



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Recreational Camping

Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge

About the Refuge

Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge was established in 1901 for the “protection of game animals and birds” some of which were nearing extinction. Encompassing 59,020 acres (about 90 square miles), the refuge manages areas for public use, Wilderness, and areas for special use to protect animals and their habitats from disturbance.

Wichita Mountains offers a variety of camping experiences. Doris Campground is a modern camping facility providing a central restroom/shower complex, electrical sites, and running water. Fawn Creek Youth Campground is a semi-primitive group campground equipped with pit toilets. Charon’s Garden Wilderness Area backcountry camping permits provide opportunities for primitive camping.

General Regulations

- No alcohol, beer, marijuana, or drugs.
- Maximum 8 people and 2 vehicles per individual site.
- Maximum 30 people and 8 vehicles per group site.
- 14 day maximum stay.
- Vehicles permitted on roads only.
- Electrical use by one vehicle only.
- Check in at 3:00 p.m. Check out 12 P.M.
- Quiet hours: 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- No thru traffic in camp grounds.
- Do not feed wildlife.
- Pets must be kept on leash.
- Open fires; fires are allowed only in designated areas. No fires are allowed in Charon’s Garden Wilderness Area.
- Douse all fires and dispose of trash appropriately before leaving your campsite.
- No ATV, UTV or Golf Carts allowed in the campgrounds or on the Refuge.

Full text of regulations covering the Refuge are available on the official tearsheet at the Check Station, the Visitor Center, or Refuge Headquarters.

Fees

Reservations

Loops A, B, C, D, E, and all group sites within Doris Campground are available for reservation through [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov). Visitors may book through the website or by calling (877) 444-6777.

Fawn Creek Youth Campground is only available by reservation. Should you like to make a reservation through [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov).



Facilities

- 47 Single family non-electric sites,
- 23 Single family electric sites,
- 20 Semi-primitive, walk in tent sites,
- 2 Group electric sites with shelters,
- 1 Group non-electric site.

Most campsites are large enough for a RV or trailer. Each campsite has a picnic table, fire ring, and grill. Roads are paved. Flush toilets and showers are provided within easy walking distance. Group campsites and Loops A and D have chemical/vault toilets only. Water is available via hydrants throughout the campground; however, water should be boiled before consumption. A dump station is provided for RVs and trailers.

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.

Site Capacity

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

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 camping is permitted only at one of the three designated group camping sites. 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.

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.

Occupancy Requirement

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

Additional Information:

Check Out Time

Campsites must be vacated by 12 p.m. of the day camping permit expires. After 12 p.m., another day will be charged.

Visitor Parking

Non-camping visitors shall park in the overflow parking areas.

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. Parking off the road in the grass is prohibited throughout the camp ground and refuge.

Alcohol 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, including marijuana is prohibited.

Peace and Quiet

No persons, other than campers, shall enter or remain in a camping area between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Any activity, including motors and generators, that emits sound beyond the immediate campsite during quiet hours is prohibited. No person shall operate or use any audio device so as to cause unreasonable disturbance to others in the vicinity. Generators are prohibited from operating between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Generators must be turned off during the day when campsite is not occupied by site renter. Generators may not exceed a noise level of 60 decibels at 50 feet.

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, down, and detached wood may be gathered. Do not break limbs off of standing trees, living or dead. 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. No fires are allowed in Charon's Garden Wilderness Area.

Pets

Pets are permitted if confined or kept on a leash.

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