

RV Camping *in* State Parks

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Introduction

About this Book

Millions of Americans enjoy camping in state parks every year. *RV Camping in State Parks* is designed to make finding RV-friendly state parks easier. In it, you'll find information on more than 1,650 state parks, forests, and recreation areas in 49 states (Hawaii is not included) that offer accommodations for RVers. We prepared this book with two assumptions: You are traveling with a state map or atlas and have access to a telephone.

A summary for each state tells you how many state parks have RV campgrounds and the amenities generally available. You'll also find contact information including phone number and web site for each state so you can make reservations, obtain state park brochures and request more information.

Following the summary is a Park Locator Chart, which lists all the state parks alphabetically. The number that follows each park corresponds to the map and the park's listing. This chart is helpful if you already know the name of a state park you'd like to visit.

State maps are provided to aid you in finding state parks with RV facilities. Locations on the map are approximate and are intended to give you the general idea of where parks are located. If you need specific information or directions, it is best to call the state park you plan to visit. GPS coordinates are listed for each park.

Details for each state park include location, general directions, each park's phone number (or a park or office answering for *that* park) and amenities, such as swimming, fishing, boat ramps, marinas, golf courses, etc. **Parks with fishing facilities require**

a valid state fishing license. You'll also learn how many RV sites are available, the number of sites that have water and electric hookups, and sites with full hookups. Also provided is each park's season of operation and availability of showers and dump stations. (*Note that the addresses for the parks are mailing addresses, which sometimes are not the physical address of that park.*) Parks with equestrian facilities or areas also are identified, as well as parks offering Wireless Internet service.

Camping Fees

We have included a Rate Group guide for each state, which indicates general camping fees charged throughout the state. These rates do not include any entrance fees, if they are charged by a park. Rates were accurate at press time but are subject to change. We advise you call the park you plan to visit to confirm campsite availability and camping fees. Rates are categorized as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Fee Range</u>
A	\$10 to \$17 per night
B	\$18 to \$24 per night
C	\$25 and up per night

Abbreviations Used

Below is a list of the most commonly used abbreviations.

Ave	Avenue
Blvd	Boulevard
CR	County Road
Dr	Drive
E	East
Hwy	Highway
N	North
NE	Northeast
NW	Northwest
Pkwy	Parkway
Rd	Road
S	South
SE	Southeast
SP	State Park
SRA	State Recreation Area
St	Street
SW	Southwest
W	West
WiFi	Wireless Internet

About the Author

D.J. Davin is a retired sales and marketing executive. He and his wife, Kay, of 53 years have been enjoying the RV lifestyle since 2000. They have made several cross-country junkets and travelled extensively in the West. They have stayed in many of the parks listed in this book. They also have been volunteer campground hosts with Oregon State Parks. The Davins are the parents of four adult children, have ten grandchildren and three cats, which are RV veterans. When not in their RV, D.J. and his wife reside outside Tucson, Arizona where he attempts to play golf and Kay does pastel portraits of children and pets.

ALABAMA

Alabama offers 22 state parks for RVers. Most parks have sites with electric and water hookups and all have showers. Alabama parks accept MasterCard, Visa and AMEX credit cards. Seniors, 62 years and older, or disabled persons are eligible for a 15% discount, with proof of age or disability (holidays excluded). All parks are open year-round, weather permitting. If in doubt, call the particular park. Unless noted otherwise, all parks have a sanitary dump station. *Note:* Chattahoochee Park (#22), although listed as a state park is managed by Houston County and has separate regulations. Rate groups: A and B.

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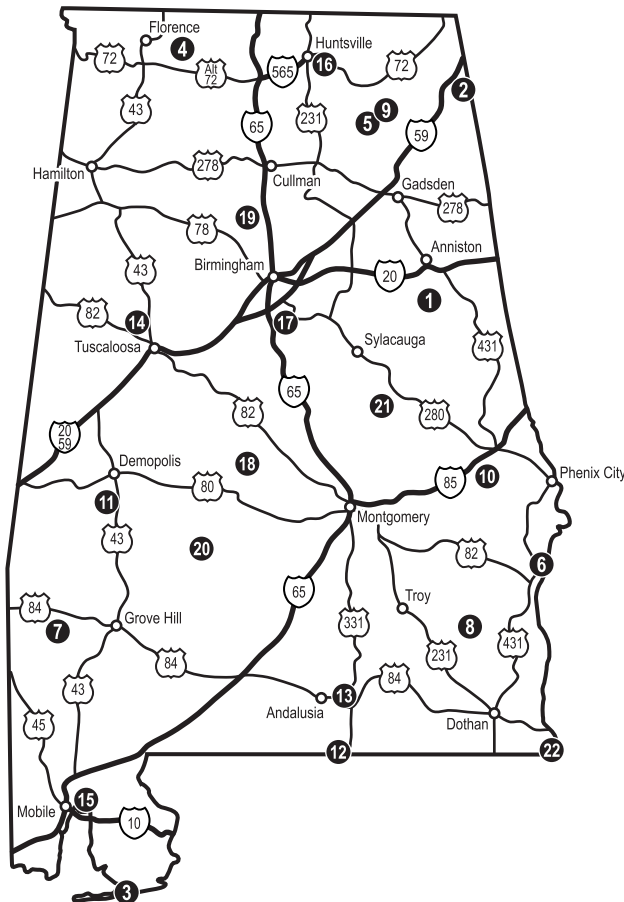
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Information & Reservations: (800) 252-7275

