

Oklahoma State Park FAQs: http://www.travelok.com/article_page/state-park-faqs

Q - How do I get a hunting or fishing license?

A - There are a wide variety of fishing and hunting licenses that range in price from \$5 for youth licenses to several hundred dollars for lifetime licenses. With three different ways to purchase a license, planning an Oklahoma fishing or hunting trip is made easy.

First, there are over 700 license dealers across the state. You can purchase fishing or hunting licenses at places like sporting goods stores, bait/tackle shops, convenience stores and even large discount centers, like Wal-Mart.

Second, you can order a fishing or hunting license online through the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation's website, www.wildlifedepartment.com. There is a \$3 convenience fee that is charged for each transaction. Only VISA and MasterCard are the accepted and your license can be printed from your computer when the purchase is complete.

Finally, non-residents can order licenses directly from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation by calling (405) 521-3852. Office hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Central Time and only VISA and MasterCard payments are accepted. Please allow sufficient mailing time to receive licenses.

For information about Oklahoma fishing and hunting regulations, download the Oklahoma Fishing Guide, Oklahoma Waterfowl Guide and the Oklahoma Hunting Guide and Regulations publications from the [Wildlife Department's website](http://www.wildlifedepartment.com) or you can find these free magazines at most locations where fishing and hunting licenses are sold.

Q - Can I rent a boat in the state park?

A - Many of the state parks have marinas within the park and some of those offer rentals. Prices vary from park to park. Below you'll find links to state parks with marinas.

[Keystone State Park](#) - [Pier 51](#) - boat rentals and repairs

[Sequoyah State Park](#) - [Paradise Cove Marina](#) - paddleboats and pontoons

[Lake Texoma State Park](#) - [Catfish Bay Marina](#) - paddleboats, pontoons and canoes

[Foss State Park](#) - [Capt'n Jon's](#) - pontoon boats

[Beavers Bend & Hochatown State Park](#) - [Beavers Bend Marina](#) - boats and jet skis

[Lake Eufaula State Park](#) - [Lake Eufaula Marina](#) - does not currently rent boats

[Lake Murray State Park](#) - [Lake Murray Marina](#) and [Lake Murray Water Sports](#) - both offer rentals

Marinas within state parks do not charge a fee to launch a watercraft for day use. In the event of a fishing tournament, some parks may charge a \$25 fee to the event promoter for use of the ramp(s).

Q - Is there an Oklahoma State Park entrance fee?

A - Oklahoma State Parks do not charge an entrance fee for 31 of the 32 state parks. Admission to [Natural Falls State Park](#) near West Siloam Springs is \$5 per vehicle. In addition, three other parks do have fees for some day use areas, including a \$5 charge at the Cisco Road Area at [Lake Murray State Park](#) near Ardmore, \$5 charge at the Fisherman's Point Area at [Tenkiller State Park](#) in Vian and \$5 charge for the Little Axe Area at [Lake Thunderbird State Park](#) in Norman. This fee is charged per vehicle (carrying up to six passengers). Large vans carrying more than six passengers are charged two day use fees, and buses are charged \$15. The fee is applied to your overnight camping fees, should you decide to spend the night.

In appreciation for their service to our country, day use fees are waived for honorably discharged veterans with proper documentation and Oklahoma senior citizens over the age of 62, with valid identification.

Q - What are the camping fees?

A - At Oklahoma State Parks the base rate for a primitive tent or RV camp site is \$14 per night. For a semi-modern site, which includes electric and water, the rate ranges from \$20-\$25 per night. If you'd like a modern site, which includes electric, sewer and water, the rate ranges from \$23-\$25 per night. Some parks offer premium sites, like those at water's edge, for an additional \$5 fee per night.

For campers 62 and over, Oklahoma State Parks offer a \$2 discount on the base rate per night, with proper identification. Additional rates for electric, sewer or water are not discounted. Totally disabled discounts are 50% off the base rate for camping with proof of disability such as a Medicare card (for those under the age of 65), notice of total disability from the Social Security Administration, Veterans hunting/fishing permit showing 100% disability signed by the Director of ODVA, letter of disability from Workers Comp, insurance or retirement boards or signed letter from personal physician on letterhead. Additional rates for electric, sewer or water are not discounted.

Lodge room and cabin discounts are 15% for senior and disabled visitors Sunday – Thursday nights only, excluding holidays. Some restrictions may apply on cabin and lodge rooms. Weekend golf discounts are offered for senior golfers on specific tee times.

Golden Age Passports are not accepted at Oklahoma State Parks. These are intended for use at the Federal Corps of Engineers campgrounds, the National Park Service and U.S. Forest Services properties.

