



Cottonwood Campground

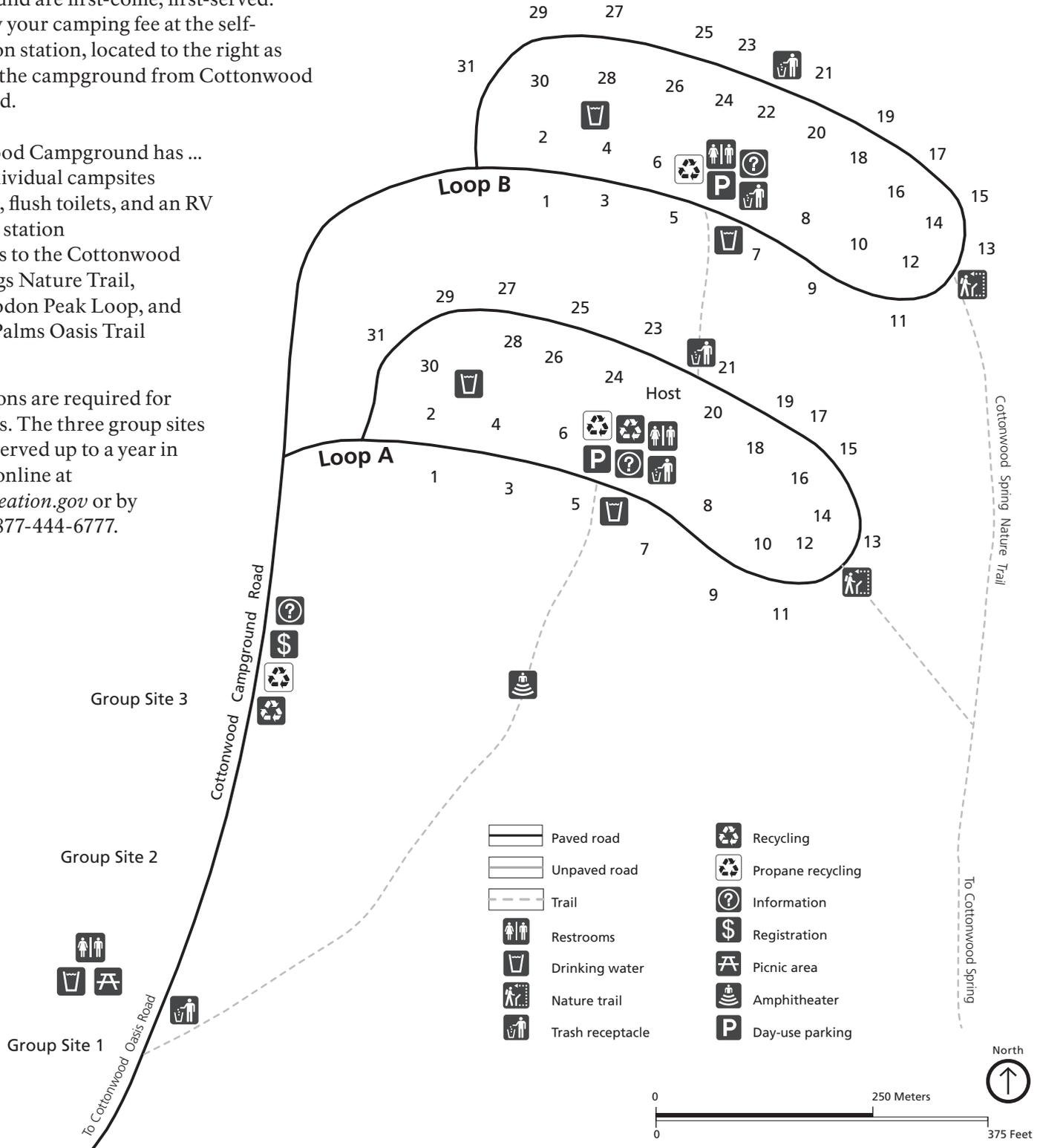
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All individual campsites at Cottonwood Campground are first-come, first-served. Please pay your camping fee at the self-registration station, located to the right as you enter the campground from Cottonwood Oasis Road.

Cottonwood Campground has ...

- 62 individual campsites
- Water, flush toilets, and an RV dump station
- Access to the Cottonwood Springs Nature Trail, Mastodon Peak Loop, and Lost Palms Oasis Trail

Reservations are required for group sites. The three group sites can be reserved up to a year in advance, online at www.recreation.gov or by calling 1-877-444-6777.



Camping Regulations

- A maximum of six people, three tents, and two licensed vehicles may occupy an individual campsite, *if there is space*. Some sites only have enough parking for one vehicle. A vehicle towing a trailer, popup, tent trailer, or fifth wheel—or a motorhome towing a vehicle—is considered two vehicles.
- Only tents are permitted in group sites.
- Camping fees must be paid within one hour of selecting a campsite.
- Check out is at noon.
- There is a 30-day camping limit each year. Only 14 of these nights may take place from October-May.
- All tents, tarps, and other camping equipment must be set up within 25 feet (7.6 m) of the picnic table or fire grate.
- Food must be stored securely where wildlife cannot get to it. Any scented or odorous items, including sunscreen and toiletries, must be secured as if they were food.
- Campsites left vacant for 24 hours will be treated as vacant. Holding or reserving campsites for persons not present is not allowed.
- Pets must remain on leash at all times and may not be left unattended.
- No slacklines in campgrounds.
- Quiet hours are from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am.
- Generator use is permitted *only* from 7:00 am-9:00 am, 12:00 noon-2:00 pm, and 5:00 pm-7:00 pm.

Fires and Firewood

Because of the park's very dry climate, fire danger in Joshua Tree is almost always very high. Be cautious.

- Campfires are allowed only in designated fire rings or grills that are found in park campgrounds or picnic areas.
- Keep fires small.
- Bring your own firewood. **You may not gather park vegetation, whether living or dead, to fuel your campfire.**
- Do not burn combustible objects other than firewood.
- Firewood transported from far away has the potential to introduce pests and pathogens into the park. Please make every effort to bring firewood that has been acquired locally.
- If you plan to have a campfire, bring extra water to douse it thoroughly.

Can't Find a Campsite?

All park campgrounds usually fill on weekend nights during the busy season, from October through May. Campsites are especially in demand during holiday weeks.

If you arrive too late to get a site in a designated campground, you have other options outside the park:

- Camp on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land outside the park. Download a PDF showing these areas from the park website:
<http://www.nps.gov/jotr/planyourvisit/campgrounds.htm>

- Go to a private campground or stay in lodging in gateway communities. Area chambers of commerce are the best source of information. See a list at <http://www.nps.gov/jotr/planyourvisit/sources.htm>

Handouts with information on these alternatives are available at park visitor centers.