Roman Nose State Park FAQs

Park Phone Numbers

Park Ranger: 800.892.8690
Park Office: 580.623.4218
Lodge: 800.892.8690
Golf Pro Shop: 580.623.7989
Swimming Pool: 580.623.9950
Stables: 580.623.4121
General Store: 580.623.7750

Safety, Rules, & General Information

Who should I contact in an emergency?

For questions or concerns or to report an emergency, contact the Lodge office 24 hours a day at 800.892.8690. Our front desk staff will be able to contact maintenance staff or a park ranger to assist you. In an emergency, always dial 911.

What should I do in the event of severe weather? Will someone notify me if severe weather is approaching?

Severe weather can occur almost any time of year in Oklahoma. We will make every effort to notify guests if severe weather is imminent, but it is the responsibility of each guest to remain aware of potentially hazardous conditions and take appropriate action. In the event of severe weather, seek shelter in one of the comfort stations located at Beaver Dam Campground, Canyon Vista Campground, Deer Run Picnic Area, the Three Springs Area (near the swimming pool), or at the Lodge.

When is the park open?

Roman Nose State Park is open 365 days a year. Some activities within the park are only available seasonally—please call to inquire about dates and hours of operation.

Where can I obtain maps of the park and hiking trails?

Printed maps are available at the Park Office/Golf Pro Shop, the Lodge, and the General Store. Maps are also available for download from travelok.com via the following links:

Park Map

Trail Map
Where can I have a fire?

Fires are only allowed in the designated fire rings provided at campsites and picnic sites.

Where do I get wood for my campfire?

You may bring firewood from home. Gathering of dry, downed firewood is allowed at Roman Nose State Park—do not cut, break, or damage trees or other vegetation. We can also deliver firewood to your campsite or cabin for $5 per bundle (approximately 6 pieces).

How do I know if there is a burn ban?

Signs will be posted at various locations throughout the park if a burn ban is in effect. During times of high fire danger, the park manager may enact burning restrictions even if no burn ban has been declared. You can also visit the Oklahoma Forestry Services website for information about current burn bans throughout the state: http://www.forestry.ok.gov/burn-ban-information

When are the quiet hours?

Quiet hours are from 11pm – 6am.

Can I bring my pet?

Pets (except for service animals) are not allowed in the lodge or the Pioneer Cabin. We do have two pet-friendly cottages which may be reserved with a $10 per night pet fee. Be sure to request a pet-friendly accommodation when making your reservation (subject to availability). Pets are only allowed in designated cottages.

Pets are welcome in the park as long as they remain on a leash not to exceed 10 feet while outside, are supervised at all times, and are picked up after.

Can I bring alcohol to the park?

No alcoholic beverages in excess of 3.2% alcohol by weight may enter the park. Low-point beer is allowed in most areas. No outside alcoholic beverages are allowed within the Lodge.

Do you allow smoking?

Smoking is currently allowed in most areas, but is not allowed in or near park buildings. Ensure that cigarettes are extinguished and disposed of in trash receptacles.

Beginning August 1st, 2012 the use of tobacco products will no longer be allowed on any state property.

Can I use my Airsoft or BB gun?

No. Use of BB, pellet, Airsoft, or other firearms is prohibited in the park.

Can I drive my golf cart or other utility vehicle in the park?

Special permission for the use of utility carts in designated areas may be granted by the park manager to accommodate guests with disabilities. Call the park ranger’s office to apply for a permit. Otherwise, the use of utility vehicles and golf carts (except on the golf course) is not allowed.
Can I use my metal detector in the park?

Metal detecting is only allowed in designated areas, and only with prior approval from the park manager.

My cell phone reception is poor. Where can I go to get a good signal to make a call?

Cell phone reception is best near the park office/golf pro shop. Reception is intermittent in Canyon Vista and Two Lakes Campgrounds and some of the higher locations on the trail system.

