

Roman Nose State Park FAQs

Park Main Line: 405-295-2770

Option: #1 Lodge Front desk

2 Golf Course

3 Park office

Oklahoma State Parks camping call center: 877-657-2757

*General Store: 580-623-7750 (Currently Closed)

*Roman Nose Stables: 572-217-1266 (Currently Closed)

Safety, Rules & General Information

Who should I contact in an emergency?

IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS DIAL 911.

For questions or concerns contact the Lodge office 24 hours a day. Our front desk staff will be able to contact maintenance staff, park manager or a park ranger to assist you.

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

Severe weather can occur at 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 summer of 2025, our park was gifted a tornado siren by the City of Watonga. You may not be able to hear it in an RV or inside a building, but it can be heard outdoors. Roman Nose is annexed within the Watonga city limits, and the sirens are part of the Watonga Emergency Alert system. The sirens will be sounded (if no technical glitches) if there is a confirmed tornado in Watonga City Limits which includes Roman Nose. Be sure to have a safe plan in place for any emergencies.

The Lodge is open 24 hrs a day if you need assistance or want to shelter out of the weather for a short time.

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 inside the Lodge atrium and at the Golf Pro Shop (where the park customer service office is currently stationed). Maps are also available for download from TravelOk.com/Parks, Maps & Resources.

Where am I permitted to have a campfire?

Campfires are only allowed in the designated fire rings provided at campsites and picnic sites, group camps, and cabins. *Please ask Park Management before relocating fire rings.

ATTENTION: Make it your goal to extinguish hot coals. If your campfire is too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave for any amount of time. Drown it with water, stir it with a shovel, and repeat until your campfire is out cold! Learn more from Smokey Bear.

There are water hydrants throughout the park to fill containers up if needed to put your fire out.

Where do I get wood for my campfire?

Firewood is usually for sale at the Lodge front desk and at the General Store.

To help prevent the spread of harmful insects, firewood from outside the park region is discouraged. Gathering of dry, downed firewood is allowed at Roman Nose State Park. **DO NOT CUT, BREAK, OR DAMAGE TREES OR OTHER VEGETATION.**

Please remember to always observe local burn ban regulations. Please call the Park to find out the current burn ban status issued by the Oklahoma Forestry Services or go to <https://ag.ok.gov/divisions/forestry-services/> to check the current county burn bans. *Make note that these maps are not always updated until Monday afternoons unless in an extreme emergency.

State Park managers can also put their park in a burn ban without the county being in one.

Activities and Day Use Areas

What activities are available within the park?

DUE TO ONGOING DAM ISSUES, THERE ARE NO WATER (Fishing, kayaking, paddle boating, etc.) ACTIVITIES CURRENTLY IN EITHER LAKE AT THE PARK. Once resolved, the website and Facebook pages will be updated.

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. Horse camping and corrals are available at Bitter Creek RV.

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, Fourth of July fireworks display, mountain bike races, trail rides and more. Rentals from the General Store by Bitter-Creek Operating Company include canoes, kayaks and paddleboats. Call 580-623-7750 to enquire about rentals available and pricing on miniature golf and rock mining.

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

NO, Entrance to the park is free, here at Roman Nose there is no parking pass required. There is currently no fee for using a day use area for picnicking, fishing areas or hiking the trails. However, to use a reservable RV or Tent camping space, you are required to reserve it and pay the reservation fee required even if you don't intend to stay the night. There are beautiful free day use areas that do not require a reservation: Three Springs picnic/pool area and Talking Trees.

Can I reserve the picnic pavilion at Three Springs?

Yes, you can reserve the pavilion for day use by calling the Park Office. You can rent the Spring Pavilion for the full day for \$50. You now have the choice to rent it for just half a day for \$25. The half day time frames are: (8am-2pm) or (3pm-9pm).

When is the swimming pool open?

The historic public swimming pool, located in the Three Springs area, is typically open 5 days a week from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Hours may vary and are subject to weather and water conditions and staffing. The pool is typically closed on Monday and Tuesday, except when Monday falls on a federal holiday.

Please call the Park Office, Lodge or Pool during the summer season for details. Important updates are usually posted on our Roman Nose State Park Facebook page as well.

Can I reserve the swimming pool for private events?

No, the swimming pool is not being rented for private events.

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.

