

Frequently Asked Questions

These are the most frequently asked questions about camping reservations in a Santa Clara County park. Hopefully this will help answer your questions, but if not, then please call us at (408) 355-2201 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Q. Do I HAVE to have a reservation?

A. Yes and No. If you want a guarantee that you will have a campsite, a reservation is the only way to ensure one. However, if you come to a park without a reservation, there may be campsites available on a first-come, first-served, one-night only basis. If you are able to secure an open campsite for one night, it may already be reserved for the following night, which means you will have to relocate to another site if that site is available.

Q. Can I call and make a reservation on the day I arrive at the park for that night's camping?

A. NO. The reservation window lasts from at least two days before the arrival date to at most six months before the arrival date. For example, if you want to camp at Uvas Canyon Park from Friday, July 26th to Sunday, July 28th, your arrival date is July 26th. This means the latest you can call is on Wednesday, July 24th and the earliest you can make the reservation is on December 26th.

Q. When can I reserve a campsite?

A. You can call the Reservations Office at (408) 355-2201, Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

Q. Can I reserve my favorite camping site?

A. YES. Reservations are site specific.

Q. If I do not have a reservation, how will I know if the campground is full when I arrive if no one is at the entrance?

A. At most parks the staff identifies reserved sites on the site. The park staff also posts a lot of information at the park entrance including fire restrictions, animal watches, and the amount of available camping and picnicking sites. Always read the posted information and contact an available staff member as soon as possible. Please do NOT assume that a campsite is available just because it looks like no one is staying there.

Q. What if I make a reservation for 3 days but I do not show up on the first day... will my reservation be cancelled?

A. NO. Once a reservation has been confirmed, your campsite/s will be available for you for only for the duration of your reservation. The park staff has current reporting on all incoming reservations.

Q. What is the maximum number of campsites I can reserve?

A. Currently you may reserve as many campsites as you need to accommodate your family (maximum 8 people per site at most parks). If you have large group needs there are group sites at Coyote Lake and Mt Madonna County Parks.

Q. Can I reserve for just one night?

A. Yes, there are no minimum night requirements for our parks.

Q. Can I make a reservation on the Internet?

A. Yes, please visit www.gooutsideandplay.org and make your reservation TODAY!