



Primitive Camping Regulations

National Park Service regulations are designed not only for your safety but also for the preservation and protection of the park resources for the benefit of present and future generations. Contact park law enforcement at (530) 242-3431 to report violations.

- 1. You must set up your campsite immediately upon purchasing your permit. If you do not occupy an assigned campsite, your permit may be canceled.**
2. You must be at least 18 years old to secure a campsite and you may be asked to show proof of your birth date. All minors must be accompanied at the campsite by a person 18 years of age or older.
3. Clip the white primitive camping permit to the pole with your site number on it.
4. Check-out time is noon on the ending date. If you wish to extend your permit, you must do so before noon on the ending date. At noon, the site is available to other campers.
5. Only six people may stay in one site. Two tents may be erected per site. Any visitors to your site must leave by the 10 PM quiet time.
6. Two vehicles are allowed per site. Each vehicle must display a Whiskeytown \$10 Weekly or \$25 Annual use permit on the dashboard. Lassen Volcanic National Park Annuals, Golden Age or Golden Access Passports, and the Interagency Senior, Access, Annual and Military Annual Passes may be displayed in place of the Whiskeytown permits.
7. Recreational vehicles and trailers over 15 feet in length are not allowed at the primitive campsites and must use the established RV campground at Oak Bottom or Brandy Creek Marina.
8. Quiet hours are between 10 PM and 6 AM. No generators may be used during this time. Other noises, such as loud voices or music, are also prohibited after 10 PM.
9. Pets must be kept in a cage or on a leash no more than six feet in length at all times. Unattended pets are subject to impoundment and the owners may be issued a notice of violation. Dispose of pet waste in trash cans.
10. Protect our natural resources. Gather only dead and down wood for firewood. Do not put nails in trees or damage or remove vegetation.
11. Do not leave campfires unattended. Always make sure that your fire is completely extinguished before you leave your campsite or before you go to sleep for the night.
12. If you leave early, please advise the Visitor Center at (530) 246-1225 so that your site can be made available to others.
13. You may stay a total of 14 days from May 15 through September 15 or a total of 30 days during the entire calendar year.
14. If you want to change campsites, check with the Visitor Center first at (530) 246-1225 to be assured that the site has not already been assigned to another camper.
15. Portable showers are not allowed.

Whiskeytown is Bear Country!

Encounters with black bears at Whiskeytown are fairly frequent, especially at the primitive campsites.

The black bear eats many natural foods, including grasses, berries, insects, fish, and carrion.

However, when bears find easily accessible human food at campgrounds and picnic sites, they may return again and again.

When Camping and Picnicking...

All food, pet food, beverage containers, cosmetics, toiletries, cooking utensils, dishes, and other items with food odor must be stored inside your bear-proof storage locker or in your vehicle, unless they are in immediate use. Never store these items in your tent.

Keep a clean camp or picnic site. Dispose of all trash inside bear proof garbage cans and make sure that the lid is latched.

If you store food in your vehicle, store it out of sight and odor free. Bears can break into cars, so take care to store food properly.

Help Save a Bear's Life

Bears that get human food sometimes become aggressive and dangerous and must be killed. You can prevent this by proper food storage.

Please help keep all wildlife healthy and wild by not feeding them or allowing them to get into your food or trash.

Please report all bear incidents to the Visitor Center.

Citations

A law enforcement ranger may issue a citation for \$150 if you do not store your food properly.

Feeding wild animals is against the law and may result in a citation of \$250.

Important Phone Numbers

For more information, call the Visitor Center at (530) 246-1225.

Dial 911 in case of an emergency. The nearest public telephone is located at the Visitor Center on Kennedy Memorial Drive and Highway 299 West.

For Whiskeytown law enforcement, call the park dispatch office at (530) 242-3431.