

Carson National Forest Campgrounds



Be a good neighbor and follow these regulations while staying in National Forest campgrounds.

- Registration and payment of campsite are required within one half-hour of arrival
- Radios and electronic devices must be off during 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- Speed limit in campgrounds is 15 MPH
- Ask your campground host or a ranger for guidance regarding where to park extra vehicles.
- Set up your tents on gravel pads where provided. This helps prevent the degradation of vegetation.
- Campground stay limit is 14 days.
- Dogs must be on a leash at all times
- Forest Service campgrounds are patrolled by uniformed Forest Service and State and local law enforcement officers.
- Rules regarding good neighbor policy and the consideration of others are enforce
- All Unreserved sites are first come first serve.

Additional Information:

- Developed Campgrounds generally open the week of Memorial Day weekend at the end of May and close after Labor Day weekend during the first week of September.
Exceptions on some sites.
- NO RV hook-ups at any Carson NF campgrounds
- Camping fees are per vehicle per night
- No shower facilities available at campgrounds
- **DUMP STATION: Red River Sewage: (575) 754-6671**
No dump stations on the Carson National Forest
- For specific information on campgrounds or camping please call the Ranger District or the Supervisor's Office.

Campground	Fish	Hike	Picnic	Season	District	Elevation	# of sites	Drinking water	Fee	Trailer under	Reserve	Accessibility	Info
Cabresto Lake	X	X	X	MAY-SEPT	7	9500	9	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	Primitive Road last two miles
Columbine	X	X		MAY-OCT	7	7900	27	YES	YES	32'	YES	YES	Recreation.gov
Elephant Rock	X	X		MAY-SEPT	7	8300	22	YES	YES	16'	YES	YES	Recreation.gov
Fawn Lakes	X			MAY-OCT	7	8500	18	YES	YES	32'	YES	YES	Recreation.gov
Goat hill	X			MAY-SEPT	7	7500	5	NO	YES	32'	NO	NO	
June Bug	X			MAY-OCT	7	8500	22	YES	YES	22'	YES	YES	Recreation.gov
La Bobita													Overflow area for other campsites off St HWY 38

Dispersed Camping Regulations:

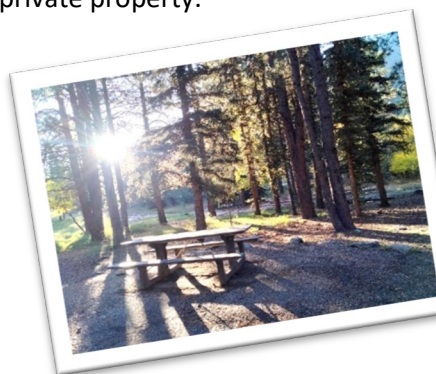
You don't have to camp in a developed campground. Camping is allowed anywhere within the Carson National Forest with the following restrictions:

- Follow dispersed camping rules listed in Travel Management map
- 200 feet from streams, lakes, trails and roads
- 300 feet from streams and lakes in designated wilderness areas
- 1/2 mile from any roads in the Valle Vidal Unit
- Dispersed camping stay limit is 14 days
- Pack out what you pack in. All trash must be taken with you.
- Make sure your campfire is dead out before leaving campsite.

Dispersed Camping is Allowed Year-Round – Please be prepared for Winter

Dispersed Camping Sites Near Red River - No Facilities

- **Mallette Canyon**
access by Mallette Road from Main Street, Red River. Four-wheel drive may be useful. Any number of Forest Service roads will also lead you to Greenie Peak and Midnight Meadows.
- **Pioneer Canyon**
From Pioneer Road, turn RIGHT on Pioneer Trail. Stay to the left (across from Arrowhead Lodge) This old gold mining road ends at approximately 3 miles at private property.
- **Goose Creek Canyon & Goose Lake**
12,700 ft. elevation. By vehicle (four-wheel drive required), turn right off of Hwy 578 just past Roadrunner RV Resort. FS 486 will take you through a number of switchbacks and will end approximately 6 miles at Goose Lake. 4 sites are available.
- **Middle Fork Lake, Lost Lake, Horseshoe Lake & Wheeler Peak**
At the East end of Red River, follow Hwy. 578 (Red River Upper Valley). At 6.5 miles the highway will end. Most of these campsites are accessible by hiking only. No facilities are available.



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