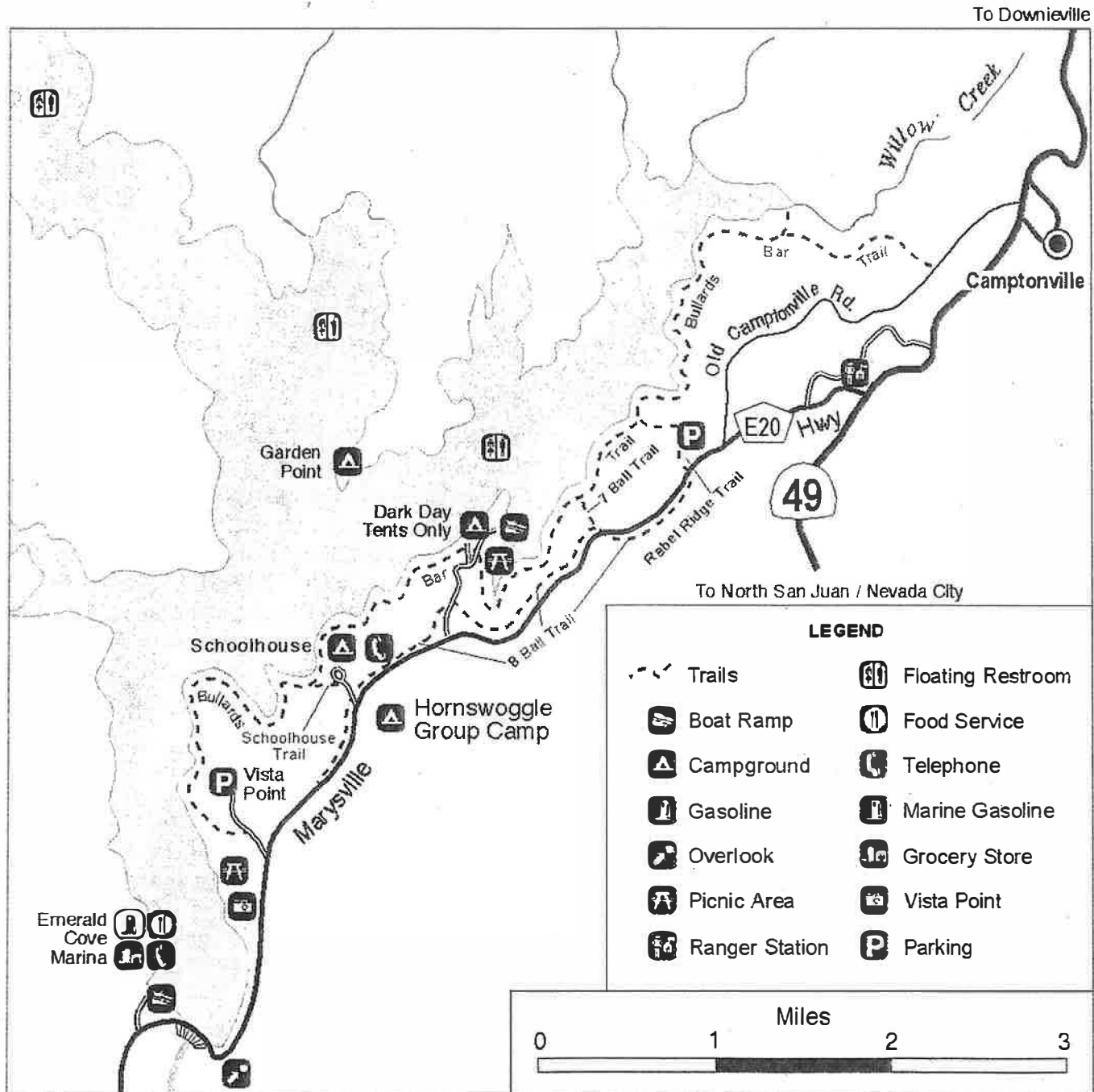


Bullards Bar Recreation Area

Camping & Picnicking

Yuba River Ranger District—North

Tahoe National Forest



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Bullards Bar Reservoir

Bullards Bar Reservoir is located on the North Yuba River at an elevation of 2000 feet. It may be reached by traveling Highway 49 to a point 1 mile south of Camptonville, and then proceeding west on Marysville Road to the reservoir. From Marysville, travel east 12 miles on Highway 20 and turn left (north) on Marysville Road (Road E21). Go about 12 miles to the intersection with Road E20 and turn right, proceeding another 18 miles to Bullards Bar Dam.

