



# Dispersed Camping Guide

## KAIBAB NATIONAL FOREST

### WHAT IS DISPERSED CAMPING?

In the National Forest, dispersed camping is the term used for camping anywhere outside of a developed campground. There are no services such as trash removal and few, if any, facilities such as tables and fire pits. Dispersed camping is free and permitted in Kaibab National Forest up to 14 days. Unlike developed campgrounds, which are designed and maintained to protect the vegetation, soils, and natural setting, camping in undeveloped areas requires help from the camper to keep the site in the condition in which it was found.

Regulations are in place to make your experience a safe one and to protect natural and cultural resources so they remain unspoiled for others.

#### DISPERSED CAMPING WITH A MOTOR VEHICLE

There are many opportunities for motorized dispersed camping on the Kaibab National Forest. While cross-country driving is prohibited, visitors may drive up to 30 feet from the sides of all open roads to park and camp. Each district also offers motorized dispersed camping corridors along specific roads. For details on where it is legal to drive motor vehicles on the Kaibab National Forest, please download free Motor Vehicle Use Maps at [www.bit.ly/KNFmaps](http://www.bit.ly/KNFmaps).

### RULES FOR DISPERSED CAMPING

1. Do not leave any trash. If a dumpster is available, use it. If a dumpster is not available or is full, take home all trash to be disposed of properly.
2. If possible, use existing campsites to limit resource damage.
3. Be prepared. No amenities such as water, trash cans, or restrooms are provided.
4. Follow Leave No Trace principles at [www.LNT.org](http://www.LNT.org) and Tread Lightly at [www.treadlightly.org](http://www.treadlightly.org).
5. Camping within 1 mile of a developed campground, administrative site or other developed recreation site is prohibited.
6. Camping within one-quarter mile of a watering hole is prohibited as it denies the wildlife and domestic livestock access to available water.
7. When campfires are allowed, please use existing fire rings if available. This minimizes scarring of rocks, soil, and plants.
8. Dead and down firewood may be collected and used for your campfire. Do not cut live trees.
9. Visitors may camp for a maximum of 14 days in any 30-day period on the Kaibab National Forest.

### COMMON WATCHOUTS



High winds can bring danger from above. Be cautious of dead trees and loose limbs that could fall on things below them.

### CAN I HAVE A CAMPFIRE?



Please contact the local Forest Service office or check the forest website for any fire restrictions under Alerts & Notices.



### TREATING WATER

Water sources can be contaminated with invisible microorganisms which can make people ill and in some cases be deadly. The only way to ensure that water from any undeveloped source is safe is to treat it.

Follow the water treatment guidelines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at: [www.cdc.gov/healthywater](http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater).

### HUMAN WASTE DISPOSAL

Dispersed camping means no bathrooms. Deposit solid human waste in catholes dug 6 to 8 inches deep at least 200 feet from water, camp, and trails. Pack out toilet paper and hygiene products. For more information, visit: <https://lnt.org/why/7-principles/dispose-of-waste-properly/>

