



## Frontcountry Camping 2009



Rocky Mountain National Park's five campgrounds contain 585 camping sites. Two campgrounds are open throughout the year. Two campgrounds take reservations for summer camping.

Except for Longs Peak Campground which accepts tents only, all campgrounds can accommodate tent trailers, tents, pickup campers, trailers, and RVs; length limits are listed on the reverse side. No more than eight people may be camped at a given site. Maximum length of stay: 7 nights in summer plus an additional 14 nights in winter. The most popular time for camping in the park is from early July to early September. Campgrounds are frequently full from July 4th weekend through Labor Day and on fall weekends during the elk rut and colorful foliage.

**Campgrounds** **Aspenglen (elv. 8220')** Situated near Fall River, just inside the Fall River entrance on US Hwy. 34 west of Estes Park, the campground has 54 sites. The river borders the campground, providing a restful murmur as it flows from Fall River Pass down into Estes Park. Weekend evening programs in summer. **Open May 20 to September 26, 2009. Reservations taken.**

**Glacier Basin (elv. 8500')** This campground is usually open from June to early September; however, due to hazard tree removal, the campground **may be temporarily closed part or all of those dates this year**. Please check at visitor centers or call (970)586-1206 for updates. Bordered by Glacier Creek with west views to the Continental Divide, the campground is located on the Bear Lake Road.

**Longs Peak (elv. 9500')** This tents-only campground has 26 wooded sites. The trailhead to Longs Peak and other destinations is a short distance away. **Open year-round on a first-come, first-served basis.** Water available during summer operations. Located 11 miles south of the park's Beaver Meadows Visitor Center on Colorado Highway 7.

**Moraine Park (elv. 8160')** Located in a ponderosa forest above the meadows of Moraine Park, the 245-site campground is a short distance into the park on the Bear Lake Road. Trails from the campground connect to numerous other trails. **Open all year. Reservations taken May 20 through October 5, 2009. The remainder of the year all sites are on a first-come, first-served basis.** Evening programs in summer. Water available during summer operations. Free summer shuttle bus to Bear Lake.

**Timber Creek (elv. 8900')** Situated along the Colorado River in the Kawuneeche Valley 10 miles north of the town of Grand Lake on US Hwy. 34. The Never Summer Mountains rise to the west of the 100-site campground. **Summer 2009: opens July 1.** Due to extensive hazard tree removal, the campground will look different than it has previously. Evening programs in summer. Water available during summer. **Always first-come, first-served.**

## Reservations Summer 2009

Camping reservations can be made at Aspenglen and Moraine Park campgrounds one day to six months in advance. **For reservations:**

Calls from within the United States: 1-877-444-6777

Internet: <http://www.recreation.gov>

Calls from outside the United States: 1-518-885-3639

TTY calls: 1-877-833-6777

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## Fees

### **The following 2009 fees apply to all of the park's campgrounds:**

When water is turned on: \$20.00 per site per night.

When water is turned off: \$14.00 per site per night.

America the Beautiful Senior and Access Pass holders receive a 50% discount on camping fees for the site occupied by the pass holder. Park entrance fees and camping fees can be paid by credit card.

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## Facilities & Services

**Restrooms** - When the water is on at a campground, there are flush toilets. When the water is turned off, there are vault toilets.

**Water** - Water spigots are located throughout the campgrounds. Sinks with cold running water are located in each restroom facility. None of the campgrounds have showers. Portable showers are prohibited. When the water is off, no water is available; campers must provide their own water.

**Bear Boxes for Food Storage** - Available in all frontcountry campgrounds, the locations are indicated on campground maps with symbols. Boxes are shared and cannot be locked. Size: approximately 1½' x 3'.

**Firewood & Ice** - During the summer months, firewood is sold at all campgrounds. Ice is also sold at all campgrounds except Timber Creek.

**Hookups** - None are provided in any of the campgrounds. This means that there are no electrical or sewer facilities at the camping sites. Restrooms have electrical outlets at the sink areas.

**Dump Stations** - At Glacier Basin, Moraine Park and Timber Creek.

**At All Campsites** - One camping unit (e.g. tent, RV, or trailer/tow vehicle) plus one additional tent; all campsites, including RV sites, have tent pads. Eight person limit. Parking limited to 1-2 licensed vehicles (2 = tow vehicle and camper, or 2 motor vehicles).

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## Group Camping

Summer 2009: 5 group campsites are available at Moraine Park Campground. The group campsite area is tents only (no set limit on number of tents per site). Parking is limited to up to 5 vehicles (size dependent) per site. Additional parking may be available in an overflow area. Group campsites are also available in winter at Moraine Park Campground.

Fees: Medium site (up to 25 people)

\$3 per person per night Large site (26-40 people)

Extra Large site (41-50 people)

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## Disabled Access

Moraine Park CG: 4 designated sites, fully accessible restroom, fully accessible amphitheater

Glacier Basin CG: 4 designated sites, fully accessible restroom, marginally accessible amphitheater

Timber Creek CG: 2 designated campsites, 1 moderately accessible restroom, fully accessible amphitheater

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## Recreational Vehicles and Trailers

Motor Home and Trailer Aspenglen: 30' maximum

Length Limits: Glacier Basin: limited number of RV/trailer sites up to 35'

Moraine Park: limited number of RV/trailer sites up to 40'

Timber Creek: 30' maximum

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## Pets

All campgrounds allow pets, with certain restrictions: they must be on leashes no longer than 6 feet; pet owners must pick up and dispose of pet excrement in trash receptacles; pets may not make noise that impacts visitors or wildlife. **Pets are never allowed on park trails.**

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