

Cottonwood Campground

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Joshua Tree National Park



Campground Information

There are 62 individual/family sites.
The fee for camping is \$15 per night
(\$7.50 for Senior and Access pass
holders).

The visitor center is open from 8 a.m.
to 4 p.m.

You may pay at the visitor center when
it is open. If the center is closed, pay at
the fee box.

Check-out time is noon.

On finding the perfect site

Even-numbered sites are best for slide
outs. They allow for backing in and
have room for a tow vehicle and trailer
to be parked side by side.

Odd-numbered sites are pull-through
and are best for longer rigs.

Site lengths:

40 feet: 15A

44 feet: 17A, 15B

45 feet: 29A

46 feet: 13A

48 feet: 9A, 11B, 25B

50 feet: 5A, 11A, 23A, 25A, 31A

52 feet: 1B, 17B, 23B, 27B, 31B

54 feet: 21A, 27A, 3B, 7B, 21B

55 feet: 29B

56 feet: 19A, 5B

58 feet: 1A, 3A

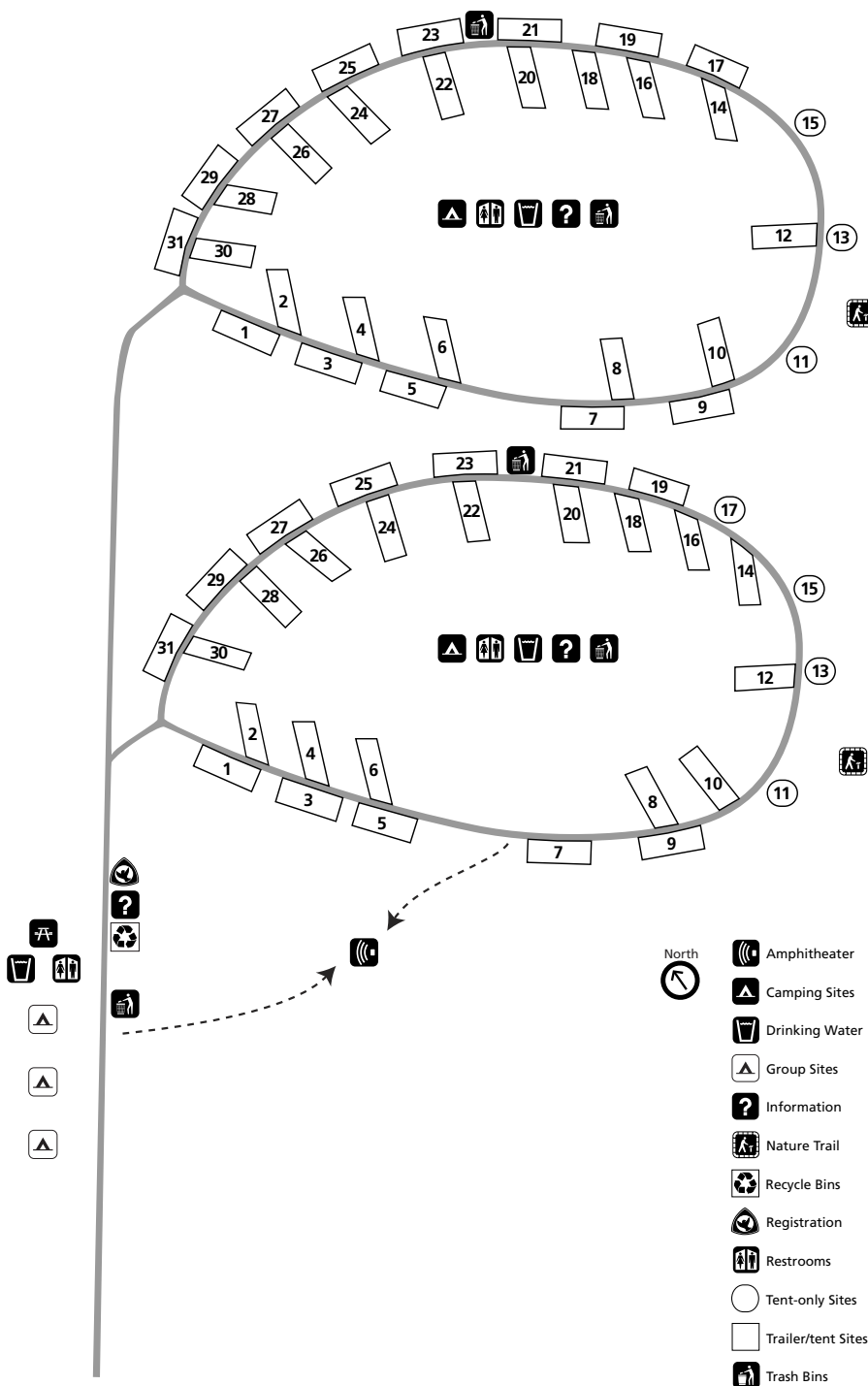
Please choose the shortest site that will
accommodate your rig. Do not over-
hang into the road. Park only on the
pavement, never on the sand. There is
no overnight parking inside the park,
outside of designated campsites.

