

Roman Nose State Park FAQs

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Park Office: 580-623-4218 (8 am- 4:30 pm)

Lodge Front Desk: 580-623-7281 or 800-892-8690

Golf Pro Shop: 580-623-7989

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 @ 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. 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, 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 inquire about dates and times of operation.

Where can I get a map of the park and hiking trails?

Printed maps are available at the Golf Pro Shop, the Park Office is upstairs to the left. Maps are also available inside the Lodge atrium and at the General Store. Maps are also available for download from [TravelOk.com/Parks](https://www.travelok.com/parks) or on the free [official Oklahoma State Parks app](#).

Where am I permitted to have a campfire?

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

Where do I get wood for my campfire?

Bringing outside firewood is prohibited. *Gathering of dry, downed firewood is allowed at Roman Nose State Park.* **DO NOT CUT, BREAK, OR DAMAGE TREES OR OTHER VEGETATION.** Firewood is for sale at the Lodge front desk and at the General Store.

Activities and Day Use Areas

What activities are available within the park?

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

In addition, some seasonal activities: guided nature hikes and interpretive programs, swimming in the historic swimming pool (call ahead for hours of operation), teepee camping (April 1-October 31), miniature golf, and various special events such as concerts, Forth of July fireworks display, mountain bike races, trail rides and more. Rentals from the General Store by Bitter-Creek Operating Company include canoes, kayaks, paddleboats, mountain bikes, fishing poles etc. Call 580-623-7750 to enquire about rentals available.

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

Entrance to the park is free and here at Roman Nose there is no parking pass required. There is no fee for using a day use area for picnicking or fishing areas or hiking the trails. **If you use a reservable RV or Tent camping space, you would be required to reserve it and pay the reservation fee required even if you don't intend to stay the night.** The free day use areas are Talking Trees and Three Springs picnic area.

Can I reserve picnic pavilion at Three Springs?

Yes, you can reserve the pavilion for day use by calling the Park Office at 580-623-4218 (8-4:30pm).

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 Lodge or Park Office during the summer season for details.

Can I reserve the swimming pool for private events?

Although in the past this was possible, current events and lifeguard availability has made this harder to predict. We will consider each season and available staff before making this decision. At this time in the upcoming 2022 season, it is unlikely.

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 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, where you are planning on hiking and take a trail map and plenty of water.

A new ADA-Compliant Trail is open to all visitors to Roman Nose and will help people with physical disabilities and mobility issues enjoy the great outdoors. The 1.2 -mile trail is designed to meet the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act, or ADA. With one end at the historic Roman Nose Lodge and the other at the big spring, users will enjoy shady forest paths that wind and incline gently.

The Talking Trees Day Use Area also offers easy access to the trail from around its mid-point, for those looking for a shorter stroll. This new trail was made possible by a grant from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

Enjoy a relaxed hike along the new ADA walking trail. At just over a mile, this trail connects the Lodge, Talking Trees and Big Spring day use areas along a fully paved path winding through the park woods.

Where can I ride my horse or mountain bike?

The Multi-Use Trail 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 trail clear of manure.

For the safety of riders and to prevent damage to the trail system, all or part of the trail may be closed to use when conditions are poor. Information about trail closures can be obtained by calling the Park Office or the Lodge front Desk.

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 website: <http://wildlifedepartment.com/license.htm>.

Locally, fishing licenses are available weekdays through the Watonga Tag Agency.

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

Trout season for Lake Watonga and Boecher Lake is November 1st-March 31st. **(LAKE WATONGA IS CURRENTLY DRAINED DUE TO ONGOING REPAIR PROJECT ON THE DAM. PROJECT BEGAN IN APRIL 2021 AND IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE THROUGH THE SUMMER OF 2022).** Trout stamps are no longer required, but you must possess your valid state fishing license. Consult the printed Oklahoma Fishing Guide-usually available at the General Store or through the Park Ranger or the ODWC's website for complete fishing regulations.

With Lake Watonga being empty is there still fishing available at Roman Nose State Park?

Yes. Boecher Lake has been recently stocked with 350 catfish and was stocked with trout throughout the 2021-2022 trout season.

Can I fish at night?

Night fishing is allowed provided quiet hours are observed from 11pm to 6am.

Can I swim or ski in the lake?

No. As Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation lakes, their primary purpose is for fishing and wildlife habitat. Fishing in an appropriate tube called tube fishing is allowed. No swimming, wading or floating rafts are allowed. Skiing is not allowed. 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 download the handbook here: <https://www.boat-ed.com>

Can I rent a boat in the park?

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

Camping

RV and Tent camping is available year- round, by reservation @ TravelOk.com/Parks or by downloading the [free official Oklahoma State Parks App](#) to your smart phone. If you don't like using technology, you can still call the Park Office, or the Lodge front desk and we can make a reservation for you over the phone. Camping reservations must be paid for with a credit card. We do not take cash. This is State Park Policy. If you make reservations online or by the phone and then need to cancel it, you must cancel at least 5 days prior to your arrival date to receive a full refund. If you cancel within the 5 day time you will receive a partial refund minus the first day fee as a cancellation penalty.

How many tents can I have on a tent site?

The campsite reservation is based on 1 adult tent and 1 child tent per site. **If your campsite is large enough you may add additional tents at the rate of \$16 per additional tent.** You can do this at the time of reservation online or if you need to add a tent after check-in you can call the park office or lodge front desk and we can add them to your reservation.

Can I put a tent on an RV site?

Yes. You are not required to have an RV to camp at a site with electric and water. Some guests enjoy the convenience of camping at sites that feature utilities. You must still pay the RV rate regardless of whether you plan on using the utilities or not.

