State Park

[bahiahondapark.com](http://bahiahondapark.com)

305-872-2353

**SEASONALITY:** Open year-round.

**RESERVATIONS:** Visit [reserveamerica.com/explore/bahia-honda-state-park/FL/281005/overview](http://reserveamerica.com/explore/bahia-honda-state-park/FL/281005/overview) or call 800-326-3521. Half of the park's sites are reservable, the rest are first come, first served.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** 80 campsites for tents or RVs. Sites are of varying length, but many can accommodate RVs over 40 feet.

**HOOKUPS:** Partial hookups available.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Picnic tables, restrooms, and showers. Gift shop and snack bar in the main concessions building.

**COST:** \$39 per night. Weekly rates are available.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** 14 nights.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is weak to good.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets are allowed in camping areas, not on beaches.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Bahia Honda State Park is a popular, economical option for RVers in the Lower Keys with a spectacular natural location. It's located 36 miles from the national park ferry.

### Lazy Lakes RV Resort

[lazylakesrvresort.com](http://lazylakesrvresort.com)

305-745-1079

**SEASONALITY:** Open year-round.

**RESERVATIONS:** Visit [lazylakesrvresort.com/reservations.php](http://lazylakesrvresort.com/reservations.php) or call 305-745-1079.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** 99 big rig friendly sites. Site types vary from on the water, off the water, pull-through, and peninsula location.

**HOOKUPS:** Full hookups available.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Picnic tables, restrooms and showers, pool, clubhouse.

**COST:** Nightly rate varies from \$60 to \$125 depending on season and site type.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** Monthly stay and rates available.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is good. WiFi offered in central areas.

**PET POLICIES:** Pets are allowed.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Lazy Lakes offers full hookups and amenities with a premier beachfront location in the Lower Keys for a good value. Located 20 miles from the national park ferry.

# GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK, NEVADA

NPS.gov/grba



## Introduction to Great Basin National Park

Great Basin National Park is located in eastern Nevada close to the Utah border. The nearest major cities are Salt Lake City, Utah, 200 miles; Las Vegas, Nevada, 300 miles; Reno, Nevada, 400 miles.

Thanks to its remoteness, Great Basin is officially designated an International Dark Sky Park. The park is also famous for its spectacular caves, and three groves of the extremely rare and ancient Great Basin bristlecone pine trees.

**LEHMAN CAVES VISITOR CENTER**  
5500 NV-488, BAKER, NV 89311  
775-234-7510

**GREAT BASIN VISITOR CENTER**  
NATIONAL PARK, 100 GREAT BASIN, BAKER, NV 89311  
775-234-7520

RESERVATIONS AT [RECREATION.GOV/CAMPING/GATEWAYS/2732](https://www.recreation.gov/camping/gateways/2732) • 877-444-6777

# GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK, NEVADA



## PET-FRIENDLY TIP

Leashed pets are allowed, but can be walked only at the campgrounds, in front of visitor centers, or along roads in the park. They are not allowed on any trails, with the exception of the remote Lexington Arch Trail. Kennel services are available in the gateway town of Baker.



## INSIDER TIPS

Lehman Caves tours regularly sell out, but you can purchase tickets in advance on recreation.gov. Cave tours are not included in the park entrance fee or Annual Pass and must be purchased separately.

If tickets are sold out, or if the caves are closed for other reasons (like COVID-19 restrictions), Great Basin still has a lot to offer. With more time to traverse aboveground, experience the incredible natural diversity of the park by pairing the Bristlecone Pine Glacier Trail with the Alpine Lakes Loop Trail.

Note that there is an 8,000-foot difference in elevation between the valley floor and Wheeler Peak. Remain aware of how altitude can affect your health and the weather.



## RV CAMPING IN GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK

Great Basin has five developed campgrounds, three of which can accommodate RVs. RVs over 24 feet are limited to two campgrounds, and are not allowed past the first 3 miles of Wheeler Peak Scenic Drive, the 12-mile main road through the park.

Reservations can be made during peak season and are recommended, especially if you have an RV over 30 feet. Any sites not reserved, and all sites in the off-season, are available on a first-come, first-served basis.



## TOP ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

### 1. Lehman Caves Tour

Accessible only by guided tour, the Lehman Caves are the main draw for many visitors, with more than 300 unique limestone formations. Sixty- or 90-minute tours are offered daily throughout the year.

### 2. Stargazing

During peak season, the park offers ranger-led astronomy programs. Rangers can also provide tips on how to get the most out of stargazing on your own.

### 3. Hiking the Bristlecone Pine Glacier Trail

This 4.6-mile out-and-back trail takes hikers through a bristlecone pine grove and to the foot of the Wheeler Peak Glacier (one of the southernmost glaciers in the U.S.).



## BEST TIMES TO VISIT

Great Basin National Park is open year-round, but the best time to visit is May through October, when visitor centers and ranger-led programs are fully operational. During the summer, temperatures at the higher elevations are still comfortable. September is ideal for spectacular fall foliage.

# GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK, NEVADA



## Great Basin National Park Campgrounds

### ALL CAMPGROUNDS

**HOOKUPS:** No hookups available.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Each site has a picnic table and fire ring. Nearby facilities include pit toilets and potable water. A dump station is available near the park entrance.

**COST:** \$20 per night (senior discounts available).

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell service is weak to nonexistent throughout the park.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** 14 consecutive days at a site.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets are allowed, but can be walked only around the campground or on paved roads in the park.

### LOWER LEHMAN CREEK CAMPGROUND

**SEASONALITY:** Open year-round.

**RESERVATIONS:** Available May to October, 6 months in advance. Visit [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) or call 877-444-6777 for yearly peak season dates and to make a reservation. Sites are first-come, first-served in off-peak season.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** The 11 campsites have paved pads and can accommodate RVs. Six sites are pull-through for big rigs over 40 feet. The remaining sites vary in length limits from 24 to 35 feet. Size limit per site can be viewed on [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov).

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The only campground in the park that can fit big rigs, Lower Lehman still has a peaceful and natural setting. It remains accessible year-round thanks to its location at a lower elevation, close to the park entrance and visitor center.

### UPPER LEHMAN CREEK CAMPGROUND

**SEASONALITY:** Open May to October.

**RESERVATIONS:** Available 6 months in advance. Visit [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) or call 877-444-6777 for yearly open dates and to make a reservation.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** 24 campsites total, with paved pads. All can accommodate RVs, however only one can fit an RV over 40 feet. The majority of sites have an RV length limit between 18 and 30 feet. Maximum size per site can be viewed on [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov).

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The levelness of sites varies, but they're spaced well apart. Trees provide privacy and shade. Campers can hike all the way to Wheeler Peak directly from the campground along Lehman Creek Trailhead.

