

Rocky Mountain

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Camping 2012



Enjoy a night under the stars in Rocky Mountain National Park! It is important to note that in 2012, Glacier Basin Campground is closed due to Bear Lake Road Reconstruction, and Moraine Park Campground Loop B is first-come, first-served.

- ▲ Except for Longs Peak Campground which accepts tents only, all campgrounds can accommodate tent trailers, tents, pickup campers, trailers, and motorhomes. Every park campsite has a tent pad, picnic table and fire grate. More than one tent is allowed, as long as they all fit on the tent pad.
- ▲ No more than eight people may camp at a given site, except for designated group sites at Moraine Park Campground.
- ▲ Maximum length of stay is 7 nights total parkwide between June 1 - September 30. Campers can stay an additional 14 nights between October 1 - May 31. 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. Reservable campgrounds are often full by reservation, and the first-come, first-served campgrounds can often fill by noon.
- ▲ Check at a visitor center, park newspaper or park website for evening ranger program schedules at campgrounds.

Reservations Summer 2012

Have peace of mind knowing a campsite is waiting for you in beautiful Rocky Mountain National Park! Camping reservations can be made, and are highly recommended, for Aspenglen and Moraine Park campgrounds (except Moraine Park Loop B) from one day to six months in advance. Also, the three group sites at Moraine Park are reservable.

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Campground	2012 Dates	Elevation (feet)	# of Sites	Reservable in Summer?	Summer Firewood/Ice	Max RV/Trailer Length (feet)	Summer Dump Station/Potable Water Hose Hookup?	Description
Aspenglen	Opens 5/23; last night to stay is 9/29	8220'	54	Yes; can be full by reservation	Yes	30'	No. Use dump station at Moraine Park or Timber Creek	Situated in a pine forest near Fall River just inside the Fall River Entrance on US Hwy 34 west of Estes Park. Walking distance to Fall River Visitor Center. Ranger-led evening programs.
Glacier Basin	CLOSED IN 2012 for Bear Lake Road Reconstruction Project							
Glacier Basin Group Sites	CLOSED IN 2012 for Bear Lake Road Reconstruction Project							
Longs Peak	Closed until May for hazard tree removal, then open year-round	9405'	26	Always first-come, first-served	Firewood only	Tents only	No	The trailhead to Longs Peak and other destinations is a short distance away. Water is available in summer; flush toilets in summer / vault toilets in winter. Located 11 miles south of the park's Beaver Meadows Visitor Center on Colorado Highway 7.
Moraine Park	Open year-round Reservable for May 23 thru 10/8	8160'	244 summer 77 winter	Yes; can be full by reservation. Summer 2012 the B Loop is first-come, first-served	Yes	Limited number of RV/trailer sites up to 40'	Yes	Located in a ponderosa pine forest above the meadows of Moraine Park, this campground is a short distance into the park on the Bear Lake Road. Trails from the campground connect to numerous other trails. Ranger-led evening programs in summer. Access the free summer shuttle buses to Bear Lake and Estes Park from the campground.
Moraine Park Group Sites (E Loop)	Open year-round Reservable for May 23 thru 10/8	8160'	8 winter 3 summer	Yes; can be full by reservation	yes	Tents only	Vault toilets year-round	Tents only (no RVs), no set limit on the number of tents per site. Fee year-round is \$3 per person per night. 3 sites in E Loop are reservable for groups summer 2012: • Site EB is small, 15 people maximum • Site EE is medium, 30 people maximum • Site EH is extra-large, 50 people maximum
Timber Creek	Open year-round	8900'	98	Always first-come, first-served	Firewood only	30'	Yes	The only west side campground is situated along the Colorado River in the Kawuneeche Valley, 10 miles north of the town of Grand Lake on US Hwy 34 (Trail Ridge Road). The Never Summer Mountains rise to the west of the campground. The recent mountain pine beetle outbreak has resulted in the removal of most trees so there is no shade in the campground. Ranger-led evening programs in summer.

