



Cottonwood Campground



Please help us protect your national park and keep your visit safe & enjoyable

Campground Overview

- Elevation: 2,169 feet
- 35 campsites
- Pit Toilets
- No Generators Allowed
- Great Bird watching
- Small & Quiet

CAMPING FEES:

- \$10.00 per night per family type campsite
- \$ 5.00 per night with Golden Age or Golden Access Passport per family type site.
- \$ 3.00 per person, per night for the Group campsite (by reservation only)

Site Selection Information

Valid year round

Find and occupy an open campsite. All family type campsites are first-come, first-serve.

Fill out the fee envelope.

Place your money, check, or credit card slip in the envelope and seal it. Make checks payable to the National Park Service.

Keep the stub, fill out all blanks completely, and place it on the vehicle windshield.

Place fee envelope in the pipe safe at the registration area within 30 minutes of occupying site.

No refunds – pay only for the nights you know you are staying.

Group Site Information

Valid year round

IF YOU HAVE A GROUP SITE RESERVATION:

Please check the attached map to locate your campsite. The Group Site is the only site at Cottonwood Campground that is reservable. The thirty-two (32) family type camp sites are first-come-first-served (see below).

Please camp only in your confirmed reserved site. No-shows will forfeit their campsite if it is not occupied within 24 hours of the arrival date.

Check with the Ranger or Volunteer for information and for a refund/cancellation form. Big Bend National Park does not give refunds on reservations. BBNP only forwards your completed form to ReserveUSA.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A GROUP SITE RESERVATION:

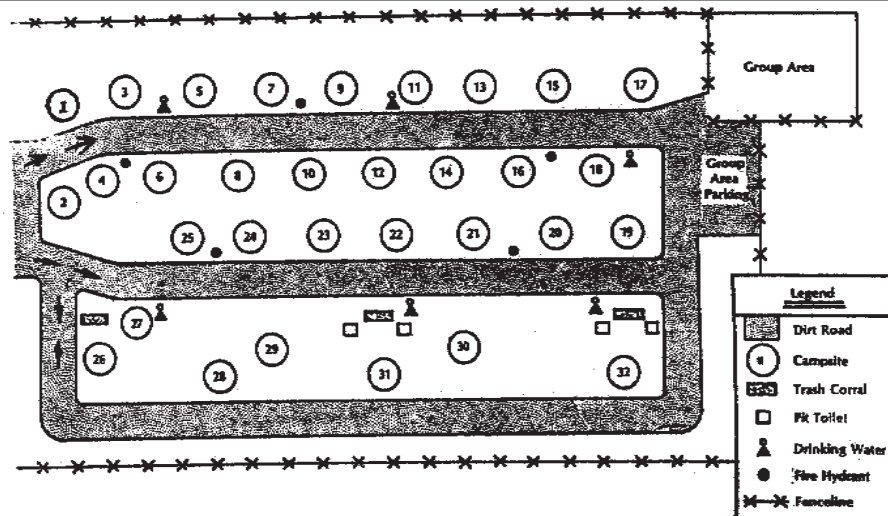
If you have no reservation for the Group campsite—please check with the Ranger or Volunteer.

Big Bend National Park does not make reservations.

For reservations, call ReserveUSA at 1-877-444-6777 or go to the website www.ReserveUSA.com.

Reservations must be made at least 4 days prior to arrival date.

Campground Map



CAMPING LIMITS

Calendar year park-wide limit is 28 nights

February-April: 14 night camping limit park-wide

May-January: 14 night camping limit per campground

Campground Rules and Regulations

Campsite Limit: 8 people per site (if more than 8 are present, additional campsites must be occupied and paid for). In addition, you may have only 1-RV per site with a tow vehicle and 1-tent; or 4-tents plus 2-passenger vehicles or 4-motorcycles. Smaller sites may not have room for 8 people or multiple tents/vehicles. (Group Campground limits are specified, but no less than 10 people present per site. All group campsites must be reserved in advance.)

Reserving or holding of campsites operating under a “first-come-first-served” basis is prohibited. Campsites may not be held or paid for prior to an occupant’s arrival.

Wood fires are prohibited (including pressed wood logs or wood chips). Charcoal and gas grills are permissible, provided they are attended at all times. Do not place charcoal grills on tables.

Food items should be stored inside your vehicle or in an animal-proof food locker. Animals consider toothpaste, soap, deodorant, and trash as food. Javelinas will destroy a tent to get at them. Do not place coolers or food boxes on the ground when your campsite is unattended.

Dispose of trash in animal-proof dumpsters. Do not hang bags of trash from structures or vegetation. Birds, especially ravens and vultures, tear plastic bags open and spill the contents. Cigarette butts, etc., are considered trash and should not be deposited on the ground. Such items must be completely extinguished and properly disposed of.

Do not feed the wildlife, including birds. This is unhealthy for wild animals and invites human/animal confrontations.

Weather may change quickly, be prepared for sudden gusty winds by ensuring that tents and other items that may be damaged or scattered are properly secured at all times.

Prevent injury to your pets by keeping them on a leash or otherwise restrained at all times. Pets are not allowed in public buildings, on trails, in the backcountry, or on the river. Pets may not be left unattended. Check at a visitor center for local kennels, if needed.

Pet owners are required to immediately remove and

properly dispose of fecal matter deposited by their pets. Deposit bag of fecal matter in dumpster.

Protect your park. Do not destroy, injure, deface, dig, collect or otherwise disturb any park resources, including plants and animals (dead or alive), fossils, rocks, or artifacts. It is a violation of park rules to possess park resources. Metal detectors are not allowed in any National Park. Please report any illegal activities to a ranger.

Desert plants are fragile, do not drive or park off the paved or graveled areas.

Be considerate of your fellow campers by observing quiet hours from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.

Generator use is NOT permitted in Cottonwood Campground.

Property left unattended longer than 24 hours will be impounded and the campsite forfeited, regardless of whether or not it is reservable or non-reservable.

Camp only in designated sites. All vehicles (including trailers and motorcycles) must remain on pavement or designated areas, do not put any vehicle on grass or behind parking barriers, rock or otherwise. Do not move parking barriers. No digging or trenching is allowed at campsites.

Bicycles and street legal motorcycles are allowed only on designated roadways, not on trails or off-road. Use of any all-terrain vehicles (ATVs with 3 or more wheels) or non-street legal motorcycles in Big Bend National Park is prohibited.

Carry a flashlight and use caution when walking at night on trails, campground paths, or roads. There are many trip hazards in mountain and desert country as well as spiny plants and venomous animals. Footwear other than flip-flops and sandals is recommended. Rattlesnakes may be prevalent anywhere in the park on warm to moderate evenings. BBNP skunks are talented at using their noses to unzip tents. Make sure your tent is secure, especially if you are in it at night.

Water is precious

To conserve water and prevent groundwater contamination, PLEASE NOTE:

Washing of vehicles is prohibited.

Do not connect hoses to water spigots. This can contaminate our water supply and inconvenience other campers/visitors.

Dispose of gray water in service sinks, not on the ground. An RV Dump Station is located between the Rio Grande Village store and the campground.

Wash dishes or clothing at your site or in designated service sinks, not at water spigots or restrooms. Protect our staff and campers/visitors by removing clotheslines at night or when not in use.

Coin-operated showers are located at the Rio Grande Village Store.