Can I put a tent beside my RV or by my Cabin?

Yes. You may have one to two tents on your RV site, as long as it does not encroach on another campsite. **Reservations with extra tents will pay \$16.00 per tent.** You are allowed to put one tent up beside your cabin at no additional charge.

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

No. We do not refund or cancel reservations due to weather. The parks do not close during inclement weather. Guests must make decisions based on personal safety. If guests choose to cancel based on a weather forecast, you must still follow the 5-day rule for cancelling your reservation. If you cancel within 5-days of your planned stay, you will lose your deposit. Guests have the right (and personal access to the reservation system) to change a date and move their dates, or even choose to cancel.

Where in the park is the dump station for my RV?

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

Where should I camp if I have my horses with me?

Bitter Creek Campground features semi-modern pull-through sites that are large enough to accommodate horse trailers. Equestrian corrals are available adjacent to this campground for free. There is a water spigot near the corrals but please have a hose and bucket with you. ***Always present a current negative Coggins report for each horse before unloading your horses in the park. You are not allowed to keep your horses with you at your campsite.***

Golf

Also located within the park is the Roman Nose State Park Golf Course. This 18-hole, par 70 course offers sloping bent grass greens, Bermuda grass tees and fairways, natural hazards, lake views, canyon walls and mesas. Completed in 1959, this course was designed by Floyd Farley and Tripp Davis with no water hazards or sand traps. Facilities include a putting green and pro shop with cart and club rentals, snacks and drinks.

Book a tee time online with the booking link: chronogolf.com

View the rate sheet for this golf course by clicking on "View Roman Nose Golf Course Rates: link under "Maps & Resources"

Or call the Golf Pro Shop for greens fees and cart rental info @ 580-623-7989 and to reserve a tee time. ***Reservations are strongly requested for weekends and Mad Mondays and required for holidays.***

Lodging

For a truly memorable stay, book a night at the beautiful Roman Nose State Park Lodge. The 22-room lodge, originally built in 1956, has been completely renovated to reflect the natural landscape of the area. The reconstruction emphasizes the lodge's original mid-century design, while beautifully updating the look to today's modern standards. The newly decorated rooms feature large showers, comfy beds, contemporary furnishings and large flat-screen televisions. The lodge also features several conference rooms.

At this time the lodge restaurant is closed but there is the General Store by Bitter Creek Outfitters located in the park which provides its menu and hours on their Facebook page.

The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department staff are working with local small businesses to find creative solutions to meet park guest demands until a restaurant-operations can begin in the newly remodeled facilities inside the lodge.

Pets are not allowed in the lodge unless they are service animals.

Roman Nose State Park also offers 11, one- bedroom cabins. Amenities include queen –sized beds, a queen sleeper sofa in the living room, a full kitchen, microwave, coffee pot, linens and a fireplace. *(Dishes are not provided due to COVID REGULATIONS). Roman Nose State Park does offer pet friendly cabins so be sure to request one at the time of reservations.*

Are there any handicapped accessible lodge rooms or cabins?

The Cool Springs Suite and Cedar Canyon Suite in the lodge and the Pioneer Cabin provide spacious, comfortable accommodations for guests with disabilities, but may be reserved by others as well. Special HDCP rates are available.

Reservations can be made online @ TravelOK.com/Parks

You can also download the free [Official Oklahoma State Parks App](#)

You can also call the Lodge Front Desk 24 hours a day @ 1-800-892-8690 or locally @ 580-623-7281

What are the rates for lodging?

Rates for lodge rooms and cabins vary seasonally and are dynamically priced reflecting peak season and off-season rates. Reservations are recommended (especially during the peak summer season) but walk-ins are welcome if there are available rooms.

Are there any discounts for lodging?

Senior Rate: 10% off Lodge rooms and Cabins

Military Rate: 10% off Lodge rooms and Cabins

Sweetheart Deal: 15% off the Month of February only

Disabled Rate: 10% off the Standard Rate

Weekly Rate: 20 % discount with a 7-night minimum length of stay

Is there internet service in the lodge rooms or cabins or in the park campgrounds?

Wi-Fi is available in the lobby, restaurant, and meeting and lodge rooms. Lodge rooms also have high-speed data ports. Internet service is not available in the park cabins or campgrounds.

Follow [Roman Nose State Park on Facebook](#) for information about deals, special promotions, job openings and events happening in the park.

Group Accommodations

If 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-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, to be most suitable.

(At this time currently in 2022 our Deer Run Day Use Area is closed due to ongoing construction on the asphalt drive leading into this area.)

Where can I have a family reunion or event in the park?

For larger groups, book the Turkey Roost Group Camp by calling the Park Office @ 580-623-4218. This private area offers a dining hall with a cafeteria style kitchen and conference room and A frame bunkhouses that can accommodate up to 163 overnight guests.

I'm interested in having a family reunion, wedding, company retreat, convention or other group event at the park. What facilities are available?

Depending on the size and nature of your event you may consider some of these facilities:

Events in the park consider:

- Group Camp Dining Hall and A-frame bunkhouses (for overnight occupancy) \$450 per day + tax
- Group Camp Dining Hall only (for day use) \$150 per day + tax
- Three Springs Pavillion (day use) \$50 per day
- Three Springs Day Use Picnic Area
- Deer Run Day Use Area/Ampitheater Area (currently not available)

To reserve contact the Park Office 580-623-4218

Events inside the lodge consider:

- Cronkwhite Ranch Meeting Room
- Roman Nose Hall Meeting Room

To make group reservations for lodge rooms and cabins and meeting rooms and catering options contact the lodge and ask for our Group Sales Coordinator or Lodge Manager.