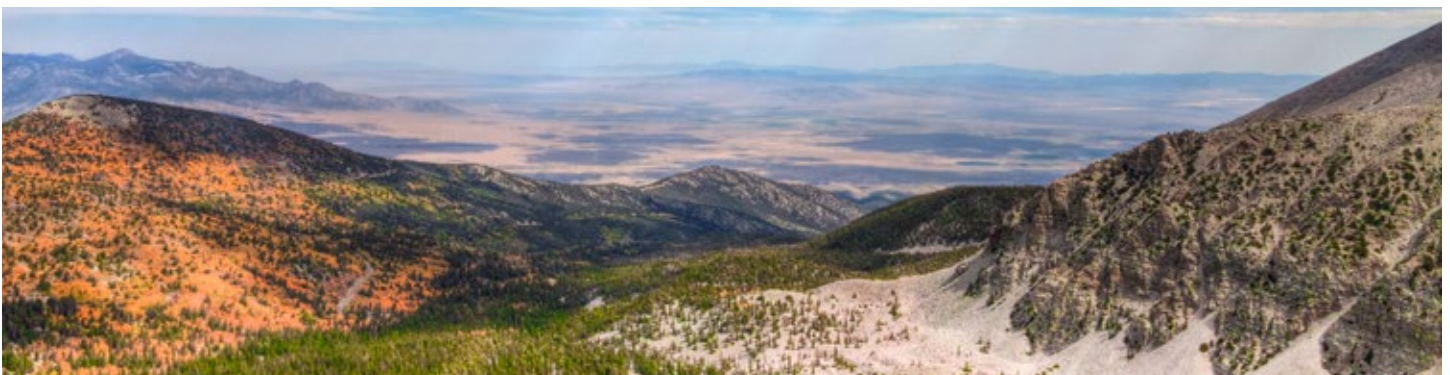
### WHEELER PEAK CAMPGROUND

**SEASONALITY:** Open May to October. Note: Wheeler Peak Campground is closed in 2021 for renovations.

**RESERVATIONS:** Not available; all sites are first-come, first-served. Check the NPS website for yearly open dates.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** 37 sites total. Maximum RV or trailer length is 24 feet; no vehicles over this size are allowed on Wheeler Peak Scenic Drive past Upper Lehman Creek Campground.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The campground is located at the end of Wheeler Peak Scenic Drive, at an elevation of almost 10,000 feet. Campers with small RVs can enjoy direct access to the best-known hiking trails, including to Wheeler Peak.



# GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK, NEVADA

## Featured Campgrounds Outside Great Basin National Park

With Great Basin's remote location and limited RV sites for big rigs, it's good to have a backup plan if you don't have a campground reservation. Keep in mind that the only entrance is on the northeast side of the park, in the town of Baker. Also keep in mind that Baker is much smaller than a typical national park gateway town, with a very limited number of businesses and slow cell service.

The nearest bigger town is Ely, Nevada. While Ely is an hour's drive west of the park entrance, it has a variety of stores and restaurants and good cell service. If you're looking for connectivity and convenient access to amenities, Ely is a great base for day trips to Great Basin National Park and other historical and natural sites in the area.



### CAMPGROUND OPTIONS NEAR BAKER, NEVADA

#### Whispering Elms

[whisperingelms.com](http://whisperingelms.com)

775-234-9900

Private RV park with full hookups right in town, under 6 miles from the park entrance and walking distance to the few amenities in Baker.

#### Border Inn

[borderinncasino.com](http://borderinncasino.com)

775-234-7300

A motor inn and casino on the border with Utah offers an RV park with full hookups, 13 miles from the park entrance.

#### Sacramento Pass BLM Campground

[blm.gov/visit/sacramento-pass-rec-area](http://blm.gov/visit/sacramento-pass-rec-area)

775-289-1800

Public campground less than 20 miles from the park entrance with pit toilets and designated sites that can accommodate big rigs.

### CAMPGROUND OPTIONS NEAR ELY, NEVADA

#### Ely KOA Journey

[koa.com/campgrounds/ely](http://koa.com/campgrounds/ely)

775-289-3413

Private RV park with full hookups, typical KOA amenities like a store, playground, and dog run, and spacious grounds. This campground is located 64 miles from the park entrance.

#### Cave Lake State Park

[parks.nv.gov/parks/cave-lake](http://parks.nv.gov/parks/cave-lake)

775-728-8100

Well maintained state park campground, 66 miles from the entrance to Great Basin. No hookups. Facilities include restrooms and showers, potable water, and a dump station.

#### Ward Mountain Campground

[recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/234207](http://recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/234207)

775-289-3031

Another public option in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Ward has spacious sites with picnic tables and fire rings, and pit toilets. Dry camping only, no hookups or dump station available. This campground is located 73 miles from the park entrance.

# GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK, TEXAS

[NPS.gov/gumo](https://www.nps.gov/gumo)



## Introduction to Guadalupe Mountains National Park

Guadalupe Mountains National Park is located in northwest Texas, bordering New Mexico. The nearest major city is El Paso, Texas, 110 miles to the west. While Guadalupe Mountains is one of the least visited national parks, it is only a 40-minute drive from the popular Carlsbad Caverns National Park in New Mexico. In fact, the two parks are part of the same mountain range and protected wilderness area.

Guadalupe Mountains is home to the four tallest peaks in Texas, including Guadalupe Peak at 8,749 feet. In addition to mountains, canyons, streams, and desert, the park protects the world's most extensive Permian fossil reef. Visitors can enjoy hiking, scenic vistas, and interesting historical sites.

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**PINE CANYON VISITOR CENTER**  
400 PINE CANYON, SALT FLAT, TX 79847  
915-828-3251

# GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK, TEXAS



## TOP ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

### 1. Hiking

Guadalupe Mountains is all about hiking, with over 80 miles of trails to explore. While the park is known for multiday backcountry camping, there are options for all levels. The 8.4-mile, 3,000-foot ascent to Guadalupe Peak is the best known day hike for those physically up for it.

Popular family hikes include McKittrick Canyon and Devil's Hall Trail. The most accessible options are self-guided nature trails at Pine Springs Visitor Center and McKittrick Canyon. To explore the Permian reef and view fossils, follow the self-guided Permian Reef Trail from McKittrick Station.

Speak with a ranger at the visitor center for information on the best options for your group depending on time, ability, and weather.

### 2. Bird-Watching

With over 300 species of birds, from roadrunners to Cooper's hawks, Guadalupe Mountains is a favorite for birders. Different areas of the park have distinct habitats and wildlife. Check the national park website and at the visitor center for information and guides.



## BEST TIMES TO VISIT

The park is open year-round. Autumn is the best season to visit Guadalupe Mountains, when the dramatic landscape is enhanced by stunning fall colors. In summer, the temperature averages in the high 80s to the 90s. Winter can bring freezing rain and fog.

Given the drastic changes in elevation and terrain throughout the park, the weather can vary greatly. No matter what time of year you visit, keep a close watch on the weather forecast and check in with the visitor center before departing on longer hikes.



## PET-FRIENDLY TIP

Leashed pets are only allowed in areas accessed by vehicles: developed roads, picnic and camping areas, and parking areas. They are also allowed on a limited section of trails around the visitor center.

The nearest kennel service is in Carlsbad Caverns National Park, where Carlsbad Caverns Trading Company operates a day-use-only kennel on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 575-785-2281.



## INSIDER TIPS

Facilities inside the park are limited. Come prepared with your own picnic lunch and snacks, and plenty of water for hiking. The nearest gas stations are more than 30 miles east or west of the park entrance, so fill up your tank on the way.

While the views of Guadalupe Mountains National Park are stunning from all vantage points, there is no paved scenic drive through the park. Paved roads lead to the Pine Springs Visitor Center and Campground, to trailheads, McKittrick Station, and a few other points along the edge of the park.

Frijole Ranch Cultural Museum is a fascinating look into the human history of the area, from the nomadic Mescalero Apache Tribe to the white ranchers who built the first permanent settlements. Enjoy a tour of the museum and a nature walk under shady trees to the natural spring oasis.



## RV CAMPING IN GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

Camping facilities in Guadalupe Mountains National Park are focused on the backcountry experience, with 12 established wilderness campgrounds. RVers can still enjoy an overnight in the national park at two developed campgrounds. Pine Springs Campground is adjacent to the main visitor center and can accommodate big rigs. Dog Canyon Campground has four RV sites for up to 23 feet. Note that Dog Canyon is on the north side of the park and only accessible from Route 137 in New Mexico.

While there are no hookups or dump stations, both campgrounds provide the opportunity for RVers to enjoy up-close park views, direct access to trailheads, and dark night skies.



# GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK, TEXAS



## Guadalupe Mountains National Park Campgrounds

### ALL CAMPGROUNDS

**SEASONALITY:** Open year-round.

**RESERVATIONS:** First come, first served only.

**HOOKUPS:** No hookups available.

**Additional Campground Facilities:** Potable water, flush toilets, and a utility sink. Note that there are no showers or dump stations.

**COST:** \$15 per night.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** 14 nights.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets are allowed in the park.

### PINE SPRINGS CAMPGROUND

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** There are 19 RV sites that accommodate rigs of all sizes, plus 20 tent sites. Note that the RV campground is a large, paved area with painted lines designating sites. Vans and smaller RVs can also use car parking spaces for overnight sites.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is weak, and there is no WiFi.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** While the experience is essentially dry camping in a parking lot, overnighting in Pine Springs Campground provides direct access to trailheads, including Guadalupe Peak.

### DOG CANYON CAMPGROUND

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** Four grass and dirt sites that can accommodate RVs up to 23 feet.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is not available.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Dog Canyon is a small campground located in a scenic, secluded canyon on the north side of the park. There is no road through the park; it's more than 100 miles to drive from Dog Canyon to the Pine Springs Visitor Center.



# GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK, TEXAS

## Featured Campgrounds Outside Guadalupe Mountains National Park

With well-known Carlsbad Caverns National Park nearby, several camping options can be found in the town of Carlsbad (see the campground guide for **Carlsbad Caverns National Park** for additional options), about 50 miles east of Pine Springs Visitor Center. The area is busy in peak season and not known for having the best RV parks, but campers can enjoy hookups, cell service, shops, and restaurants, all within proximity to visit both national parks.

Note that many private RV parks accommodate long-term guests from the local oil and gas extraction industry. Depending on the season or industry activity, this can affect availability on top of peak travel season.

In addition to private campgrounds, there are public land boondocking options for RVers looking for a rustic and economical choice in stunning settings close to Guadalupe Mountains.



### PRIVATE CAMPGROUND OPTIONS NEAR GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

#### White's City RV Park

[whitescitynm.com/rv-campground](http://whitescitynm.com/rv-campground)

575-361-3665

Located 35 miles from Guadalupe Mountains, White's City is just outside Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico. The park offers full hookups and large pull-through sites on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### Bud's Place RV Park

[clearskiesrvparks.com/location/buds-place](http://clearskiesrvparks.com/location/buds-place)

575-200-1865

With over 100 big rig friendly campsites, Bud's Place has full hookups, a playground, and a dog park in an open-plan space, conveniently located in the town of Carlsbad, New Mexico. Located 52 miles from Guadalupe Mountains.

#### Carlsbad RV Park & Campground

[carlsbadrvpark.com](http://carlsbadrvpark.com)

575-885-6333

Located on the south end of the city, Carlsbad RV Park is less than 50 miles from Guadalupe Mountains and offers over 200 large sites with full hookups plus amenities in a shady campground setting.

### PUBLIC CAMPGROUND OPTIONS NEAR GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

#### Brantley Lake State Park

[emnrd.state.nm.us/SPD/brantleylakestatepark.html](http://emnrd.state.nm.us/SPD/brantleylakestatepark.html)

575-457-2384

This New Mexico state park has both partial hookup and primitive sites in a peaceful lakefront setting at an economical rate. The park is about 70 miles from Guadalupe Mountains.

#### Chosa Campground (BLM)

[nps.gov/places/gumo\\_chosa\\_campground\\_blm.htm](http://nps.gov/places/gumo_chosa_campground_blm.htm)

Carlsbad BLM office: 575-234-5972

This free, dry campground maintained by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is a large and flat open area with easy access from the highway and for big rigs. Less than 30 miles from Guadalupe Mountains, Chosa is a great opportunity for novices to try out boondocking.

#### Sunset Reef Campground (BLM)

[nps.gov/places/gumo\\_sunsetreefcampground\\_blm.htm](http://nps.gov/places/gumo_sunsetreefcampground_blm.htm)

Carlsbad BLM office: 575-234-5972

Close to Chosa Campground, Sunset Reef is another free BLM dry campground with basic amenities like shaded picnic tables and vault toilets. Recently opened, the campground has only five RV sites, but if it's full, Chosa and other BLM campgrounds are nearby for more options.

# ISLE ROYALE NATIONAL PARK, MICHIGAN

NPS.gov/isro



## Introduction to Isle Royale National Park

Isle Royale is located in the upper Midwest, in the state of Michigan. The park is a large island surrounded by smaller islands in northwest Lake Superior, close to the Canadian border. Isle Royale can be reached only by ferry or seaplane from ports in Michigan and Minnesota.

Given its isolated location, Isle Royale is a famous destination for backcountry campers and kayakers. The park is known for its unique ecosystems, including wildlife like moose and gray wolves. Although a visit to the park requires advanced planning and time for travel, it can be enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities. Engaging ranger programs include talks about the plants and animals found in the park, and guided hikes. Hiking trails are mostly flat, and boat tours are offered for those who prefer to remain on board.

**HOUGHTON VISITOR CENTER**  
800 EAST LAKESHORE DRIVE,  
HOUGHTON, MI 49931  
906-482-0984  
(Open June to September only)

**ROCK HARBOR VISITOR CENTER**  
NORTHEAST END OF ISLE ROYALE  
NATIONAL PARK  
906-482-0984  
(Open daily July and August, limited  
hours May, June, September)

**WINDIGO VISITOR CENTER**  
SOUTHWEST END OF ISLE ROYALE  
NATIONAL PARK  
906-482-0984  
(Open daily July and August, limited  
hours May, June, September)

# ISLE ROYALE NATIONAL PARK, MICHIGAN



## TOP ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

While many visitors come to Isle Royale for multiday tent camping trips, the park can also be enjoyed on a day trip. Popular activities are hiking, kayaking, taking a boat cruise, and visiting lighthouses. Keep in mind that most of a day trip is spent on the ferry: 7 hours traveling round trip, and about 3 hours in the park.



## INSIDER TIPS

Seaplane transportation is more expensive than the ferry, but takes less than an hour each way, allowing for more time in the park. Information can be found on the park's website.

Given the time commitment to get to Isle Royale by ferry, consider staying overnight to have more time to see the park. Rock Harbor Lodge, located near the visitor center, is the only full-service lodging facility on the island. Two rustic camping cabins are available farther west into the park, at Windigo.

Ranger programs are a great way to learn about the island's unique natural and cultural history. Check the available program schedule when booking your transportation services. Note that the Ranger III ferry is operated by the National Park Service out of Houghton, Michigan, and includes a ranger program onboard.



## BEST TIMES TO VISIT

Late June to September is the best time to visit Isle Royale, although keep in mind that mosquitoes and flies are the most pesky in June and July. The park is closed from November to mid-April.



## PET-FRIENDLY TIP

Pets are strictly forbidden in the park. In fact, pets are not even allowed to stay on boats within the park's boundaries, 4.5 miles offshore. Given the amount of time it takes to travel to and from the park, and possible weather delays, it's best to find a pet boarder near your campground on the mainland.

Note that service dogs are allowed, but you must obtain a permit in advance on the park's website.



## RV CAMPING IN ISLE ROYALE NATIONAL PARK

RV camping is not an option in Isle Royale; in fact there are no motorized vehicles at all on the island. Thirty-six campgrounds throughout the park are available for tent campers, and only accessible by foot or boat. Campers either set up a base camp or travel from site to site by hiking or kayaking. Permits are required for all overnights on the island.

