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CAMPING

Camping Information for the Guanella Pass area

General Information

- With a few exceptions, dispersed camping is allowed on national forest public lands.
- Camping in the national forest at one location is limited to 14 consecutive days. The campsite must then be moved a minimum of three miles. Camping can then continue for an additional 14 days. Camping is restricted to a maximum of 28 days in any 60-day period.
- More than 40% of lands within the Arapaho National Forest boundary are private or otherwise owned. A map showing land ownership is recommended. It is YOUR responsibility to know if you are on private, city, county, state, national park or national forest land.
- **Pack out all trash.** There are no services.
- Practice Leave No Trace ethics.

Restricted Areas within the Guanella Pass road corridor from Georgetown to Grant

New camping regulations are in place along the Guanella Pass corridor from Georgetown to Grant. This includes no camping along the Silver Dollar Lake Road. Concentrated impacts from visitors to the Guanella Pass corridor are causing safety concerns, damaging resources and threatening municipal water sources.

Camping is restricted to campgrounds and designated campsites only.

Developed Campgrounds on the Clear Creek RD, Arapaho National Forest Georgetown to the summit of Guanella Pass

Clear Lake Campground

A small rustic campground located 4 miles south of Georgetown along the Guanella Pass Road, elevation 9,600 feet. Clear Lake is a first-come, first-served campground. Reservations are not accepted. There are eight sites available, all are suitable for small camper trailers and tents. Each site has a tent pad, picnic table, fire ring and charcoal grill. The roads through the campground are gravel. This facility provides hand pumps with potable water, vault toilets and trash dumpsters. **NOTE: This campground will be closed late summer or early fall for renovations.**

Guanella Pass Campground

Guanella Pass Campground is located about 7 miles south of Georgetown on the South Fork of Clear Creek on the Guanella Pass Scenic Byway. Located at an elevation of 10,900 feet on the Arapaho Roosevelt National Forest, visitors to the campground can also enjoy hiking and fishing in the area. The campground is split into two loops by the county road and South Clear

Creek. There are 18 sites in the campground. Eleven are suitable for RV camping and seven are more suitable for tents. Large RVs are not recommended on the byway. Most of the sites are in the open with some tent sites located among some spruce trees. Each site has a tent pad, picnic table, fire ring and charcoal grill. The roads through the campground are gravel. This facility provides hand pumps with potable water, vault toilets and trash dumpsters. Reservations are recommended, www.recreation.gov.

Developed Campgrounds on the South Platte RD, Pike National Forest Grant to the summit of Guanella Pass

Geneva Park Campground

At an elevation of 9,813 feet, Geneva Park Campground offers cooler temperatures during the hottest of summer months. Along the Guanella Pass Scenic Byway, this campground is near prime spots for wildlife viewing, scenic driving, landscape photography, hiking and accessing roads open to off-highway vehicles. Geneva park has 26 campsites to accommodate both RV and tent camping. Drinking water, vault toilets, picnic tables and grills are provided. Parking aprons are dirt and the interior road may be rough and bumpy. Reservations are recommended, www.recreation.gov.

Burning Bear Campground

Located on the Pike and San Isabel National Forest at an elevation of 9,813 feet, Burning Bear Campground offers cooler temperatures during the hot Colorado summer months. Along the Guanella Pass Scenic Byway, this campground is near prime spots for wildlife viewing, scenic driving, landscape photography, hiking and roads open to off-highway vehicles. Burning Bear Campground has 13 sites to accommodate RV, trailer and tent camping. Drinking water, vault toilets, picnic tables and grills are provided. Parking aprons are dirt and the campground road may be rough. Reservations are recommended, www.recreation.gov.

Designated dispersed campsites on the South Platte RD, Pike National Forest Geneva Creek Road #119

From Denver, travel south on Highway 285 through Pine Junction and Bailey. Continue on Highway 285 to the town of Grant, turn right on Park County Road 62 (Geneva Rd) and continue for approximately 5 miles. Make a left on Forest Road 119; continue 1 mile past the Geneva Creek Campground and the designated dispersed campsites are identified with a sign for parking and camping. There are approximately 30 designated dispersed campsites along the road, first-come first-serve.