Activities include fishing, boating, water skiing, and other water sports. Swimming opportunities are limited because of the steep slopes; however, boaters will find numerous opportunities for swimming in various locations around the reservoir.

Bullards Bar Reservoir provides yearlong fishing opportunities for both warm and cold water fish species. Supplies are available at the marina as well as the nearby communities of Camptonville, North San Juan, and Dobbins.

Facilities are available for family and group camping and picnicking. Boat access campgrounds are a unique feature of the reservoir, and are available for use when the water level is high. In addition to the boat access campgrounds, shoreline camping will be available after the reservoir draw down has reached 15 feet.

Shoreline Camping and Day Users are required to have a valid California Campfire Permit for campfires, cooking fires, or campstoves. Campfire permits are available from Bureau of Land Management, Cal Fire, or Forest Service offices, and online at www.PreventWildfireCA.org.

When utilizing the shoreline for camping, visitors must camp near designated campgrounds, where they can use the restrooms; or they must provide portable chemical toilets.

Use of Recreation Sites & Areas

Family Recreation Sites

Reservations are required at Bullards Bar Reservoir, by using Recreation.gov or by calling Recreation.gov at 1-877-444-6777. Unless otherwise indicated, each campsite has a table and a fireplace, fire ring, or cooking stove/ grill.

Campground Time Limitations

Camping is limited to fourteen days per year within each family campground provided daily camp fees are paid.

Camping outside developed campgrounds is prohibited except when Bullards Bar Reservoir draw down has reached 15 feet, then shoreline camping is allowed with a valid California Campfire Permit.

Seasons

The campgrounds at Bullards Bar Recreation Area are open from April 15 to October 15, with the main season from Memorial Day through Labor Day. All campgrounds within the Bullards Bar Recreation Area are closed during the winter. The Forest Service starts accepting reservations through Recreation.gov on a rolling basis starting 6 months before camping season.

Trailers

Schoolhouse Campground and Hornswoggle Group Campground will accommodate travel trailers up to 36 feet in length. Parking space only is available; there is no provision for utility connections. Please plug your toilet drains. Sink waste water may be drained into a container and disposed of as directed. Campgrounds from which trailers are excluded are indicated within the Campground Guide. Pickup campers and other single vehicle campers are permitted in any car space. Each single campsite is limited to two vehicles.

Group Campgrounds

See individual site descriptions for size, location, and information on reservations. Camping reservations can be made at Recreation.gov up to a year before your trip.

Garbage and Sanitation

Most developed sites have garbage containers, and we ask you to please use them. This is especially important to protect your family from bears that may enter your campsite in search of food. When garbage containers are not available please take all of your garbage with you. Leave a clean camp!

Campfire Permits

Campfire permits are not required in designated recreation sites; however, a permit is required for all camping and cooking fires during shoreline camping or on undeveloped National Forest land. In periods of high fire danger other restrictions may be in effect. Check with the Tahoe National Forest prior to your outing.

Number of Campers per Camp Unit

In order to protect the adjacent soil and vegetation, the number of campers and tents per developed campsite is limited to **six persons and three tents** (except group campgrounds). This restriction does not apply to a single family composed of parents and dependent children.

Pets

Pets are allowed in developed sites, but must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Please be considerate of your pet as well as other campers by not leaving your pet unattended and cleaning up after your pets.

Firearms

You may bring firearms into developed camp and picnic grounds; however, you may not discharge them in or within 150 yards of developed recreation sites like the Bullards Bar Recreation Area.

Landownership

Within the boundaries of the Tahoe National Forest roughly 800,000 acres are public land and 400,000 acres are privately owned. Please respect the rights of the private landowners. You may inquire at the nearest Ranger Station or consult the Tahoe National Forest map regarding landownership.

Motor Vehicles

The operation of motor vehicles in recreation sites, including motor scooters and motorcycles, is permitted only on developed roads or parking areas. Vehicles are to be used only for entering and leaving recreation sites. **Only two vehicles are allowed at each single campsite and all tires must be on the pavement.**

The operation of motor vehicles in such a manner as to create excessive noise is prohibited. Please drive carefully and observe all posted speed limits. Off-Highway Vehicles(OHV) use is prohibited in Bullards Bar Recreation Area. Please contact Ranger Districts for OHV use areas.