Group Camping

There are three group sites. They cost
\$30 per night and accommodate 15, 20,
and 25 persons respectively.

Group sites are by reservation only.

You may make a reservation online at
<http://recreation.gov/> or call 1 877-444-
8777.



CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS



You are responsible for knowing and obeying park rules.
When in doubt, ask a ranger.

Camping

Camping is limited to a total of 30 nights per year. However, only 14 total camping nights may occur during the period October 1 through May 31. 36CFR 2.10 (b)(9)

Camping outside of designated sites or areas is prohibited. Camping is not allowed in caves or rock shelters. 36CFR 2.10 (b)(10)

A maximum of two licensed vehicles (a vehicle towing a trailer, popup, tent trailer, fifth wheel or a motorhome pulling a vehicle is considered two vehicles), three tents, and six people will be permitted in each family campsite. 36CFR 2.10 (b)(9)

Food storage containers capable of preventing access by wildlife are required in campgrounds. Scented or odorous items must be similarly stored. 36CFR 2.10(d)

All tents, tarps, sleeping bags, sleeping areas, and equipment must be within 25 feet of the picnic table or fire grate in the campsite. 36CFR 2.10 (b)(9)

Saving campsites is prohibited. 36CFR 2.10 (b)(9)

Leaving camping equipment, site alterations, or refuse after departing from a campsite is prohibited. 36CFR 2.10 (b)(2)

Draining gray water or sewage from a vehicle is prohibited. 36CFR 2.14 (a)(4)

Fixed lines (any material stretched between two points, except for tarp or tent tie-downs affixed to ground stakes) are prohibited. This includes clothes lines, dog runs, hammocks, and slack lines. Nothing may be attached to vegetation, natural features, or government property. (18)

Fires

Fires are only allowed in designated areas or receptacles (i.e., park provided fire grates and self-contained stoves or grills.) and must not be left unattended. 36CFR 2.13 (a)(1) & (4)

Quiet Hours

Quiet hours extend from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. 36CFR 2.10 (b)(4) Generator operation is limited to the hours between 7 & 9 a.m., noon & 2 p.m., and 5 & 7 p.m. 36CFR 1.5 (a)(2) **Unreasonable noise is prohibited at any time of day or night. 36CFR 2.34(a)(3)**

Parking

No unattended parking is allowed within the park between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., except in designated campsites and backcountry board parking areas. 36CFR 1.5 (f)

Pets

Pets must be restrained on a leash that does not exceed six feet in length, or otherwise be physically confined at all times. 36CFR 2.15 (b)(2)

Leaving a pet unattended in a vehicle or tied to an object is prohibited. 36CFR 2.15 (b)(3)

Pets are prohibited on trails and beyond 100 feet from legally open roads and campgrounds. 36CFR 1.5 (f)

Resource Protection

Possessing, destroying, injuring, removing, digging or disturbing from its natural state any of the following is prohibited: 36CFR 2.1 (a)(1)

- (i) Living or dead wildlife or the parts or products thereof.
- (ii) Plants or the parts or products thereof.
- (iii) Nonfossilized and fossilized paleontological specimens, cultural or archeological resources, or the parts thereof.
- (iv) A mineral resource (rock) or cave formation or the parts thereof.

Feeding, touching, teasing, frightening or intentionally disturbing of wildlife involved in nesting, breeding, or other activities is prohibited. 36CFR 2.2 (a)(2)

Firearms may be possessed in accordance with California state and federal law; they may not be used in the park. BB guns, paint-ball guns, slingshots, traps, nets, and metal detectors are prohibited. 36CFR 2.4 (a)(1) (i)(ii)(iii) and 36CFR 2.1 (a)(f)