# ISLE ROYALE NATIONAL PARK, MICHIGAN

## Featured Campgrounds Outside Isle Royale National Park

The two main factors to consider when deciding where to stay on the mainland to visit Isle Royale are your general RV route and reservation availability for the ferry or seaplane.

There are three ferry departure points: Houghton and Copper Harbor in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and Grand Portage in Minnesota. Seaplanes depart from Houghton and Copper Harbor and from Grand Marais, Minnesota.

Keep in mind that while Houghton and Copper Harbor are 50 miles apart, the ports in Minnesota are over a 350-mile drive from Houghton, on the opposite shore of Lake Superior. It's a good idea to purchase your national park transportation along with a nearby campground reservation to ensure your plans.

The NPS outlines transportation options on its website.



### CAMPGROUND OPTIONS NEAR HOUGHTON, MICHIGAN

#### City of Houghton RV Park

[cityofhoughton.com/rv-park](http://cityofhoughton.com/rv-park)

906-482-8745

**SEASONALITY:** Open May through October. Check the city website for annual opening dates.

**RESERVATIONS:** Available by phone only: 906-482-8745. Check the city website for booking window times.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** The park has 25 sites that can accommodate big rigs.

**HOOKUPS:** Full hookups available.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Campsites are paved, and most have a picnic table, fire ring, or grill. Note there are no bathrooms or shower facilities in the park.

**COST:** \$50 per night, \$50 nonrefundable deposit. Weekly and monthly rates are available.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** 1 month.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is good, WiFi offered.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets are allowed.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The RV park is conveniently located along Houghton's waterfront walking trail, close to shops and restaurants, a swim beach, and a public play area. Located 1 mile from the national park ferry and visitor center.

#### Lake Linden Village Campgrounds

[lakelinden.net/campground.html](http://lakelinden.net/campground.html)

906-296-9911

**SEASONALITY:** Open May through October. Call the city office at 906-296-9911 for annual opening dates.

**RESERVATIONS:** Available by phone only: 906-369-5450. Reservations for the season can be made starting the first business day after January 1. Note that special terms apply for bookings over July 4.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** The park has 27 sites that can accommodate RVs up to 40 feet.

**HOOKUPS:** Partial hookups available.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Dump station, bathrooms, and showers. The campground is adjacent to a swimming beach and the Village Park, which has recreation facilities.

**COST:** \$25 per night. Weekly rate available.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** 7 nights.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is good.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets are allowed.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Located on Torch Lake and within walking distance to shops and restaurants in Linden Village. In addition to the designated RV sites, the campground has rustic dry camping sites available that can accommodate smaller RVs and travel trailers. Located 12 miles from the national park ferry in Houghton; 40 miles from Copper Harbor.

# ISLE ROYALE NATIONAL PARK, MICHIGAN

## CAMPGROUND OPTIONS NEAR COPPER HARBOR, MICHIGAN

### Fort Wilkins State Park West Campground

[michigan.org/property/fort-wilkins-historic-state-park](http://michigan.org/property/fort-wilkins-historic-state-park)  
906-289-4215

**SEASONALITY:** Open May through October. Contact Michigan DNR Reservations below for season opening and closing dates.

**RESERVATIONS:** Visit [midnrreservations.com](http://midnrreservations.com) or call 800-447-2757. Reservations can be made up to 6 months in advance.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** The park has over 150 sites for RVs in two separate campgrounds. Most sites are for RVs up to 25 feet. About half of the sites can accommodate up to 30 feet, and only a handful up to 40.

**HOOKUPS:** Partial hookups available.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Fire pits, dump station, bathrooms, and showers.

**COST:** \$25 to \$29 per night, plus a one-time fee of \$34 for a Michigan State Park annual pass for out-of-state licenses.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** 15 consecutive nights.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is weak to nonexistent, even in the town of Copper Harbor. Limited WiFi available at the campground.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets allowed.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** This forested state park is located on a peninsula between Lake Superior and a calm smaller inland lake. Activities available include water recreation, hiking, biking, and visiting the historic Fort Wilkins and one of the first lighthouses on Lake Superior. It's located 1 mile from the national park ferry.

### Sunset Bay RV Resort

[sunset-bay.com](http://sunset-bay.com)

906-337-2494

**SEASONALITY:** Open May through October. See the campground's website for opening and closing dates.

**RESERVATIONS:** Visit [sunset-bay.com/Resnexus.htm](http://sunset-bay.com/Resnexus.htm) or call 906-337-2494.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** 23 sites can accommodate RVs. Site sizes vary, but a few can fit RVs 40 to 45 feet long.

**HOOKUPS:** Partial hookups. A few sites have full hookups.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Fire pits, dump station, bathhouses, laundry, firewood, and ice for purchase.

**COST:** \$35 to 40 per night.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is weak to nonexistent.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** Check with the campground.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets allowed.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** This is a remote and rustic campground, with friendly hosts and a stunning location on the shore of Lake Superior. It's a good option equidistant from the national park ferries at Houghton, 28 miles away, and Copper Harbor, 26 miles away.



# ISLE ROYALE NATIONAL PARK, MICHIGAN

## CAMPGROUND OPTIONS NEAR GRAND PORTAGE, MINNESOTA

### Grand Portage Marina and RV Campground

[grandportage.com/index.php/staying/the-rv-park](http://grandportage.com/index.php/staying/the-rv-park)

800-543-1384

**SEASONALITY:** Open May through October. Check with the campground for annual dates.

**RESERVATIONS:** Call 800-543-1384.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** 29 sites that can accommodate big rigs.

**HOOKUPS:** Full hookups available.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Restrooms and laundry, plus pool, store, and other facilities at the adjacent Grand Portage Lodge & Casino.

**COST:** \$42 to \$47 per night, depending on site location.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is good, the campground offers WiFi.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** Check with the campground.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets allowed.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** This RV park is part of the adjacent Grand Portage Lodge and Casino. The campground has spacious sites in an open, grassy area on Grand Portage Bay. Nearby attractions include the Grand Portage National Memorial and Grand Portage State Park. Located 3 miles from the national park ferry.

## CAMPGROUND OPTIONS NEAR GRAND MARAIS, MINNESOTA

### Grand Marais Campground and Marina

[grandmaraisrecreationarea.com/camping](http://grandmaraisrecreationarea.com/camping)

800-998-0959

**SEASONALITY:** Fully open April through October. The campground remains open in the winter, with no water service.

**RESERVATIONS:** Call 800-998-0959. Some sites are bookable online. Walk-in sites are available. Peak season is from June 15 to September 30; reservations are recommended.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** 200 RV sites, most can accommodate big rigs. Additional sites for tents and pop-up campers on the grounds.

**HOOKUPS:** Full and partial hookups available.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Picnic table and fire pit at sites. Bathhouses, dump station, campground store, playground, ball field, rec hall. Access to a public beach, marina, and bike trails.

**COST:** \$36 to \$56 per night, depending on date, hookups, and site location. \$10 nonrefundable reservation deposit. Weekly and monthly rates are available.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** 1 month.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is good, WiFi offered at the campground office.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets allowed.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** This large municipal campground is located on Lake Superior, within walking and biking distance to the town of Grand Marais. Note that summer weekends can be busy with music festivals and other events. Located 9 miles from the airport in Grand Marais for seaplane service to the national park; 38 miles from the ferry in Grand Portage.



# NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK, WASHINGTON

NPS.gov/noca



## Introduction to North Cascades National Park

North Cascades National Park is located in northwest Washington state, on the Canadian border. The national park complex includes the adjacent Ross Lake and Lake Chelan National Recreation Areas. The park is vast and wild, and the North Cascades Visitor Center is within just 120 miles of Seattle.