Horses

Horses are not allowed in Bullards Bar Recreation Area. Please contact the Ranger Districts for use areas.

Water

Only water from developed systems is maintained safe to drink. Open water sources are easily contaminated by human or animal waste. Water from springs, lakes, ponds, and streams should be properly treated before drinking. One recommended method of treatment is to bring clear water to a rolling boil for five minutes.

Fees and Reservations

Vehicle and Boat-in campgrounds
Single Family Site.....\$24
Double Family Site.....\$48
Triple Family Site.....\$72
25-Person Group.....\$88
50-Person Group.....\$155

For reservations visit Recreation.gov or call 1-877-444-6777

For More Information Contact:

Tahoe National Forest

Yuba River Ranger Station

15924 Hwy. 49
Camptonville, CA 95922-9707
(530) 288-3231
(530) 288-3656 (TTY)

Tahoe National Forest

Forest Headquarters

631 Coyote Street
Nevada City, CA 95959-2250
(530) 265-4531
TTY users dial 711 for telecommunications relay

Website: www.fs.usda.gov/tahoe
Recreation.gov

Cottage Creek Boat Ramp and Emerald Cove Marina

Located: 10 miles west of Camptonville off Marysville Road at the west end of Bullards Bar Dam.

Elevation: 1,950 feet

Facilities:

- Marina, store, houseboat, fishing, and patio boat rental, private houseboat moorage, overnight slips, boat service, portable toilet rental, propane, gasoline, fishing supplies.
- Two-lane boat ramp
- Parking area, toilets, and dump station for portable toilets and houseboats.

Hornswoggle Group Campground

Located: 5.5 miles west of Camptonville just off Marysville Road on the southeast side of Bullards Bar Reservoir.

Elevation: 2,200 feet

Facilities:

- Four 25-person group campsites
- One 5-RV group campsite (25-person limit)
- One 50-person group campsite
- Treated potable water
- Flush and vault toilets
- Central parking

Garden Point Campground

Located: directly north of Dark Day Campground/ Boat Launch

Elevation: 2000 feet

Facilities:

- Four double sites
- Sixteen single sites
- No potable water
- One vault toilet

Schoolhouse Campground

Located: 5.5 miles west of Camptonville just off Marysville Road on the southeast side of Bullards Bar Reservoir.

Elevation: 2,200 feet

Facilities:

- 56 campsites: 44 single sites, 12 double sites
- Treated potable water
- Flush toilets
- 1 vault toilet

Dark Day Campground and Boat Ramp

Located: 5 miles west of Camptonville just off Marysville Road on the southeast side of Bullards Bar Reservoir.

Elevation: 2000 feet

Facilities:

- 10 campsites—tent camping only—6 single family sites, 3 double family sites, and 1 triple family site
- Vault toilets
- Two-lane, concrete boat ramp
- Treated potable water
- Picnic sites (day use only, no charge)

Madrone Cove Campground

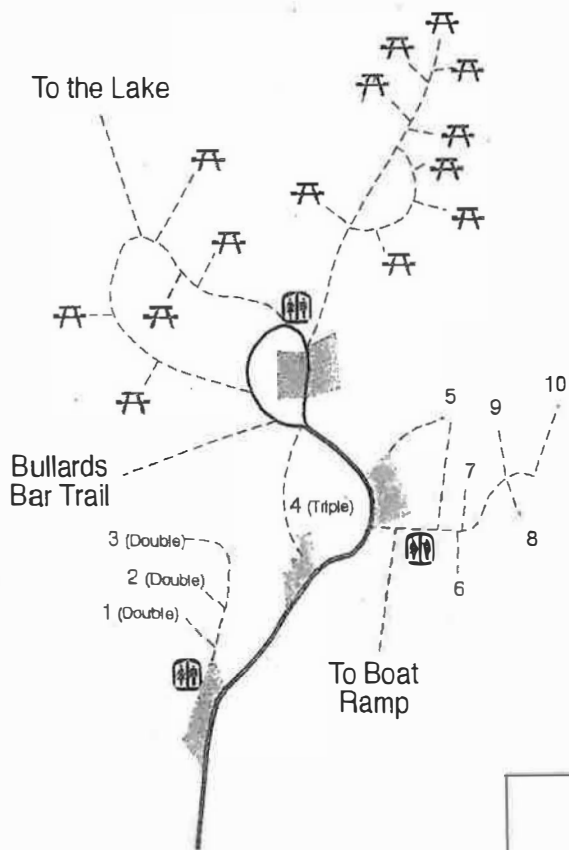
Located: north-western finger of Bullards Bar Reservoir