Activities & Day Use Areas

What activities are available within the park?

Roman Nose State Park has something for everyone. Activities available year-round include: camping, picnicking, hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding (if you bring your own horse), golf, fishing, wildlife viewing, and the rest and rejuvenation of a beautiful natural environment.

In addition, some seasonal activities include: guided nature hikes and interpretive programs, swimming in the historic swimming pool (the pool is usually open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend—call for hours of operation), tipi camping, guided horseback riding (call the Stables for more information or to make a reservation), miniature golf, and various special events such as concerts, fireworks displays, trail rides, mountain bike races, and more. Rentals available from the General Store include: canoes, kayaks, paddleboats, mountain bikes, fishing poles, and games.

Is there an entrance fee or a fee for day use areas?

Entrance to the park is free. There is no fee for utilizing day use facilities such as picnicking and fishing areas or hiking trails.

Can I reserve picnic areas/shelters?

We have two historic, open-air picnic shelters in the Three Springs Area which may be reserved through the park office.

When is the swimming pool open?

The historic swimming pool, located in the Three Springs Area, is typically open 5-6 days a week from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Hours may vary and are subject to weather and water conditions. Please call the park office or the swimming pool (during the summer season) for details.

Can I reserve the swimming pool for private events?

Yes, the swimming pool may be reserved for private use before/after regular public hours. Rates vary by number of swimmers. For details and to make a reservation please call the park office or the swimming pool (during the summer season).

Can I get a season pass for the swimming pool?

Yes. Season passes may be purchased at the swimming pool during regular public hours.
Where should I go hiking?

The easy nature trails in the Three Springs Area on the west side of the park are a good place to start your visit. The Roman Nose State Park Multi-use Trail System has routes to suit both novice and experienced hikers. Stay on the trail to prevent erosion and damage to the landscape. Be sure to let someone know your plans, and bring a trail map and plenty of water.

This link offers some suggested hiking routes to help you plan your visit: http://okdataengine.milesmedia.com/okdataengine/appmedia/documents/0/705/Hiking%20Routes.pdf

Where can I ride my horse or mountain bike?

The Roman Nose State Park Multi-use Trail System is available for mountain biking and, in most cases, horseback riding (please consult the trail map for details). Stay on the trail to prevent erosion and damage to the landscape. Equestrian users, please be courteous and keep the trail clear of manure.

For the safety of riders and to prevent damage to the trail, all or part of the trail system may be closed to equestrian use and mountain biking when conditions are poor. Information about trail closures will be posted at trailheads.

Can I ride an ATV or dirt bike on the trails?

No. Motorized vehicles are not permitted on the trails.

Lakes & Fishing

How do I get a fishing license?

A valid Oklahoma fishing license is required for fishing in the park. Fishing licenses are available at many retailers throughout the state and may also be purchased online through the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation’s website: http://wildlifedepartment.com/license.htm

Locally, fishing licenses are available through the General Store (580.623.7750) during their regular public hours or from the Bait Store (580.623.7984) in Watonga.

When is trout season? Do I need a trout stamp?

Trout season for Lake Watonga is November 1st – March 31st. Trout stamps are no longer required, but you must possess your valid state fishing license. Consult the printed Oklahoma Fishing Guide—available free from the lodge, park office, or from a park ranger—or the ODWC’s website for complete fishing regulations.

Can I fish at night?

Night fishing is allowed provided that quiet hours are still observed.

Can I swim in the lakes?

No. As Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation lakes, their primary purpose is for fishing and wildlife habitat. Swimming, wading, and floating rafts are not allowed in our lakes.

Can I ski on the lakes?

No. Skiing and tubing are not allowed and boats are limited to idle speed only—no wake.
Does my boat need to be tagged?

Yes. Any boat must have a current registration and possess all required safety equipment. Consult a park ranger or the Handbook of Oklahoma Boating Laws and Responsibilities for a complete list of requirements. You can get a handbook from one of the park rangers, or download the handbook here: http://www.boat-ed.com/ok/ok_specific_images/pdfs/OK_handbook_entire.pdf

Can I rent a boat in the park?