With over 300 glaciers, North Cascades National Park is the most heavily glaciated area in the United States outside of Alaska. Its stunning alpine landscapes may be less familiar to visitors than Washington's two other national parks, [Olympic](#) and [Mount Rainier](#). Brilliantly colored lakes, craggy mountain peaks, flower-filled meadows, and an abundance of wildlife can be enjoyed in a variety of ways in North Cascades, on scenic drives, kayak tours, and multiday hikes.

While the park attracts many visitors for its backcountry hiking and camping opportunities, it's still very accessible to visitors of all ages and abilities, and easy to get to from the Seattle metropolitan area.

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### NORTH CASCADES VISITOR CENTER

STATE ROUTE 20 AT MILEPOST 120, MARBLEMOUNT, WA 98267  
206-386-4495

RESERVATIONS AT [RECREATION.GOV/CAMPING/GATEWAYS/2845](https://www.recreation.gov/camping/gateways/2845) • 877-444-6777



# NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK, WASHINGTON



## TOP ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

### 1. Hiking and Nature Walks

A variety of trails and scenic views can be found along spectacular Route 20, which traverses the park. Several short trails start at the North Cascades Visitor Center, including the 1.8-mile River Loop Trail with sweeping river views. The park has over 400 miles of trails, so speak with a ranger about the best options for your group considering time, ability, and weather conditions.

### 2. Boating on Ross Lake

Ross Lake Resort provides portage service, a water taxi service, and rental kayaks, canoes, and power boats. This 70-year-old lakefront resort is sold out every season, but national park visitors can enjoy the same breathtaking views from the water.

### 3. Bird and Wildlife Viewing

North Cascades is home to one of the most diverse ecosystems on the planet. More than 200 species of birds, including the bald eagle, can be found in the park. Stop at the visitor center to join a ranger program or pick up information to learn more, and find the best places and times for animal spotting.



## BEST TIMES TO VISIT

The best time to visit North Cascades is mid-June through September. In the spring and autumn, Okanogan, Skagit, and Stehekin valleys are popular destinations to see leaves, wildflowers, and wildlife, although rain and wind can be expected. The park is open with limited facilities in the winter, and snow can remain on some trails well into summer.



## PET-FRIENDLY TIP

Inside the borders of North Cascades National Park, pets are allowed if they're leashed and no further than 50 feet off paved roads. They are also allowed on the Pacific Crest Trail.

The good news for RVers with pets is that the three campgrounds listed below are all within Ross Lake National Recreation Area, where leashed pets are allowed on trails. Pets are also allowed in adjacent national forest land.



## INSIDER TIPS

Don't miss the Washington Pass overlook along Route 20. It has a small walking path to take in the spectacular mountain vista, and you may even be able to spot mountain goats in their natural habitat.

For an all-ages hike with views of brilliant blue Diablo Lake and mountain peaks, Thunder Knob is a great option under 4 miles. Leashed dogs are allowed on this trail.

It takes additional time and advanced planning, but a day trip or overnight to the remote town of Stehekin is an unforgettable experience. Purchase tickets in advance for the ferry from Chelan to journey along the 55-mile fjord Lake Chelan.



## RV CAMPING IN NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK

Much of North Cascades is geared toward the backcountry experience, with the park's dozens of small, rustic campgrounds catering to tent campers. Some are accessible only by foot or kayak. Small, rugged RVs can access a few drive-in campgrounds, like Gorge Lake.

In keeping with the natural setting, campground facilities are generally limited to potable water and pit toilets. Firewood, ice, and gas are not available in the park complex, and cell service is weak to nonexistent.

One campground, Newhalem Creek, can accommodate larger rigs. It has more than 90 RV sites, although they can sell out during peak season. For RVs over 30 feet, if you're not able to secure a reservation inside the park, there are several options close by (see below). Keep in mind that while campsites that go unreserved are available on a first-come, first-served basis, they are usually filled up by mid-morning during peak season.

# NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK, WASHINGTON



## North Cascades National Park Campgrounds

### ALL CAMPGROUNDS

**SEASONALITY:** Open year-round, with limited capacity and services in the winter.

**RESERVATIONS:** Reservations for peak season can be made 6 months in advance. Visit [recreation.gov/camping/gateways/2845](https://www.recreation.gov/camping/gateways/2845) or call 877-444-6777 to view peak dates and make a reservation. Off-peak, sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**HOOKUPS:** There are no hookups.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is weak to nonexistent.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** 14 days in July and August, 30 days for the rest of the year.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets are allowed.

### NEWHALEM CREEK CAMPGROUND

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** There are 90 sites that all accommodate RVs up to 30 feet. Half of those sites can fit up to 40 feet, with about 30 total sites accommodating larger rigs.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Picnic tables and fire rings at the sites. Central facilities include a dump station, drinking water, flush toilets, and paved roads throughout the campground.

**COST:** \$24 per night.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The campground is in a natural setting and still within walking distance of the visitor center and Skagit General Store, in the community of Newhalem, to stock up on basics.

### COLONIAL CREEK SOUTH CAMPGROUND

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** Just over 40 sites that can accommodate RVs up to 20 feet. There are eight sites with a maximum RV length of 30 feet.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Picnic tables, fire rings, and bear boxes at sites. Central facilities include drinking water and flush toilets. Note that there is some paved parking, but most sites are uneven gravel.

**COST:** \$24 per night.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The campground entrance parking lot is also used by day trippers for the boat launch and trailheads. Campsite size and privacy vary, but all are under a thick canopy of old-growth trees and a short distance from Thunder Arm, an offshoot of Diablo Lake.

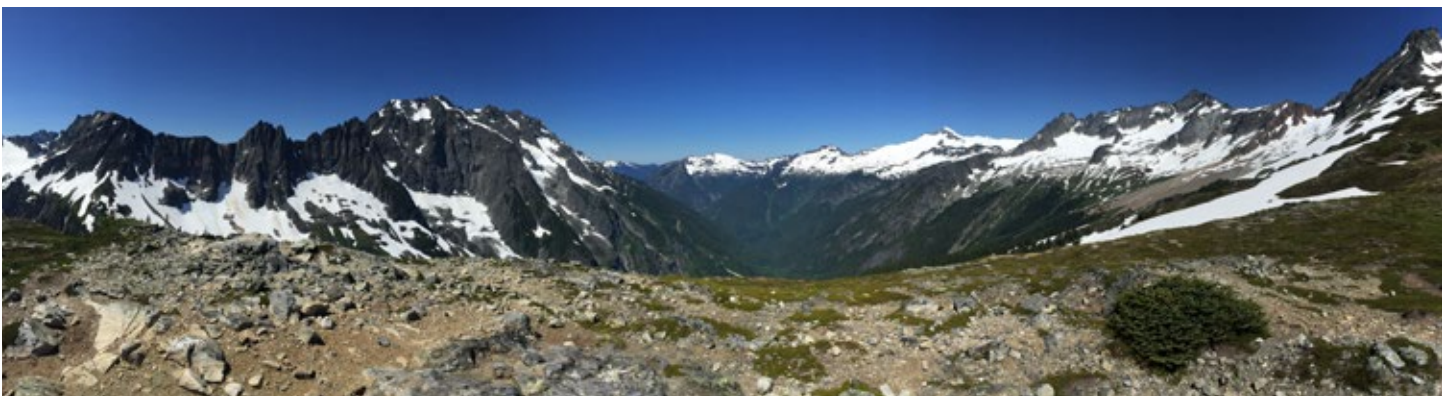
### GOODSELL CREEK CAMPGROUND

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** This small campground has 17 sites, with a maximum RV length of 25 feet.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Drinking water, flush toilets, and paved roads.

**COST:** \$20 per night.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Goodsell Creek Campground has two group sites that can accommodate big rigs. Call 877-444-6777 to see if the option to book a space in the group site is available for your travel dates.



# NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK, WASHINGTON



## Featured Campgrounds Outside North Cascades National Park

While campsites inside the park complex are limited for larger rigs, there are several options to be found in the surrounding national forests, as well as in private campgrounds nearby.

Staying outside the park will also give you access to hookups, amenities, and cell service.

The west side of the park is heavily wooded, closer to the Seattle area and the Pacific Coast. Staying on this side makes North Cascades easy to add into a Pacific Northwest road trip itinerary that includes **Mount Rainier** and **Olympic** national parks. On the other hand, the east side provides an open landscape of plains and farmland. It's convenient if you're on an east-west drive, or staying near Lake Chelan to take the ferry to Stehekin.

### CAMPGROUND OPTIONS NEAR NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK WEST ENTRANCE

#### Alpine RV Park

[alpinervcamping.com](http://alpinervcamping.com)  
360-873-9002

Alpine is the closest RV park to the west entrance that has full hookups and amenities. It's a kid- and pet-friendly option with wooded walking trails and views of the North Cascade Mountains. Located 4 miles from the west entrance.

#### Howard Miller Steelhead Park

[skagitcounty.net/departments/parksandrecreation/parks/howardmiller.htm](http://skagitcounty.net/departments/parksandrecreation/parks/howardmiller.htm)  
360-853-8808

This Skagit County park campground is located between Seattle and the North Cascades, making it a convenient option to overnight and enjoy a day trip into the national park. This campground is located 15 miles from the west entrance.

#### Marble Creek Campground

[fs.usda.gov/recarea/mbs/recarea/?recid=17668](http://fs.usda.gov/recarea/mbs/recarea/?recid=17668)  
877-444-6777

Inside the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Marble Creek Campground provides a quiet, remote dry camping experience just outside the national park. For small RVs and trailers only. This campground is located 14 miles from the west entrance.

### CAMPGROUND OPTIONS NEAR NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK EAST ENTRANCE

#### Winthrop / North Cascades KOA

[koa.com/campgrounds/winthrop](http://koa.com/campgrounds/winthrop)  
509-996-2258

Located in the gateway town of Winthrop, this campground offers big rig friendly sites, full hookups, and the expected kid- and pet-friendly amenities of a KOA. This campground is located 30 miles from the east entrance.

#### Pine Near RV Park

[pinenearpark.com](http://pinenearpark.com)  
509-341-4062

Another option in Winthrop, within walking distance of downtown, Pine Near has large grassy sites with full hookups, basic campground amenities, and friendly staff. This RV park is located 30 miles from the east entrance.

#### Klipchuck Campground

[fs.usda.gov/recarea/okawen/recarea/?recid=59281](http://fs.usda.gov/recarea/okawen/recarea/?recid=59281)  
509-996-4000

Klipchuck Campground can accommodate RVs up to 34 feet, with 30 first-come, first-served sites in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest with convenient access to Route 20. Located 10 miles from the east entrance.

#### Lakeshore RV Park

[cityofchelan.us/departments/parks-recreation/rv-park](http://cityofchelan.us/departments/parks-recreation/rv-park)  
509-682-8023

This lakeside city park in Chelan, with concrete pads and full hookups, is ideal for RVers planning a day trip on Lake Chelan or overnight at Stehekin after driving through the national park. Located 90 miles from the east entrance.

# PINNACLES NATIONAL PARK, CALIFORNIA

NPS.gov/pinn



## Introduction to Pinnacles National Park

Pinnacles National Park is located in central California, 125 miles south of San Francisco and 270 miles north of Los Angeles. In a state with nine national parks, Pinnacles can easily be overshadowed. It's California's newest national park, established in 2013. Despite its central location, the main park entrance requires a planned detour off the major north-south routes through the state.

Pinnacles may not have the instantly recognizable attractions of other national parks, but what it does have is hiking and climbing opportunities. Here you can see spectacular geological formations, dramatic changes in landscape, and a rare and wonderful view of the endangered California condor in the wild.

Note that while the park's west entrance is close to Highway 101, the main visitor center and campground are accessible only from the east entrance in Paicines, California, requiring a 30- to 40-mile detour on country roads. There is no road access between the two entrances.

**PINNACLES VISITOR CENTER**  
5000 CALIFORNIA ROUTE 146  
PAICINES, CA 95043  
831-389-4485

**WEST PINNACLES VISITOR CONTACT STATION**  
GPS COORDINATES: 36.477700, -121.226136  
CALIFORNIA ROUTE 146, SOLEDAD, CA 93960  
831-389-4427

# PINNACLES NATIONAL PARK, CALIFORNIA



## TOP ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

### 1. Hiking

Hiking is the best way to experience the park's diverse landscape, including its namesake pinnacle rock formations, giant boulders, caves, mossy woodlands, and chaparral.

The park offers hiking trails of varying lengths and difficulty. Some of the trails include rock scrambles, stream crossings, and dark caves. A ranger can advise the best option for you to get the most out of your visit, including current trail conditions, whether you are visiting the east or west side of the park.

### 2. Rock Climbing

Rock climbing is allowed inside the park, with routes of varying levels accessible from both entrances. First-time climbers are advised to choose a route below their level, as the volcanic breccia rock at Pinnacles is more challenging than granite. Some routes are closed from January through July to protect nesting falcons and condors.

### 3. Bird-Watching

In addition to the endangered California condor, Pinnacles National Park's varied habitats and its location along the migratory Pacific Flyway provide a temporary or permanent home to more than 180 documented bird species. See the park's website or speak to a ranger for more details on the best locations and times for spotting the California condor and other birds.



## BEST TIMES TO VISIT

Spring and fall are best for moderate temperatures and smaller crowds, although weekends can still be busy with day trippers. In July and August, temperatures can reach 100 degrees. The climate is dry, however, and a summer visit can be managed by planning hikes early in the day and enjoying the campground pool in the hot afternoon. Winter is the best time to avoid weekend crowds, but note that overnight temperatures can get below freezing.



## PET-FRIENDLY TIP

Leashed pets are allowed in the campground, on paved roads, and in parking lots. They are not allowed on any trails.

Make sure you have electric hookups or enough battery power to keep your pet comfortable inside your RV at all times. The nearest kennel options are in Hollister, California, 30 miles away.



## INSIDER TIPS

Parking areas are limited and can fill up quickly. During peak periods, a shuttle service runs from the visitor center and campground. Alternatively, the popular Bear Gulch trailhead can be reached in under 3 miles by hiking from the visitor center along the Bench Trail.

While the High Peaks provide the best opportunity to view condors, if you don't have the time or ability for the required hike, you may have a chance to see them right from the visitor center and campground. Use the spotting scopes available, or ask a ranger where to point your binoculars in the early morning or evening.



## RV CAMPING IN PINNACLES NATIONAL PARK

Pinnacles has only one campground, but for a national park, it's surprisingly spacious, developed, and big rig friendly. Over 130 sites include a dedicated RV area, with electric hookups and paved pads that can accommodate rigs over 40 feet. The rest of the sites are nonelectric, but many are suitable for RVs up to 40 feet.

The campground is adjacent to the visitor center, store, shuttle bus stop, and trailhead, making it a convenient base to tour the park and participate in ranger programs. There is even a seasonal swimming pool, reflecting the campground's origins as a private park.

Keep in mind that the nearest town for groceries and amenities is Hollister, 30 miles away, and there is no cell service in the park.

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## Pinnacles National Park Campground

**SEASONALITY:** Open year-round.

**RESERVATIONS:** Visit [recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/234015](https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/234015) or call 877-444-6777. Reservations can be made from 48 hours to 6 months in advance.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** Over 30 dedicated RV sites can accommodate RVs longer than 40 feet. The remaining tent/RV sites vary in size, but many can accommodate up to 38 feet. Size limit per site can be viewed on the reservation website.

