



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Doris Campground

Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge

Welcome to the Doris Campground—Entry

Doris Campground is a modern camping facility designed to enhance your visit to the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge. The campground offers a wide range of camping opportunities.

April 1st through October 31st

Sunday - Thursday
8:00 am to 10:00 pm
Friday - Saturday
8:00 am to 11:00 pm

November 1st through March 31st

Sunday - Thursday
8:00 am to 8:00 pm
Friday - Saturday
8:00 am to 10:00 pm

The following tips and regulations are intended to assist in making your camping visit more pleasant. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

- No alcohol, beer, or drugs
- Do not feed the animals
- Checkout time 3:00 pm
- Maximum 8 people per site
- Two vehicles per individual site
- Maximum 30 people per group site
- Eight vehicles per group site
- Ten-day maximum stay-April - October
- Fourteen-day limit-November - March
- Electrical use by one vehicle only
- No entry from closing to 8:00 am
- Late arrivals may not camp in parking lot
- Quiet hours from 10:00 pm - 8:00 am
- Keep a clean campsite
- Fires in grates or rings only.
- Pets must be kept on leash
- Vehicles permitted on roads only

For more detail on the regulations, refer to the following campground information.

Caution

You will be camping in a wildlife refuge where animals move about freely. Please be alert for buffalo and longhorn cattle that may pass through the campground.

Should the animals approach your campsite, secure your food items and seek a safe location. You should not threaten or attempt to scare the animals from your campsite. The animals may linger in the camp-ground for a short period of time before moving. Remember *Buffalo and longhorn are dangerous - Keep your distance.*

Facilities

1. Single-Unit Camping, 47 sites: will accommodate either tent or recreational vehicle campers.
2. Single-Unit Camping, 23 sites with electricity: will accommodate either tent or recreational vehicle campers.
3. Semi-primitive Single-Unit Camping, 20 sites: will accommodate only walk-in tent campers.
4. Group Camping, 3 sites: will accommodate group campers with tent or recreational vehicles. Group Sites A and B have shelters with electricity inside the shelter. Group Site C does not have either shelter or electricity.
5. Tables, fire rings, and fire grates at sites.
6. Central restroom/shower complex (closed during winter months). Drinking water, chemical toilets, and trash dumpsters conveniently placed throughout campground.

Camping Information

Fees

Campers pay fees at Campground Contact Station before setting up camp. If campground attendant/fee collector is not available, campers may proceed to available site and set up; however, fees must be paid as soon as attendant/fee collector is available. Collector will make rounds prior to manning the booth. Camping fees shall be paid daily or if desired, may be paid in advance for the duration of the visit. The daily fee covers the use of the facility from 3 pm on the day of payment until vacating time of 3 pm on the following day. Golden Age and Golden Access Passports will be honored. Campsites cannot be reserved or "saved" for campers arriving later.

Single-Unit Site Capacity

Single-unit site camping, including semi-primitive, is permitted only at designated camping site. Camping shall be limited to 8 persons per site, including a responsible adult 18 years of age or older.

Group Site Capacity

Group camping is permitted only at one of the three designated group camping sites. Group camping sites are available by reservation up to 90 days in advance by contacting the Refuge Manager, Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, 32 Refuge Headquarters, Indianola, Oklahoma 73552 or 580/429-3222 during office hours. When not under reservation, the group camping sites are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The electricity within the group shelters is for small appliances only.

A minimum of 8 and a maximum of 30 people may utilize/reserve a group camping site. A responsible adult 18 years of age or older must accompany each group.

Single-Unit Site Parking Capacity

Maximum number of motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, and trailers per single-unit camping site including semi-primitive shall not exceed a combination of two (2). The combined length of the vehicles must not exceed the length of the parking pad. Extra vehicles shall be parked in visitor parking lot.

Group Site Parking Capacity

Maximum number of motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, and trailers per group camping site shall not exceed a combination of eight (8). Extra vehicles shall be parked in visitor parking lot.

Length of Stay

Maximum camping period shall be limited to 10 consecutive days during the period of April through October. The 10-day stay may include only one weekend. A 14-day camping limit is permitted the remainder of the year. All camping equipment must be removed from the campground for 48 hours at the end of any 10 consecutive days (14 days in winter).

Check Out Time

Campsites must be vacated by 3 pm of the day camping permit expires unless the permit is renewed before 2 pm consistent with occupancy and/or availability. After 3 pm another day will be charged.

Occupancy Requirement

Overnight campsite occupancy is mandatory during the entire camping period designated on the permit.

Electrical Site

The use of electrical outlets will be limited to one (1) recreational vehicle at a time. In no instance will 'Christmas Trees' or other similar devices be permitted.

Late Arrival-Visitor Parking

Late arrivals, after campground gates are closed, must seek accommodations elsewhere off the refuge. Overnight camping in the Visitor Parking Area is prohibited. Non-camping visitors may park at the site of the party they are visiting as long as the site vehicle capacities are not exceeded. Otherwise, non-camping visitors shall park in the visitor parking lot.

Roads and Trails

All vehicles must be operated safely and in accordance with posted speed limits and other regulatory signs. Vehicles are permitted only on

developed roads and parking pads at campsites. Vehicle travel on roads closed by sign or barrier is prohibited. Wheeled vehicles, including bicycles, are prohibited on trails or footpaths.

Alcoholic Beverages and Controlled Substances
The possession or use of any alcoholic beverage, including 3.2% (or less) alcohol content by weight, is prohibited. The delivery or possession of any controlled substance is prohibited.

For the full text of regulations covering the use of the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, please pick up an information leaflet at the Campground Contact Station, the Visitor Center, Refuge Headquarters, or one of the dispensers located at each of the five entrances to the refuge.

Peace and Quiet
No persons, other than campers, shall enter or remain in a camping area between the hours of closing and 8:00 am.

Any activity, including motors and generators, that emits sound beyond the immediate campsite between the hours of 10:00 pm and 8:00 am is prohibited. No person shall operate or use any audio device so as to cause unreasonable disturbance to others in the vicinity.

Sanitation
No waste, water, sewage, or effluent from sinks, toilets, or other plumbing fixtures shall be deposited upon or into the surface of the ground or water. All solid waste material shall be deposited in trash dumpsters located in the campground. Sewage and other effluent must be dumped in the sanitary dump station located at the entrance to the campground. Campsites must be cleaned before departure.

Fires
Open fires are permitted only in the fire grates and rings provided at the campsite. Only dead, fallen timber may be gathered for firewood. Fires must not be left unattended and must be completely extinguished before leaving the campsite. During periods of very high fire danger, wood fires are prohibited. Use of camp stoves and charcoal in grates and rings is permitted during posted fire danger periods.

Pets
Pets are permitted if confined or kept on a leash not to exceed 10 feet in length, one end of which must be secured to restrict the movement of the pet. All livestock are prohibited.

Thank you, enjoy your visit.