Internet: www.alapark.com

Alabama Park Locator

Bladon Springs SP	7	Joe Wheeler SP	4
Blue Springs SP	8	Lake Guntersville SP	5
Buck's Pocket SP	9	Lake Lurleen SP	14
Chattahoochee SP	22	Lakepoint Resort SP	6
Cheaha SP	1	Meaher SP	15
Chewacla SP	10	Monte Sano SP	16
Chickasaw SP	11	Oak Mountain SP	17
DeSoto SP	2	Paul M. Grist SP	18
Florala SP	12	Rickwood Caverns SP	19
Frank Jackson SP	13	Roland Cooper SP	20
Gulf SP	3	Wind Creek SP	21



1. Cheaha State Park (Resort)

19644 Hwy 281, Delta, AL 36258. Office: (256) 488-5111. Resort: (800) 846-2654. Located in Talladega National Forest, 12 miles south of I-20 off AL 281 near Anniston. 73 sites with water and electric, sewers; showers. Lake Cheaha in park. Pedal boat rentals.
GPS: N 33-28.5 W 85-48.4

2. DeSoto State Park (Resort)

13883 County Rd. 89, Fort Payne, AL 35967. Office: (256) 845-5075. Resort: (800) 568-8840. Located 8 miles NE of Fort Payne near I-59 & US 11. 78 sites; 58 with water and electric back-ins; 20 with water, electric, sewer (10 pull-thrus). Swimming pool.
GPS: N 34-29.7 W 85-37.1

3. Gulf State Park (Resort)

20115 State Hwy 135, Gulf Shores, AL 36542. Campground reservations: (251) 948-6353. Resort: (800) 544-4853. Located in the city of Gulf Shores on the Gulf of Mexico. 196 sites with water, electric, sewer.
GPS: N 30-16.2 W 87-34.9

4. Joe Wheeler State Park (Resort)

201 McLean Dr., Rogersville, AL 35652. Phone: (256) 247-1184. Located on Wheeler Lake, 1.5 miles west of Rogersville on US 72. 110 sites with water, electric, sewer. Boat rentals.
GPS: N 34-47.5 W 87-22.8

5. Lake Guntersville State Park (Resort)

7966 State Hwy 227, Guntersville, AL 35976. Office: (256) 571-5455. Resort: (800) 548-4553. Located 6 miles NE of Guntersville off Hwy 227. 321 sites with water and electric; showers. Boat rentals.
GPS: N 34-22.0 W 86-13.4

6. Lakepoint Resort State Park (Resort)

104 Lakepoint Dr., Eufaula, AL 36027. Office: (334) 687-8011. Resort: (800) 544-5253. Located 7 miles north of Eufaula

on US 431 near Georgia state line. 245 sites with water and electric (some with sewer); showers; laundry. Boat rentals.
GPS: N 31-59.4 W 85-06.9

7. Bladon Springs State Park

3921 Bladon Rd., Bladon Springs, AL 36919. Phone: (251) 754 9207. Located 12 miles west of Coffeeville via US 84 and CR 31. 10 sites with water and electric. Lake in park. GPS: N 31-43.9 W 88-11.8

8. Blue Springs State Park

2595 State Hwy 10, Clio, AL 36017. Phone: (334) 397-4875. Located 6 miles east of Clio on AL 10 about 15 miles west of US 431. 50 sites with water, electric; 7 w/sewer; showers. Lake in park. Pedal boat rentals. GPS: N 31-39.9 W 85-30.6

9. Buck's Pocket State Park

393 County Rd. 174, Grove Oak, AL 35975. Phone: (256) 659-2000. Located on Lake Guntersville, 2 miles north of Grove Oak. Northbound travelers use exit 205 off I-59 to CR 20 to AL 227. Southbound travelers use exit 218 off I-59 to AL 35 to Rainsville, south on AL 75 to AL 227, follow signs to park. 36 sites with water and electric; laundry; showers.
GPS: N 34-28.0 W 86-02.9

10. Chewacla State Park

124 Shell Toomer Pkwy, Auburn, AL 36830. Phone: (334) 887-5621. Located on Chewacla Lake, 4 miles south of Auburn off I-85 at exit 51. 36 sites with water, electric, sewer; showers.
GPS: N 32-33.3 W 85-28.9

11. Chickasaw State Park

26955 US Hwy 43, Gallion, AL 36742. Phone: (334) 295-8230. Located on US 43 about 4 miles north of Linden. 8 sites with water and electric; showers.
GPS: N 32-21.7 W 87-46.8

12. Florala State Park

22738 Azalea Dr., Florala, AL 36442.