Q - Can I make a campsite reservation?

A - Most campsites at Oklahoma state parks are first come, first served. However, seven parks do offer online reservations for select RV sites. [Click here to book an RV site](#) at an Oklahoma state park. Some parks take reservations for preferred areas, so please call the park of your choice for more information.

Groups of five or more interested in camping at an Oklahoma State Park must call the specific state park for availability on group camping.

Q - How many tents can I put on a site?

A - In a tent camping area, one tent is allowed per site. One child's tent may also be placed on that site at no additional cost. When staying on an RV site, one child's tent will be allowed at no extra cost. Any other tent found on an RV site accompanying an RV is charged a base rate fee of \$14 in addition to the fee for the RV. Managers at individual parks have discretionary allowance with regards to the number of tents per site for organized groups in tent camping and primitive areas.

Q - Can I pay for just the electric service on a RV spot?

A If you camp on a site with utilities, no matter how many utilities are provided (water, electric or sewer) or if you choose to use only one service, you must still pay full price for that site.

Q - I'm coming in at night, how do I pay?

A - If you arrive at an Oklahoma State Park late in the day and the office is closed, please set up your site and visit the park office the next morning for your payment and receipt. During the day, a camp host or park ranger will collect camping fees and provide receipts.

Q - What are the quiet hours in the park?

A - Campground quiet hours are from 11:00 pm to 6:00 am. Generators are not allowed during this time.

Q - How long can I stay at a state park?

A - You may stay in the same campsite for up to 14 days. Please see the park manager for extension requests. Extension request approvals are based on the season and availability.

Q - Are pets allowed in state parks?

A - Pets are allowed in the state parks as long as they are kept on a leash no longer than 10 feet, supervised at all times and cleaned up after.

Q - What do I do in case of severe weather?

A - Each state park will have a designated safe place in case of severe weather. Safe places are usually areas like bathhouses, clubhouses or designated storm shelters. The safe place location and emergency numbers will be posted at the park office and at bathhouses. In case of emergency, always dial 911.

Q - How can I make a cabin or lodge reservation at an Oklahoma State Park?

A - Online booking website links for cabin or lodge rooms:

[Beavers Bend & Hochatown State Park](#)

[Lakeview Lodge at Beavers Bend State Park](#)

[Greenleaf State Park](#)

[Keystone State Park](#)

[Lake Murray State Park & Lodge](#)

[Roman Nose State Park](#)

[Robbers Cave State Park](#)

[Sequoyah State Park & Lodge](#)

[Tenkiller State Park](#)

For the remaining state parks that have cabins, please call these parks directly for assistance when making a cabin reservation.

[Boiling Springs State Park](#) - 580-256-7664

[Clayton Lake State Park](#) - 918-569-7981

[Great Salt Lake Plains](#) - 580-626-4731

[Hugo Lake State Park](#) - 580-326-0303

[Lake Wister State Park](#) - 918-655-7212

[McGee Creek State Park](#) - 580-889-5822

[Osage Hills State Park](#) - 918-336-4141

[Raymond Gary State Park](#) - 580-873-2307

Q - Where do I get wood for my camp fire?

A - Check with the park staff or park manager first. There are some instances where collecting firewood from the forest floor is permissible. Some park offices sell firewood. Park guests may also bring charcoal and starter logs if they choose. Firewood from outside the park is discouraged to help prevent the spread of harmful insects. Please remember to always observe local burn ban regulations. [Click here](#) to find the current burn ban status issued by the Oklahoma Forestry Services.

Q - Are golf carts and utility vehicles allowed in Oklahoma State Parks?

A - Carts are allowed to be used by persons with physical disabilities as well as other persons with the proper permit and approval from the park manager. Permits may require a fee. Parks that do allow golf carts with proper permit include Cherokee Landing, Foss, Fort Cobb, Great Plains, Greenleaf, Lake Texoma, McGee Creek, Red Rock Canyon and Sequoyah Bay. For information about using golf carts at any park not listed above, please call the park directly.

Golf carts may only be operated within the boundary of the designated state park during daylight hours. The operator must possess a valid driver's license and may only go on roadways with a posted speed of 25 miles an hour or less.

Q - Where can I find more Oklahoma State Park information?

A -To find out more about the wide variety of state parks in Oklahoma, please visit the [Oklahoma State Parks](#) page on TravelOK.com. There you'll find a [state parks map](#) to choose the perfect location for your adventure. Each park has its own page featuring articles, photos and videos as well as individual park maps. A variety of [free brochures](#) are also available to make your Oklahoma State Park vacation a success.