Canoes, kayaks, and paddleboats are available for rent from the General Store. Hours vary seasonally.

**Camping**

When are tipi campsites available? Can I reserve a tipi?

You can stay in a tipi during the months of April – October. Tipis may be reserved through the lodge office. If not reserved, tipis are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Do you have backcountry campsites?

We have two backcountry campsites. These sites MUST be reserved through the park ranger’s office. For more information see our ‘Backcountry Camping at Roman Nose State Park’ note: https://www.facebook.com/note.php?note_id=10150247390452806

What are the camping fees? How do I pay?

*Per night camping rates at Roman Nose State Park are as follows:*

— Tent sites – $12
— Backcountry tent sites – $17
— Tipi sites – $25
— Semi-modern RV sites (water and electric) – $20
— Modern RV sites (water, electric, and sewer) – $23
— Preferred modern RV sites (water, electric, and sewer) – $28

You can pay a park ranger or camp host when they come around, or you can complete a self-pay envelope and deposit your cash or check in one of the self-pay boxes located at either the Beaver Dam or Canyon Vista comfort station. If you need to pay with a credit card you can visit the park office during regular office hours.

For more information about campground amenities see our ‘Camping at Roman Nose State Park’ note: https://www.facebook.com/note.php?note_id=435745567805

How many tents can I have on a site?

Camp only in designated areas. Campsites can accommodate up to 2 sleeping units—2 tents on a tent site, or 1 RV and 1 tent on an RV site. Some campsites are larger and can accommodate more than 2 tents at a rate $12 per additional tent. Consult a park ranger before setting up more than 2 tents on a site.

Are there any discounts for camping?

Senior citizens (age 62+) qualify for a $2.00 per night discount. Guests with 100% disability qualify for a $6.00 per night discount (50% off the $12 base camping rate). Good Sam members qualify for a $1.00 per night discount. Discounts are subject to verification. Discounts may not be combined.
What accessible campsites are available for those with a disability?

Site #2 in Bitter Creek Campground is an accessible site with water and 50 amp electric service. Site #7 in Two Lakes Campground is an accessible site with water, sewer, and 50 amp electric service. These sites are reserved each day until 8pm for guests with a disability. After 8pm the sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis for that night.

Can I reserve a campsite?

With the exceptions of tipi sites (which may be reserved) and backcountry sites (which must be reserved), all of our campsites are first-come, first-served.

How many days can I camp?

Camping is limited to 14 days. Depending on the season and site availability, a stay of 14 additional days may be approved by the park manager.

Can I put my tent on an RV site?

Tent camping on RV sites is allowed. Some guests enjoy the convenience of camping at sites that feature utilities. If camping at a site with utilities, you must still pay the rate indicated on the electric pedestal regardless of whether you plan to use the utilities or not.

Can I put up a tent by my cabin?

It is permissible to set up one child’s tent per cabin.

If it rains while we are there, can we get our money back?

We are not able to give refunds for camping fees; however you can get a ‘rain check’ for a stay at a later date. Consult a park ranger to request a rain check.

Where should I camp if I have my horses with me? Are pens available to board my horse over night?

Bitter Creek Campground features semi-modern pull-through sites that are large enough to accommodate horse trailers. Rental pens are available adjacent to this campground. Always present a current negative Coggins report for each horse before unloading.

Where is the sanitary dump station located?

The dump station is in Canyon Vista Campground near the boat ramp. Use of the dump station is free to overnight campers.

Golf

What are the rates for golfing?

View rates for green fees and cart rental here:
How do I reserve a tee time?

You can reserve a tee time by calling the golf pro shop, or make a reservation online here: http://www.teeitup.com/golf/course.wpl?C=72118

**Lodging**

What are the rates for lodging?

