

LAKE CAHUILLA RECREATION AREA

All general park rules apply. Additional rules as follows:

CAMPGROUND HOURS

1. Gate is locked from 10pm until 6am. Registered campers may obtain gate code from kiosk upon ADVANCE request.
2. Park entry gate is locked 10pm daily. The gate re-opens at 6am. During the Summer months (May – October) the gate closes at 2:00pm.

GENERAL PARK RULES

1. All local, state, and federal laws shall be enforced in all District Regional Parks. [County of Riverside Ordinance 328](#) shall be enforced in all District Regional Parks.
2. The posted speed limit shall be observed.
3. Vehicles must remain on park roads and/or designated parking spaces.
4. Child/youth is defined as age 12 and under, children under the age of 2 are granted free entry into the parks.
5. All pet fees are per animal. Maximum three (3) pets total.
6. Service dogs are exempt from the pet fee and the maximum limit of three (3) pets.
7. Dogs must be controlled and on a leash at all times; no longer than six (6) feet in length.
8. Never leave pets unattended. Pets must be kept inside RV or tent overnight.
9. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up waste generated from their pet(s).
10. Hunting and use of firearms is prohibited in the park.
11. Never disturb or attempt to handle wildlife.
12. **Fireworks are prohibited.**
13. No off-road vehicles allowed. Street legal vehicles only.
14. Remote controlled flying objects, drones, bow and arrows/archery are not permitted, unless authorized in advance by Director or his/her Designee.
15. Do not remove or damage flowers, rocks, plants, animals, artifacts and other park features.
16. No attaching, tying, nailing, or screwing of items to the trees. Tampering with these items is a violation of County Ordinance 328.
17. Amplified music is not permitted unless authorized in advance by the District. Small radios are permitted except during quiet hours 10pm to 6am; so long as the noise does not disturb the peace and quiet of the campground or neighboring sites.
18. Know before you go! Guests are encouraged to check the website or call the park in advance of their visit to see if there are temporary rules in place (i.e. campfire restrictions, water conservation and water use restrictions due to statewide drought, etc.)
19. Notify Park Ranger immediately of any emergency, damage, or other problems arise.

DAY USE

20. Day Use hours are varied. please call the park for further information (1-760-564-4712).
21. Parking is only allowed in designated parking areas.
22. Holidays and special events are subject to event pricing - please call the park for further information (1-760-564-4712).

SHELTER

1. Unreserved shelters are available free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis
2. Shelters are available for rental for a fee that guarantees availability and cleanliness.
3. Contact Guest Services for further information at (1-800-234-7275).
4. Shelter rental guests must pay day use fees upon entry; unless advanced arrangements have been established.
5. Special event requirements go into effect:
 - a. Greater than 200 guests
 - b. Extended hours
 - c. Amplified music
 - d. Alcohol/items for sale
 - e. Catered food
 - f. Carnival rides or games
 - g. Charging for attendance or special payment arrangements
 - h. Special events require a special event application and fee

CAMPING

1. Check-in time is 2pm. Check-out time is 1pm.
2. Camping day is defined as follows: All or part of the period beginning 2pm each day and ending 1pm the following day.
3. Quiet hours at all parks are observed from 10pm to 6am. Loud and/or disruptive behavior may result in immediate expulsion from campgrounds without refund.
4. Maximum of six (6) people per campsite.
5. Maximum of one (1) camping unit/RV with one (1) tent OR two (2) tents per campsite. two (2) motorized vehicles are included in the camping fees and allowed per campsite.
6. Valid insurance and registration are required on all vehicles/camping units; must be able to provide proof upon request.
7. The length of stay is limited to a maximum of 14 days within a 28 consecutive day period.
8. All trailers and motor homes must be roadworthy and safe.
9. Camper shell must not be removed from the vehicle at any time.
10. No trailer may be dropped-off without an operable vehicle available on site.
11. Camping Unit is defined as a self-contained trailer, tent camper, 5th-wheel, motorhome, VW Van, or Van conversion that is meant for human habitation.
12. Golf carts must be DMV Street legal, insured, and shall count as the second/extra vehicle on the campsite. Golf carts must be operated by licensed adults only.
13. Generators are permitted except during quiet hours of 10pm to 6am.
14. Late payment will result in a written violation notice. A second written violation notice shall result in a notice to vacate. Return campers with prior written notice to vacate will be denied access for one year.
15. Walk-ins and ride-ins will pay full camping fees (no discounts).
16. Wood and charcoal fires are permitted in approved fire rings and BBQs.
 - a. Propane fire pits are permitted within designated campsites.
 - b. Propane cooking stoves with an on/off switch are permitted.
 - c. Gathering of firewood is not permitted.
 - d. Hibachi style barbecues should not be placed on provided picnic tables or grass, and must maintain a 10-foot clearance above and around the heat source.

- e. Ground fires are not permitted. No bonfires (flame greater than 24 inches in height).

EQUESTRIAN RULES

1. Clean up promptly after your horse. Please rake manure and make a pile outside of the corral.
2. If you are using the corral for day use, please haul manure with you in the horse trailer.
3. One corral is included in your camping fee.

LAKE RULES

1. No body contact, wading, swimming or watercraft is permitted in the lake.
2. Pets must be leashed at all times and not permitted in the lake.
3. Cleaning of fish in or near the lake is not permitted.

FISHING BAIT INSPECTION PROTOCOL

1. Any fishing bait brought into the park shall be in an un-opened and un-used container prior to being used in Lake Cahuilla.
2. All bait buckets used at Lake Cahuilla shall be inspected by park staff to ensure they are clean and dry prior to being brought into the park.
3. Empty all buckets and dispose of all bait in trash receptacles before you leave. Do not take bait home or leave it on the ground or dump it in any waterway.
4. Thoroughly rinse all fishing and recreational equipment (fishing net, reels, tackle, or any other gear that has come into contact with the water) prior to leaving the lake.
5. No fishing waders or fishing float tubes will be allowed at Lake Cahuilla.
6. Bait is available for purchase at Lake Cahuilla.
7. Failure to follow any of these requirements could/will result in:
 - a. Introducing Quagga Invasive species into Lake Cahuilla;
 - b. Loss of Individual fishing privileges at Lake Cahuilla;
 - c. Costly impact to Coachella Valley Agriculture;
 - d. Fishing Banned at Lake Cahuilla

FISHING RULES

1. State fishing license required for persons age 16 and older.
2. All California Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations will be enforced.
3. Any fishing bait brought into the park shall be in unopened and unused containers prior to being used in Lake Cahuilla. (See above Fishing Bait Inspection Protocol).
4. All bait buckets used at Lake Cahuilla shall be inspected by park staff to ensure they are clean and dry prior to being brought into the park.
5. Empty all buckets and dispose of all bait in trash receptacles before you leave. Do not take bait home or leave it on the ground or dump it in any waterway.
6. Thoroughly rinse all fishing and recreational equipment prior to leaving the lake (Water is available at Primitive Campground, Dump Station, and outside kiosk building).
7. Limits on the number of fish caught are as follows:
 - a. Trout – 5
 - b. Catfish – 10
 - c. Striper – 10
 - d. Crappie – 25
 - e. Bluegill – 25

f. Large Mouth Bass – 5; must be 12" or longer to keep