



# Dispersed Camping

**Dispersed Camping** allows you to park off the side of a Forest Service road and set up camp without reservations or fees. Over 150,000 acres of land scattered throughout the Canyon Lakes Ranger District is privately or otherwise owned. It is your responsibility to know if you are on private, city, county, state, national park or national forest land. If you plan to disperse camp a map showing land ownership is strongly recommended.

## Where Can You Camp?

- Your vehicle must stay within 300 feet of the road and without causing resource damage.
- Camp at least 100 feet from water or wet areas.
- Camp away from trailheads, picnic areas or day-use parking areas.

## How Long Can You Camp?

- You may camp for a maximum 28 days, but only 14 days at any single site.
- If you have been at a site for 14 days, you must move at least three miles to another site to continue camping.

*Always double check road closures before heading out!*

## Camping Restrictions (see map)

- Manhattan Road/County Road 69 and Long Draw Road/156 are popular roads for dispersed camping. To protect the forest from overuse and damage, only camp at designated sites marked with numbered posts.
- Camp at least 300 feet away from the eastern shores of Dowdy Lake.
- Camp at least 100 feet away from Twin, Laramie, and Lost Lakes along Green Ridge Road and Creedmore and Lost Lake near Red Feather Lakes.
- No camping within 1/4 mile of center line on State Highway 14 below Aspen Glen Campground, and County Roads 63E, 44H, & 47.

## Fire Safety

Find out if there are any campfire restrictions prior to your trip. If fires are allowed, use established fire rings where they exist. Collect only dead and down wood for your fire. Permits are required to remove any wood off of forest service land. Put out your fire until it is cool and does not smoke or smolder. Fireworks are not allowed on forest service land.

## Keep Our Forest Clean

Pack out all trash. Do not burn it (cans and bottles do not burn). Bury human waste six to twelve inches deep and at least 200 feet from water sources. Bathe and wash dishes at least 200 feet from streams or lakes.

*REMEMBER: If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave!*

## Hazardous Tree Alert

Be aware of your surroundings. Avoid dense patches of dead trees; they can fall without warning. Stay out of the forest when there are strong winds that could blow down trees. If you are already in the forest when the winds kick up, head to a clearing out of reach of any potential falling trees. Place tents and park vehicles in areas where they will not be hit if a tree falls.

When driving in remote areas of the forest, park close to the main road rather than on a spur or one-way section. If trees fall across the road you may be trapped. Always bring a saw when traveling on forest roads. Do not rely on cell phones for safety as there is no coverage in many areas of the national forest.

## For More Information

Forest Service Roads: [www.fs.usda.gov/goto/arp/roads](http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/arp/roads)  
Fire Restrictions & Information : 970-498-1030/1031

Weather: [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)