Elevation: 2000 feet

Facilities:

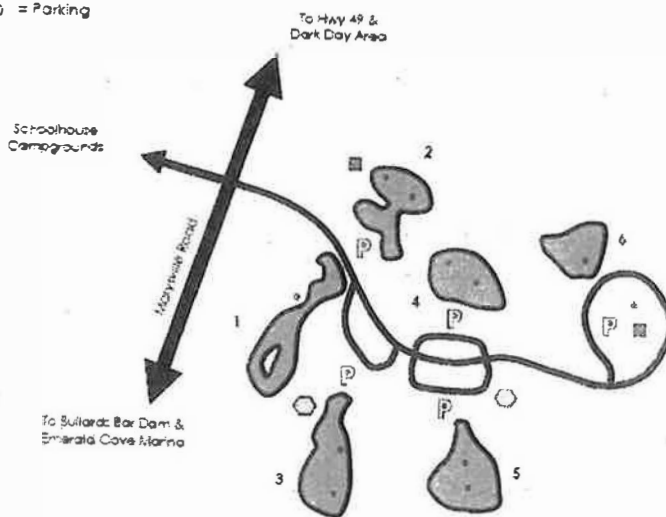
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Dark Day Campground and Picnic Area



Hornswoggle Group Camp

- = Drinking Water
- = Flush Restroom
- ⊠ = Vault Restroom
- P = Parking

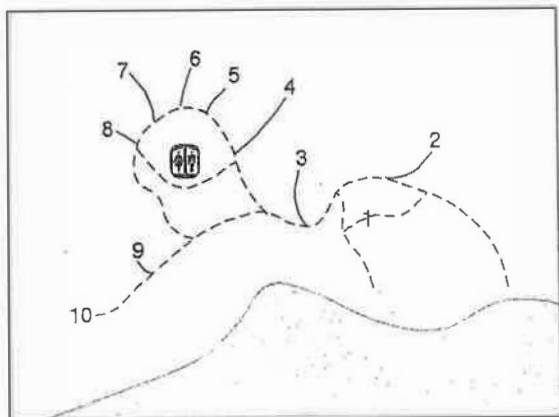


- #1. Dogwood (15 to 25 Occupants)
- #2. Sugarpine (15 to 25 Occupants)
- #3. Manzanita (26 to 50 Occupants)
- #4. Ponderosa (15 to 25 Occupants)
- #5. Madrone (15 to 25 Occupants)
- #6. Douglas Fir (15 to 25 Occupants)