**HOOKUPS:** RV sites have electric hookups. Nonelectric sites also open to tent campers can be booked for RVs.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Each campsite has a picnic table and fire ring. (Fire restrictions may be in place.) Campground facilities include flush toilets, drinking water, coin-operated showers, a dump station, a general store, and a pool open April through September.

**COST:** \$45 per night electric site, \$35 nonelectric.

**CONNECTIVITY:** There is no cell phone service in the park. WiFi can be purchased and used around the visitor center and store, or from a hot spot in the campground.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** 14 days.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets are allowed, but can only be walked around the campground or on paved roads in the park.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** While the campground can accommodate big rigs, keep in mind that once you leave Highway 101 the roads leading to the park are narrow and winding. Review your route beforehand and allow plenty of time to arrive before dark.



# PINNACLES NATIONAL PARK, CALIFORNIA



## Featured Campgrounds Outside Pinnacles National Park

Choosing where to stay outside the park will depend on the rest of your itinerary: how much time you have to spend, and which direction you're headed. For RVers traveling along the coast, a day trip to the west entrance of Pinnacles is a great option. Only 50 miles from the popular coastal city of Monterey, California, Pinnacles' west side offers a visitor contact station and a variety of hiking trails.

Alternatively, if you're headed north or south along inland Highway 101, a detour east will not only bring you to the main visitor center and hiking trails of Pinnacles, but through a stunning, bucolic California landscape that most visitors don't get to see. Note that while the town of Hollister has shops and restaurants, there are few private RV parks in the area compared to other national park gateway towns.

### CAMPGROUND OPTIONS NEAR PINNACLES NATIONAL PARK EAST ENTRANCE

#### San Benito RV & Camping Resort

[thousandtrails.com/california/san-benito-rv-camping-resort](http://thousandtrails.com/california/san-benito-rv-camping-resort)  
888-481-6348

The closest RV park to Pinnacles is a spacious, big rig friendly campground with full hookups and amenities, conveniently located halfway between the visitor center and the gateway town of Hollister (15 miles to each).

#### Fremont Peak State Park

[parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=564](http://parks.ca.gov/?page_id=564)  
831-623-4255

Accommodating RVs 25 feet and under, this California state park provides an economical option for dry camping in a stunning natural setting, under 50 miles from Pinnacles Visitor Center.

#### Upper Sweetwater Campground - Laguna Mountain Recreation Area

[blm.gov/visit/laguna-mountain](http://blm.gov/visit/laguna-mountain)  
831-582-2200

Upper Sweetwater Campground is a great option for free dry camping on public land within 25 miles of Pinnacles Visitor Center. With sites that can accommodate big rigs, this campground maintained by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) provides shaded picnic tables, fire rings, and vault toilets.

### CAMPGROUND OPTIONS NEAR PINNACLES NATIONAL PARK WEST ENTRANCE

#### Yanks RV Resort

[yanksrvresort.com](http://yanksrvresort.com)  
855-926-5778

Located along Highway 101, 18 miles from the West Pinnacles Visitor Contact Station, Yanks RV Resort offers large pull-through sites with full hookups and a pool, store, laundry, dog run, and other amenities.

#### Salinas - Monterey KOA

[koa.com/campgrounds/salinas](http://koa.com/campgrounds/salinas)  
831-663-2886

The Salinas-Monterey KOA, with full hookups and KOA amenities, has a central location that is ideal for a few days to explore Pinnacles National Park and the Monterey coast area. It's 45 miles from the west entrance.

#### Monterey Fairgrounds RV Park

[montereycountyfair.com/about-the-rv-park](http://montereycountyfair.com/about-the-rv-park)  
831-717-7167

Monterey Fairgrounds is a good choice for visitors looking for an economical option with full hookups and an ideal location along the coast, while still within 50 miles of West Pinnacles for a day trip.

# VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK, MINNESOTA

NPS.gov/voya



## Introduction to Voyageurs National Park

Voyageurs National Park is in the very north of Minnesota, at the border with Canada. With four large lakes and 26 interior lakes, 40 percent of this huge park is water, and the rest is forested mainland and scattered islands. Voyageurs is located 300 miles from Minneapolis, Minnesota, and 170 miles from Duluth, Minnesota.

In addition to being accessible by ferry, private boat, canoe, or kayak, Voyageurs is known as one of the best places in the continental U.S. to spot bald eagles. The aurora borealis, or northern lights, can often be seen from the park. While most activities in Voyageurs are centered around the water, there are also interesting and accessible historical attractions to see on land, from a remote historic hotel to a unique rock garden.

**RAINY LAKE VISITOR CENTER**  
1797 TOWNSHIP ROAD 342,  
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MN 56649  
218-286-5258  
(Open year-round)

**KABETOGAMA LAKE VISITOR CENTER**  
9940 CEDAR LANE, KABETOGAMA, MN 56669  
218-875-2111  
(Open late May to late September only)

**ASH RIVER VISITOR CENTER**  
9899 MEAD WOOD ROAD, ORR, MN 55771  
218-374-3221  
(Open late May to late September only)



# VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK, MINNESOTA



## TOP ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

### 1. Boating

As one can imagine, Voyageurs must be experienced from the water. Visitors can bring their own canoes and kayaks, or rent them nearby. Ranger-led boat tours and commercial boat companies authorized to operate in the park provide accessible and comfortable options for everyone.

### 2. Hiking

There are some limited opportunities to hike in the park without first getting on a boat. Each of the three visitor centers can be reached by car and offer accessible nature trails. Popular hiking trails include the Echo Bay Trail and the 2.5-mile Blind Ash Bay Trail.

Whether you're getting to the hiking trails by car or by boat, pick up a detailed trail map at a visitor center before heading out.

### 3. Wildlife Viewing

Voyageurs is home to over 40 breeding pairs of bald eagles. While these majestic raptors can be spotted throughout the park, they're most commonly found on the shorelines and islands of West Rainy Lake, North and East Kabetogama Lakes, and West Namakan Lake.

Moose are another popular animal to look for in the boreal forest; this is one of the few national parks in the lower 48 states where they live. Most of the 40 to 50 moose in the park reside on the Kabetogama Peninsula.



## BEST TIMES TO VISIT

Voyageurs is open year-round. Though winter services are limited, visitors can experience cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, ice fishing, and a 7-mile ice road in the national park.

For RVers, summer and early fall are the best seasons to visit. July and August provide the best times for stargazing, including the August Perseids meteor shower. Fall comes with spectacular foliage and a drop in both pesky mosquitoes and the temperature, but keep in mind that it can snow as early as October.



## PET-FRIENDLY TIP

Pets are allowed in the immediate area of the visitor centers, in parking lots, and on the 17-mile Recreation Trail from the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. If you're planning on boating and hiking, leave your pet in the comfort of your RV, or ask the campground host about boarding options nearby.



## INSIDER TIPS

Voyageurs may be one of the least visited national parks in the country, but its short summer season can be relatively busy. Guided ferry tours are a popular way to see the park, and the limited seating can sell out. Purchase tickets in advance at [recreation.gov/camping/gateways/2970](https://recreation.gov/camping/gateways/2970) or by calling 877-444-6777.

The Ellsworth Rock Garden Cruise includes a ranger-guided tour and time to wander this beautiful and unique rock garden on your own. The ferry departs from Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center.

The Kettle Falls Cruise stops at the historic and remote Kettle Falls Hotel. Enjoy lunch on your own at the hotel, and walk around the grounds to the dam and waterfall. The ferry departs from Kabetogama Lake and Rainy Lake visitor centers.