Enjoy a relaxed hike along the new ADA walking trail. 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 (one way) is designed to meet the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act, or ADA. This trail connects the Lodge, Talking Trees and the Big Spring day use areas along a fully paved path winding through the park woods. With one end at the historic Roman Nose Lodge and the other at the Springs/Day Use area, users will enjoy the scenic path. The Talking Trees Day Use Area (parking lot) also offers easy access to the trail from around its mid-point, for those looking for a shorter stroll. This new ADA compliant trail was made possible by a grant from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

Where can I ride my horse or mountain bike?

The 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 multi-use trail clear of manure. This also is requested of dog owners, that you please pick up any poop from our walking trails.

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 must be purchased online through the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife website: <http://wildlifedepartment.com/license.htm>.

Or the Go Outdoors Oklahoma website or app: <https://gooutdoorsoklahoma.com>

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

Trout season for Lake Watonga and Boecher Lake 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-usually available at the Park Office, General Store, through the Park Ranger or the ODWC's website for complete fishing regulations.

****LAKE WATONGA IS CURRENTLY DRAINED DUE TO ONGOING REPAIR PROJECT ON ITS DAM. THE PROJECT BEGAN IN APRIL 2021 AND DUE TO UNFORSEEN NATURAL EVENTS, A SINK HOLE IN THE DAM OF BOUCHER LAKE IN JULY OF 2025 HAS DRAINED THIS LAKE AND IT IS UNCERTAIN WHEN THE LAKES WILL BE FULL AND OPERATIONAL AGAIN.**

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

NO: CURRENTLY THERE ARE NO WATER ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE ON EITHER LAKE (Fishing, kayaking, paddle boating, etc.)

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. Lake Watonga is and has always been a **NO SWIM-NO WAKE LAKE.**

As one of 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: [OK Boating License Handbook for Online Boater Safety Course](#)

Can I rent a boat in the park?

Yes, canoes, kayaks and paddleboats are available for rent from the General Store. They must be kept withing Bouchers Lake unless permission by the General Store manager is given to take the vessel to Lake Watonga. Hours vary seasonally.

Camping

RV and Tent camping is available year-round, by reservation @ <https://TravelOk.com/State-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. There is also a new Help Desk for Oklahoma State Park camping reservations if you can not reach anyone from our park, call toll free: 1-877-657-2757.

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?

In a tent camping area, only one Adult tent and one Child's tent may also be placed on that site. If your campsite is large enough you may add additional tents at the rate of \$16 per additional adult tent or \$8 per additional child tent (12 yrs or younger). You can do this at the time of making a reservation online or if you need to add a tent after check-in you can call the park office, lodge front desk or OK State Parks call center and we can add them to your reservation.

Can I put a tent on an RV site?

Yes. Tents are allowed to be set up in a RV site with the same rules applicable for additional tents as with any tent site. You are not required to have an RV to camp at a site with electricity 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.)* Note that RV Modern sites are full hook up sites with sewer and due to the limited sites available we ask that these be left for RV campers but this is not a rule.

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

Yes, as long as it does not encroach on another campsite.

Your RV site allows for one child tent with your RV reservation. **Reservations with extra tents will pay \$16.00 per adult tent and \$8 per extra child tent.** Campsite size does matter and it may be best, in some instances to book another site if there will be more than one additional tent.

You are allowed to put one tent up beside your cabin at no additional charge.

Change of location after arrival

If you choose to move from the assigned site for your reservation, please call the park office or lodge to confirm this move will not affect another guest's reservation. Even if the spot is empty does not always mean it is open. Charges may incur on the new site (including reservation fee or up charges) and you may forfeit total payment for the reserved site. Manager discretion.

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 first night deposit. Guests have the right (and personal access to the reservation system if you have set up a profile) to change a reservation date or even choose to cancel **as long as it is not within** the 5 day cancellation period.

No, we cannot move your reservation to another date if you are within that same 5 day cancellation period.

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

The dump station is in the Canyon Vista Campground across from 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 at a first come first serve availability. 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.

What are the Quiet hours in the park?

Campground quiet hours are from 11:00 pm to 6:00 am.
Generators **are NOT allowed** during this time.

Can I have a Pool at my campsite?

Per current Oklahoma State Park rules, Portable pools less than 5 feet in diameter holding less than 100 gallons of water are allowed on campsites, **but must not be left unattended**. OTRD reserves the right to request pool removal, even if these parameters are met.

Are there any discounts on camping?

