

Camping and Picnicking Etiquette

Forest Service campgrounds are designed to meet your recreational needs. Except for the most primitive sites, most campgrounds have vault toilets or outhouses that are well cleaned and potable drinking water sources. Most are accessible by even the tamest passenger car, and will accommodate large RVs or trailers. No matter which site you choose, you'll find adventure and some peace and quiet in America's Great Outdoors.

As with any public facilities, we do have a few rules we ask you to follow when you visit our campgrounds and picnic areas:

Camping

- When using picnic sites, swimming beaches, and other day use areas please observe quiet hours between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. and be considerate of others in your activities.
- Campgrounds and other recreation sites can be used only for recreation purposes. Permanent use or use as a principal residence without authorization is not allowed.
- In campgrounds, camp only in those places specifically marked or provided.
- At least one person must occupy a camping area during the first night after camping equipment has been set up, unless permission has otherwise been granted by the Forest Ranger.
- Camping equipment cannot be left unattended for more than 24 hours without permission by the Forest Ranger. The Federal Government is not responsible for any loss or damage to personal property.
- Remove all personal property and trash when leaving.

Picnicking

- When using picnic sites, swimming beaches, and other day use areas please observe quiet hours between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. and be considerate of others in your activities.
- Recreation sites can be used only for recreation purposes. Permanent use or use as a principal residence without authorization is not allowed.
- In picnic areas, use only those places specifically marked or provided.
- The Federal Government is not responsible for any loss or damage to personal property.
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Campfires

- Obey restrictions on fires. Fires may be limited or prohibited at certain times.
- Within campgrounds and other recreation sites, build fire only in the fire rings, stoves, grills, or fireplaces provided for that purpose.
- Keep flammable materials away from campfires.
- You are responsible for keeping fires under control. Be sure your fire is completely extinguished before leaving.

Pets and Animals

- Pets must always be restrained or on a leash.
- Pets are not allowed in swimming areas.
- Saddle, pack, or draft animals are allowed only in authorized areas.

Fireworks and Firearms

- Use of fireworks or other explosives is prohibited on all National Forest lands.
- Firing a gun is not allowed:
 - In or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site, or occupied area.
 - Across or on a road or body of water.
 - In any circumstance whereby any person may be injured or property damaged.