Even if you visit Voyageurs in the summer, you may still have a chance to witness the northern lights. The aurora borealis is more likely to be seen during the longer periods of darkness in the winter, but it can appear at any time of year.



## RV CAMPING IN VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK

There is no RV camping in Voyageurs National Park. Tent camping sites are accessible only by boat. Designated sites are considered frontcountry if they are directly accessible by boat, or backcountry if campers must hike to the site from the water. Permits are required for all campsites.

A unique and comfortable way to stay overnight in the park is on a houseboat, which can be rented by authorized commercial outfitters outside the park. Designated houseboat sites are available first come, first served, with access to a beach area with fire rings. The required permit can be purchased at [recreation.gov/camping/gateways/2970](https://recreation.gov/camping/gateways/2970).

# VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK, MINNESOTA

## Featured Campgrounds Outside Voyageurs National Park

Several public and private campgrounds are available outside Voyageurs and provide a convenient base to tour the park. Even with amenities offered, most campgrounds reflect the expansive natural surroundings and have a rustic feel, with grass, dirt, or gravel sites that may be uneven. Keep in mind that the travel season this far north is shorter for RVers looking to avoid winter weather. Campgrounds generally operate from May to October; check with each campground for specific dates.



### CAMPGROUND OPTIONS NEAR RAINY LAKE VISITOR CENTER

#### Arnold's Campground and RV park

[arnoldsfishing.com/camping.htm](http://arnoldsfishing.com/camping.htm)

218-285-9000

**SEASONALITY:** Open May to October.

**RESERVATIONS:** Call 218-285-9000.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** Spacious campground with wooded sites that can fit RVs of all sizes.

**HOOKUPS:** Partial and full hookups available.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Picnic tables and fire rings at sites. Central facilities include restrooms, showers, a dump station, and water taxi service.

**COST:** \$30 per night for full hookups, \$25 for partial.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** Monthly rates available.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is weak to nonexistent.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets allowed.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** A comfortable campground with friendly hosts, Arnold's is located close to amenities in the town of International Falls, and 13 miles from Rainy Lake Visitor Center.

#### Rainy Lake RV

[rainylakerv.com](http://rainylakerv.com)

218-288-1130

**SEASONALITY:** Open May to October.

**RESERVATIONS:** Call 218-288-1130.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** 16 sites can all accommodate RVs over 40 feet. The campground has additional long-term seasonal sites.

**HOOKUPS:** Full hookups available.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Fire rings and dock slips at each site, access to a protected swimming beach. Restrooms, showers, and laundry facilities are planned to be added in the future.

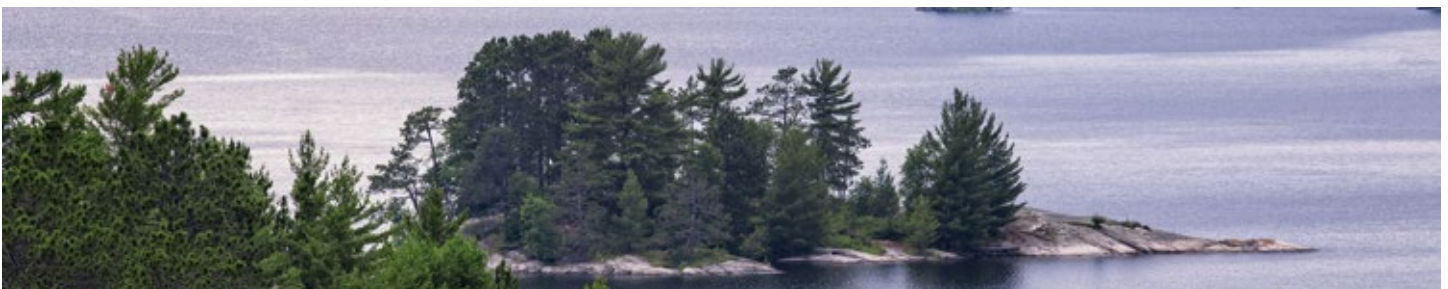
**COST:** \$55 per night.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** Monthly rates available.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is weak, WiFi offered.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets allowed.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Newly built in 2019, Rainy Lake RV is ideal for guests looking for full hookups and direct water access, just 6 miles from Rainy Lake Visitor Center.



# VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK, MINNESOTA

## CAMPGROUND OPTIONS NEAR KABETOGAMA LAKE VISITOR CENTER

### Wooden Frog Campground

[dnr.state.mn.us/state\\_forests/forest.html?id=sft00027#cmp00032](http://dnr.state.mn.us/state_forests/forest.html?id=sft00027#cmp00032)

218-235-2520

**SEASONALITY:** Open May to October.

**RESERVATIONS:** All sites are first come, first served.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** About 60 primitive campsites available for tents or RVs. Sites are spacious and most can fit big rigs, although on busy summer weekends they can fill up fast.

**HOOKUPS:** No hookups available.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Picnic tables and fire rings at sites. Potable water and vault toilets on the grounds, swimming beach, and lake access.

**COST:** \$17 per night.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** 21 days.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is weak.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets allowed.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** This state forest campground offers open sites directly on the lake or nestled in the forest. Economical camping in a beautiful setting, under 6 miles from Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center.

### The Pines of Kabetogama Resort

[thepineskab.com](http://thepineskab.com)

218-875-2000

**SEASONALITY:** Open May to October.

**RESERVATIONS:** Visit [thepineskab.com/reservations](http://thepineskab.com/reservations) or call 218-875-2000.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** All sites can accommodate big rigs. Site categories range from standard sites at lake level to Preferred and Premium cliffside lakeview sites with concrete pads.

**HOOKUPS:** Full hookups available.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Picnic table and fire ring at each site. Resort facilities include laundry, a marina, golf cart, and boat rentals.

**COST:** \$75 to \$145 per night. Premium sites at \$145 include a golf cart and dock space.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** Check with the campground.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is weak to good, WiFi offered.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets allowed. Off-leash area and walking trails available.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The Pines of Kabetogama provides a beautiful lakeside resort experience just a mile from the national park visitor center.

## CAMPGROUND OPTIONS NEAR ASH RIVER VISITOR CENTER

### Ash River Campground

[dnr.state.mn.us/state\\_forests/forest.html?id=sft00027#cmp00029](http://dnr.state.mn.us/state_forests/forest.html?id=sft00027#cmp00029)

218-235-2520

**SEASONALITY:** Open May to October.

**RESERVATIONS:** All sites are first come, first served.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** Eight spacious, rustic sites for tents or RVs up to 35 feet.

**HOOKUPS:** No hookups available.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Picnic tables and fire rings at sites. Potable water and vault toilets on the grounds, swimming beach, and boat launch access.

**COST:** \$17 per night.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** 21 days.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is weak.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets allowed.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** This small state forest campground is located on Ash River, less than 5 miles from Ash River Visitor Center.

### Ash Riviera Resort

[ashriviera.com](http://ashriviera.com)

218-374-3411

**SEASONALITY:** Open May to October.

**RESERVATIONS:** Call 218-374-3411.

**CAMPSITE SIZE:** Spacious campground surrounded by forest, with about 20 big rig friendly, open-space sites.

**HOOKUPS:** Full hookups available.

**ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND FACILITIES:** Picnic table and fire ring at each site. Central facilities include restrooms, showers, and laundry.

**COST:** \$45 per night.

**MAXIMUM STAY:** Monthly rates available.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Cell phone service is weak to nonexistent, WiFi offered.

**PET POLICIES:** Leashed pets allowed. Off-leash area and walking trails available.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Great option for full-hookup sites in a natural setting, 5 miles from Ash River Visitor Center.

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