Fees

Payment for fees and passes must be by U S currency, coin, check (payable to the National Park Service), or American Express, Visa, Master Card or Discover credit cards. Debit cards are accepted by the park.

The summer camping fee, when the water is on, is \$20 per site per night; the winter fee, when the water is off, is \$14 per site per night.

America the Beautiful Senior and Access Passes, and Golden Age and Golden Access Passes entitle holders to 50% discounts on camping fees for sites occupied by the passholders; provide the pass number to the reservation company when the reservation is made.

Food Storage

Do not attract wildlife, including black bears, to your campsite. Keep a clean camp! Never leave food items unsecured or unattended. Improperly stored or unattended food items will result in a violation notice. "Food items" include food, drinks, toiletries, cosmetics, pet food and bowls, and odoriferous attractants. Garbage, including empty cans, food wrappers, etc., must be stored or disposed of in trash or recycling receptacles. Hummingbird feeders and bird feeders are attractants for wildlife such as raccoons, elk, deer, and bears, and are not allowed in campgrounds. Coolers, dirty stoves, grills, non-disposable tableware and cookware must be washed and stored in the same manner as food. Camp kitchens must be kept clean and individual items properly stored.

In campgrounds, store all food items in food storage lockers; if full, store food items by one of the following methods:

- Inside vehicle trunks; be sure windows are closed and doors are locked.
- In vehicles without trunks, items should be placed as low in the vehicle passenger compartment as possible and covered from sight, with windows closed and doors locked.
- Visitors with convertibles or motorcycles are encouraged to use bear boxes. Bear boxes for food storage are available in all park campgrounds, and location symbols are on campground maps. Food storage lockers, which are approximately 1½' x 3' are shared with other visitors and cannot be locked.

Facilities and Services

There are no hookups (water, electric, sewer) at any park campsites.

Restrooms - when the water is on at a campground, there are flush toilets.; when the water is off, there are vault toilets. Exceptions: Moraine Park Loops B and E (group loop) always have vault toilets.

Water - water spigots are located throughout the campgrounds. Sinks with cold running water are located in each restroom facility. When the water is off, no water is available and campers must provide their own water.

Showers - NEW in 2012: bring a solar-heated shower bag to hang in the newly-constructed stall facility (no running water here) at Moraine Park Campground. There are no other shower facilities in the park, but showers are available in nearby communities. Portable showers are prohibited. Remember, toiletries attract wildlife and need to be properly stored when not in use.

Service Sinks - Service sinks are available at all campground restrooms except Longs Peak.

Portable Grills are allowed in campgrounds; do not leave them unattended. Clean after each use to avoid attracting wildlife.

Firewood & Ice - All campsites have fire grates for campfires; do not leave campfires unattended. Firewood may not be gathered in the park. In summer, firewood is sold at all campgrounds. Please do not bring in firewood that could harbor insects. Ice is also sold at all campgrounds except Longs Peak and Timber Creek.

Electrical Outlets - All restrooms have electrical outlets at the sink areas.

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 and tent(s) must fit entirely on the tent pad. Parking is limited to 1-2 licensed vehicles (2 = tow vehicle and camper or 2 motor vehicles).

Hours

Campground check out time is 12:00 noon; check in time is 1:00 p.m.

Quiet hours are 10:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.

Where allowed, generators can run from 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Disabled Access 2012

The Disabled Traveler's Companion website has detailed information about accessible facilities in the park at www.tdtcompanion.com/NPS/Rocky/

All park shuttle buses are accessible and can accommodate wheelchairs.

Moraine Park Campground: 4 designated sites (all reservable), fully accessible restroom, fully accessible amphitheater.

Timber Creek Campground: 2 designated campsites (both first-come, first-served), fully accessible restroom, marginally accessible amphitheater.

Recreational Vehicles and Trailers

Motor Home and Trailer Length Limits

- Aspenglen 30 ft maximum
- Moraine Park: limited number of RV/trailer sites up to 40 ft.
- Timber Creek: 30 ft maximum

A limited number of sites can accommodate slide-outs and pull-alongs.

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