Camping at the Park

Welcome! Three park campgrounds offer you the convenience of camping near your car. One accommodates large groups and horses. Mammoth Cave Campground and Maple Springs Group Campground are open March 1 - November 30; Houchin Ferry Campground and backcountry campgrounds are open year-round.

Mammoth Cave Campground
Located ¾ mile from the park Visitor Center, this campground includes 195 sites. Each site features a paved parking area, a picnic table, and a fire ring. The campground has restrooms, fresh water, a dump station, garbage dumpsters, and a recycling station. There are no hookups for electricity or water. The camping fee is $20/night/site and $10 for visitors with Senior/Access Passes. No Refunds. Reservations are recommended. Check-in time is 12 noon, and check-out time is 11am.

Mammoth Cave Campground Group Sites
Mammoth Cave Campground also offers 4 sites to accommodate groups, with a limit of 16 campers per site. Each site has paved parking, picnic tables, and a fire ring. $25/night/site. No discount is offered on group camping. Check-in time is 12 noon, and check-out time is 11am. No refunds. Reservations are recommended.

Maple Springs Group Campground
Located 6 miles from the Visitor Center and 3 miles north of the Green River Ferry, this campground has 7 sites. 3 of these are primitive group sites with a limit of 24 persons/site, with a fee of $25/night. Four of the Maple Springs sites are designated horse camp sites with hitching posts and trailer parking, limited to 8 horses/site. Sites #1 and 2 have water and electric hookups, $35/night. Sites #3 and #4 are primitive (no hookups), $25/night. All Maple Springs campsites have multiple picnic tables and fire rings. Chemical toilets, garbage dumpsters, and fresh water are available. No discounts for group camping. No refunds. Reservations are required. Maple Springs Campground check-in time is 12 noon and check-out time is 11am. Note: The most direct route from the Visitor Center to the Group Campground requires crossing the Green River Ferry. The ferry has a load limit of 8 tons. High or low water conditions may impede crossing, especially of motor homes or trailer units. The ferry is open 6am to 9:55pm, daily, except when repairs or hazardous river conditions prevent operation. An alternate route to the campground via state and county roads is 35 miles from the Visitor Center.

Houchin Ferry Campground
Located 15 miles from the park Visitor Center on the south bank of the Green River, this campground includes 12 sites. Each site has a picnic table and a fire ring. The campground has chemical toilets, fresh water, and an adjacent picnic shelter. This campground is not suitable for large trailers or RVs. The camping fee is $12/night/site and $6 for visitors with Senior/Access Passes. No refunds. Campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Backcountry Camping
Thirteen peaceful and scenic backcountry campsites offer opportunities to find solitude and appreciate the beauty and diversity of Mammoth Cave National Park’s rugged hills and majestic woodlands. Overnight camping is permitted at designated sites and along floodplains more than ½ mile away from ferry crossings or developed campgrounds. Each campsite holds a maximum of 8 people. All sites except McCoy Hollow have a nearby water source. Boil and treat water before drinking, or carry in your own drinking water. Go in person to obtain a free backcountry use permit and a free trail map showing backcountry campsites at the Visitor Center. Other detailed guidebooks are available for sale.

Picnic Areas
Located near the park Visitor Center, the picnic area has numerous picnic tables and three picnic shelters, two of which (one open and one enclosed) are available by reservation. The picnic area also has fire grates, restrooms, fresh water, and a garbage dumpster. Each picnic shelter features ten picnic tables, and all but the enclosed shelter offer working fireplaces. The reservation fee is $50 per day, $75 per day for the enclosed shelter. Availability is limited; call the park for information. No Refunds. The picnic area is open 8am to 8pm March through November.
Information and Regulations

Campground Kiosk Phone: 270.758.2424

For general park information, call 270.758.2180, or go online: www.nps.gov/mac

For Reservations: Mammoth Cave Campground, Maple Springs Group Campground, and the Visitor Center Picnic Area Toll-Free: 1.877.444.6777 Online: www.recreation.gov Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and Discover Card are accepted.

Parkwatch! Please report all crime promptly by dialing 311. To pass on information to the Park regarding criminal activity, and you wish to remain anonymous, please dial (888)229-1599.

As a National Park Service Center for Environmental Leadership, Mammoth Cave National Park encourages practices that protect and conserve our resources. We hope that our visitors will join us in this effort by recycling, securing waste items appropriately, and using recycled and environmentally friendly products.

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