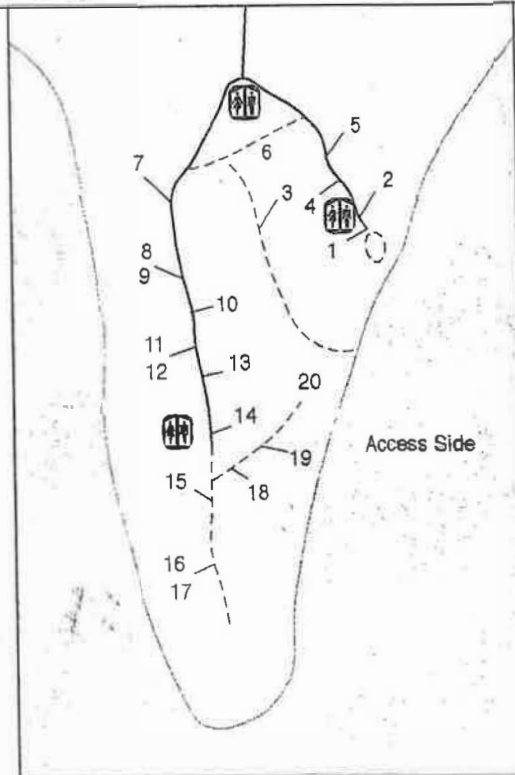
LEGEND

- Trail
- 6 Campsite Number
- ⊠ Picnic site
- ⊠ Restroom

Boat in Campgrounds

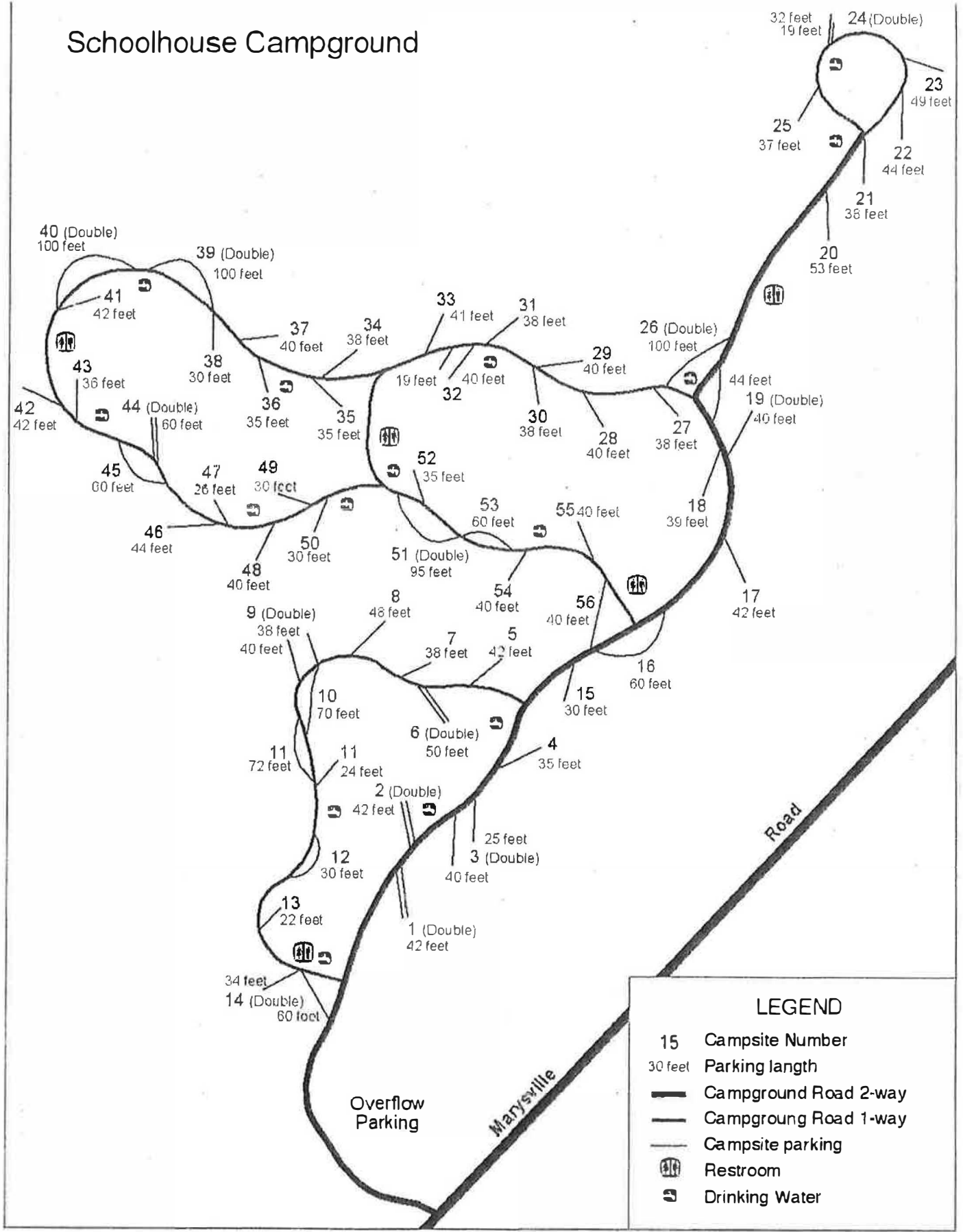


Madrone Cove



Garden Point

Schoolhouse Campground



LEGEND

- 15 Campsite Number
- 30 feet Parking length
- Campground Road 2-way
- Campground Road 1-way
- Campsite parking
- Restroom
- Drinking Water