Military Discount: 10% base rate discount on RV and Tent campsites to active and former military personnel. Some blackout dates may apply and proof of service required at check-in.

Senior Discount - Seniors 62 and over are eligible for a 10% base rate discount on RV and Tent campsites. To receive this discount, choose the "Senior" rate code when booking. Proper identification required.

Disability Discount - A campground discount of 50% off the campsite base rate is offered to 100% disabled persons seven days a week. Utility charges are not discounted. Verification of total disability is required to be eligible for the disability discounts. Verification documentation from an official government entity establishing 100% disability must be provided to be eligible for this discount. If you have the requested documentation to present upon arrival, enter the discount code "DSBL" to access the rate plan. Guests booking at this rate plan who arrive without the proper documentation will have their rate changed to the current standard rate plan.

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 snacks, drinks and cart rentals for golfing only.

Book a tee time online with the booking link:

<https://www.travelok.com/state-parks/roman-nose-state-park>

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 @ 405-295-2760 and to reserve a tee time. *Reservations are strongly suggested for weekends and Mad Mondays and are 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.

There is currently not a restaurant located in the lodge.

Pets are not allowed in the lodge unless they are service animals. Accessing the ADA trail through the lodge may be the only exception.

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. Deposits are required per night for pets.

Reservation Charges & Fees

At Time of Reservation - \$25 Pre-authorization

Please be aware that all credit and debit cards will be pre-authorized in our system for \$25 to validate your card and secure your reservation. This is only an authorization, not a charge.

At Check-In - \$75 Hold

Please be aware that all credit and debit cards will be charged a \$75 security deposit. This places a "hold" on your card for these funds. This amount is unavailable to you pending settlement of the final transaction. We will not be responsible for overdrafts or insufficient funds in your account due to this "hold" should you choose to use your Debit Card as payment.

Service Fee

A 3% service fee will be applied when paying by credit card or debit card.

Are there any handicapped accessible lodge rooms or cabins?

Yes, 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 @ <https://www.travelok.com/state-parks/roman-nose-state-park>

You can also call the Lodge Front Desk 24 hours a day @ 1-405-295-2770 option 1.

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

Disabled Rate: 10% off the Standard Rate

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. Verizon is the only cell service that works throughout the park.**

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.

Smaller groups can often find several campsites together in one of the campgrounds or rent out a full campground.

Larger groups whom don't want to pack tents will find our Turkey Roost group camp, which can accommodate up to 163 overnight guests to be most suitable, It has 10 A-frame bunk houses and a large kitchen/dining facility.

Deer Run –*(At this time our Deer Run Day Use Area is closed to the public due to needed construction on the asphalt drive leading into this area.)* It is, however, still being rented to larger groups within Organizations such as scouts and churches for tent camping. Deer Run can hold quite a few tents and has parking for up to 20 cars and has a bathhouse on site with showers and restrooms. We do not rent Deer Run out to just anyone.

For information on group camping, please contact

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. This private area offers a dining hall with a cafeteria style kitchen and A frame bunkhouses that can accommodate up to 163 overnight guests. For more information contact the Park Office.

Contact the Lodge for lodging and meeting rooms.

We also have free day use areas such as the springs area by the pool that can be used, just remember it is free to the public and is a first come first serve use location.

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:

For Events in the park, consider:

- Turkey Roost Group Camp Dining Hall and A-frame bunkhouses (for overnight occupancy) \$450 per day + taxes and fees

- Turkey Roost Group Camp Dining Hall only (for day use) \$150 per day

- Deer Run Day Use Area (Currently only being used as a group camp)
(Applications are required on our group camps)

- Three Springs Pavillion (day use) \$50 per day.

We now offer half-day rentals 9am-2pm or 3pm-9pm on the pavilion for \$25. There is no electricity at the pavilion.

- Three Springs Day Use Picnic Area (no reservations required)

To reserve or ask questions about either of these options contact the Park Office.

Weddings in the park: You will need to let the Park Office know if, when and the location when you are holding a wedding in the park. Depending on the location you may have to fill out a Use Permit and have it signed off by management.

No matter the gathering or event, we ask all our guests to be considerate of park rules and the motto, "Leave it better than you found it." Please don't use confetti, water balloons, fake flower petals, rice or any other material that will not only leave our grounds littered but could also kill our natural habitat.

Events inside the Lodge, consider:

- Cronkhite Ranch Meeting Room

- Roman Nose Hall Meeting Room

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