

# Florida State Parks

# Camping and Cabins

## Welcome

When the setting sun paints an evening sky, where will you make your bed? Florida's state parks offer a variety of overnight accommodations.

At a Florida state park, the day's work is play, a walk on the beach, a hike through the woods, a swim, a bike ride. Tools for the day's work? A fishing rod, a kayak, a book, a friend.

What do you want to see when the sun rises on the new day?

Choose a wooded campsite within walking distance of white sandy beaches, or camp along the banks of a quiet moving river. Bring your boat or canoe, or fishing tackle and a rod for a relaxing time with family or friends. Explore nature on many of the hiking trails, while at the same time leaving stress of the busy world behind. Attend a festival, a reenactment or simply do nothing.

## **Tent and RV Camping**

Florida's state parks offer over fifty family campgrounds statewide. Full-facilities include water, electricity, a grill and picnic table on each camp site, along with centralized showers, restrooms and dump station. Maximum RV lengths can be found on the grid provided. (A 50% discounted camping fee applies to Florida residents, 65 and older or 100% disabled.)

## **Group, Primitive and Equestrian Camping**

Many parks offer areas for youth and group camping. Backpackers may wish to hike to secluded areas for primitive camping. Equestrians who travel with their horses will find a variety of settings in which to camp. More than 10 state parks offer campsites and other amenities for equestrians and their horses. Call the park to discuss availability, facilities, rules and fees.

Owners of horses visiting state parks must provide proof of a negative Coggins test.

## **Cabins**

From modern to rustic, state park cabins provide overnight accommodations in a variety of settings—near beaches, rivers and lakes, or peaceful wooded communities.

Cabin styles vary from fully equipped modern cabins to hand-hewn, lumber, or palm-log retreats. Cabin amenities may include a kitchen, gas fireplace and screened porch, complete with rocking chairs and porch swings depending on park and type of cabin.

## **Suwannee River Wilderness Trail**

The Suwannee River Wilderness Trail provides visitors an opportunity to navigate the legendary Suwannee River without abandoning all the comforts of modern life. In addition to the river's charms, a network of natural and historic sites provide the opportunity for off-river excursions. Visitors can explore the river and its surrounding areas by canoe or boat, bicycle, horse, automobile or on foot. River camps, as well as campgrounds and cabins, are located at one-day intervals along the 170-mile trail.

At Suwannee River Wilderness Trail river camps, which are accessible only from the river, day visitors will find picnic shelters with tables and a grill. Restrooms have showers with hot and cold water. For overnight stays at a river camp, screened sleeping platforms with ceiling fans and electricity accommodate up to ten adults each. Call the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail Headquarters at 800-868-9914, or visit [SuwanneeRiver.com](http://SuwanneeRiver.com).

## Reservations

Reservations may be made up to 11 months in advance by calling **(800) 236-3521**, **(866) I CAMP FL** or **TDD (888) 433-0287** or visit [ReserveAmerica.com](http://ReserveAmerica.com). For a Suwannee river camp, call **(800) 868-9914**. Call the park directly to reserve group or primitive camps. Prices per night: campsites - \$12 to \$38, cabins - \$25 to \$120 (subject to change). For cabins, a \$10 cancellation fee or \$8.50 transfer fee applies before the scheduled date of arrival. A \$10 cancellation fee plus first night's use fee applies on the date of arrival.

## **Full Facility Camping**

- Camping fees vary from park to park and include up to eight people per site, not including children under 6 years old.
- Checkout time is 1:00 p.m. Check-in time is 3:00 p.m.
- Quiet time is from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Campsites are limited to two vehicles. Selected campsites may allow only one vehicle.
- Pets are welcome in camping parks. Pets must be kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet and well behaved at all times. They may not be left unattended for more than 30 minutes and must be confined in the owner's camping unit during quiet time.

## **Cabins**

- Cabins may be reserved for one night during the week, Monday – Thursday, or a minimum of two nights on weekends and holidays, Friday and Saturday, departing Sunday, or Saturday and Sunday, departing Monday.

Topsail Hill Preserve bungalows have a 7-night minimum stay.

- Cabins can accommodate 4 to 6 visitors.
- Checkout time is 11 a.m. Check-in time is 4 p.m.
- Pets are not permitted in cabins or cabin areas.

## **General Guidelines**

- Fireworks are not permitted in Florida's state parks.
- Pet owners are required to pick up after their pets and properly dispose of their waste.
- Service animals are welcome in all public areas of Florida state parks.
- One responsible person, 18 or older, must be present on each campsite and cabin.
- All campsites or cabins, not already reserved, may be rented by walk-in visitors.

- Campers are limited to a stay of 14 consecutive days or 3 two-week stays during a six-month period.
- On the date of check-out, overnight visitors must leave the site on or before checkout time, but may remain in the park's day-use areas until closing without additional charge.

Florida's state parks are committed to providing equal access to all facilities and programs. Accessible cabins and sites are available. Should you need assistance to enable your participation, please contact the state park directly.

## **Florida State Parks**

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