Rates for lodge rooms and cabins vary seasonally. Reservations are recommended (especially during the summer season) but walk-ins are welcome. Follow this link to view our ‘Lodging at Roman Nose State Park’ note for lodging rates and additional information: https://www.facebook.com/note.php?note_id=500175747805

How do I make a reservation for a lodge room or cabin?

You can call the lodge directly and our front desk staff will be happy to assist you with making a reservation. You may also make reservations online here: https://www.myfidelio.net/webui/AvailabilitySearch.aspx?chain=OSP&property=OSRN

Are there any discounts for lodging?

A 15% discount is available for:
— Senior citizens (age 62+)
— 100% disability
— Active military
— Stays of at least 7 consecutive nights

Discounts are subject to verification. Discounts may not be combined. Discounts may not be valid on weekends during the peak season.

Where can I find information about deals, special promotions, and packages that may be available?

Check our listings on www.travelok.com frequently for information about special offers:

http://www.travelok.com/listings/view.profile/id.6460
http://www.travelok.com/listings/view.profile/id.13235
http://www.travelok.com/listings/view.profile/id.6458

What accessible lodging facilities are available?

The Cool Springs and Cedar Canyon Suites in the lodge and the Pioneer Cabin provide spacious, comfortable accommodations for guests with disabilities, but may be reserved by others as well. Special ADA rates are available. Please call the lodge to inquire about reservations.

Is there internet service in the lodge or cabins?

Wi-Fi is available in the lobby, restaurant, and meeting rooms. Lodge rooms have high-speed data ports—ethernet cables can be checked out from the front desk. Internet service is not available in the cabins.
Can I bring my pet to my lodge room or cabin?

Pets (except for service animals) are not allowed in the lodge or the Pioneer Cabin. We do have two pet-friendly cottages which may be reserved with a $10 per night pet fee. Be sure to request a pet-friendly accommodation when making your reservation (subject to availability). Pets are only allowed in designated cottages.

Pets are welcome in the park as long as they remain on a leash not to exceed 10 feet while outside, are supervised at all times, and are picked up after.

Can I smoke in my lodge room or cabin?

Smoking is not permitted in the lodge or cabins.

Can I bring my own alcohol to the lodge?

Outside alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the lodge.

What are the hours for the lodge restaurant?

During peak season (March – November) the lodge restaurant is open 7 days a week. 7am – 8pm Sunday – Thursday and 7am – 9pm on Friday and Saturday. Restaurant hours may be reduced during the winter months—please call for hours during that time.

View the menu here: [http://okdataengine.milesmedia.com/okdataengine/appmedia/documents/0/826/Roman%20Nose%20Dining%20Menu%202012%20small.pdf](http://okdataengine.milesmedia.com/okdataengine/appmedia/documents/0/826/Roman%20Nose%20Dining%20Menu%202012%20small.pdf)

**Group Accommodations**

I want to bring a scout, church, or other group camping. Where should we camp so we can all be together?

Depending on the size of your group, we have several areas which may meet your needs. Small groups can often find several campsites together in one of the campgrounds. Slightly larger groups may apply for permission through the park manager’s or park ranger’s office to camp overnight in one of our day use areas. Large groups will find our group camp, which can accommodate up to 163 overnight guests, most suitable.

I’m interested in having a family reunion, wedding, company retreat, convention or other group event at the park. What facilities are available? Who do I contact to make the arrangements?

Depending on the size and nature of your event you may consider some of these facilities:
— Group Camp Dining Hall and A-frame bunkhouses (for overnight occupancy)
— Group Camp Dining Hall only (for day use)
— Picnic areas/shelters
— Swimming pool area
— Amphitheater areas
— Cronkhite Ranch Meeting Room
— Chief Henry Roman Nose Hall

For more information on these and other facilities, catering options, and to make group reservations for lodge rooms and cabins please contact the lodge and ask for our group sales coordinator.