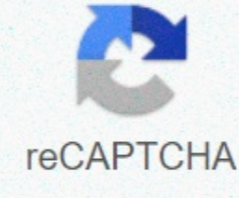




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Gales creek campground

COVID-19 Closure Update (08.01.2020) The Oregon Department of Forestry maintains campgrounds in Clatsop, Santiam, and Tillamook State Forests. Most campsites are currently closed for the season and will not reopen for individual or group use due to COVID-19. The campsites listed as OPEN below are the only ones that will be open for camping in tillamook State Forest for the remainder of the 2020 camping season. Trails, forest roads and trailheads on state woodlands will remain for the public. Facilities and campsites Each campsite has basic facilities such as parking spaces, hand pumping water, vault toilets and information kiosks. The semi-primitive campsites have a picnic table, a campfire and a place where you can pitch your tent. When you arrive at your campsite of choice, please check in and pay your fee at the kiosk and read the submitted information to update yourself on any rules and regulations that have changed since your last visit. When you depart, please leave the campsite the way you wish to find it. Please note that the camping fee of \$20 or \$15 includes up to two vehicles. Extra vehicles are \$5 per night, and the number of additional vehicles allowed in a site may be limited. Group Site Reservations Reservations are taken January to March for group locations at Jones Creek, Browns Camp and Nehalem Falls Campgrounds. Group site reservations for the 2019 camping season are now closed. Traditional campsites These campsites include opportunities for both car camping and walk-in tent camping. Drive-in Sites are \$20 per night Walk-In Sites are \$15 per night Group Locations are \$50 per night Gales Creek Campground Closed for the rest of 2020 Jones Creek Campground Closed for the rest of the 2020 Nehalem Falls Campsite Closed for the rest of the 2020 Walk-In Tent Campsites Walk-in campsites have small campgrounds located around central parking lots. Walk-in Elk Creek Campground Open effective 09.18.2020. Keenig Creek Campsite Open effective 09.18.2020. (Please note: The Oregon Department of Forestry reserves the right to close year-round facilities to perform maintenance, due to bad weather, vandalism or improper use of the facilities.) OHV Campsites OHV Campsites are set up with generously sized camping options and a central staging area for day use activities. Drive-in Sites are \$20 per night Diamond Mill is \$5 per night per vehicle Diamond Mill OHV Campsite & Staging Area Closed for the rest of 2020 Jordan Creek OHV Campsite & Staging Area Closed due to fire danger effective 09.09.2020 Browns Camp OHV Campsite & Staging area Closed for the rest of 2020 Riding camp stations Both Reehers Camp and Stagecoach have campsites for traditional car campers points with corrals designated for use by campers with horses. All places are \$20 20 Night. Picnic shelters at Stagecoach and Reehers Camp are open to use first come, first served and are not booked. Please note, state forests require weed seeds free certified feed to be used by visitors with livestock. Stagecoach Horse Camp Open effective 09.18.2020. Reehers Camp Closed for the rest of the 2020 Gales Creek Campground located just off Wilson River Highway (Hwy 6), 20 miles west of Forest Grove, Oregon. It is a rustic place located along Gales Creek, in a young forest of Douglas fir, age and maple trees. The campsite is a popular family destination during the summer months. Camping Types: RV Camping, Tent Camping Geography: Mountains, Waterfront (Creek) Features: Camp Host Drinking Water Fire Gruber Garbage Service Pets Allowed Picnic Tables Vault Toilets Activities: Fishing (Aircraft) Fishing (Lure) Hiking Fitting Cycling Access: Drive in, Walk in Availability: May 21 - September 27 Our goal is to help every child grow toward living an active, independent life. In addition to having a traditional summer camp experience filled with friendships and antics-running, swimming, hiking, field games, art, drama, campfires, and all summer fun-Gales Creek Campers begin to learn some of the self-care habits that will help them grow into healthy adults. They can learn how to test themselves and give injections, and how food and exercise are linked to insulin. They can learn how sports, illness and stress interact with diabetes. Ultimately, we want them to have the confidence to start managing their own bodies. Employees, many who have diabetes themselves, model healthy habits and show that children with diabetes are not limited by their diagnosis. Perhaps most importantly, Gales Creek Campers learn that diabetes does not prevent them from living active, fulfilling lives. Just off Highway 6 (between Portland and Tillamook) are a number of lovely campsites in the Tillamook State Forest. Gales Creek is the first one you'll find on your way coming from Portland, and it's one of my favorites. The places are surrounded by trees and if you are lucky, you can grab one next to the sweet river than run through the camp. Enough fun things to do like hiking or playing with the water pump. The bathrooms are nothing fancy and there are no showers, but the price is also right (\$15). The main issue is that all places are first come, first served and there are not too many places, so hard to get anything on a nice weekend or a holiday. But if you can grab a spot, you're in for a nice time. Free CORONAVIRUS • recreation • forestry While some parks have begun to open for day use activities in the state, the Oregon Department of Forestry further restricts activities in forests in their jurisdiction, temporarily halting scattered camping in forests, effective Monday, 11 September 2020. By Chas Hundley - Gales Creek Journal May 10, 2020 at 6:00 AM The Gales Creek Overlook in the Tillamook State Forest. File photo: Chas Hundley//Gales Creek JournalCoronavirus resources: CDC on coronavirus, Oregon Health Authority resources, Washington County resources, Oregonian reporting on coronavirus, OPB glossary coronavirus terms, NYTimes free reporting on coronavirus. OREGON - While some parks have begun opening for day use activities in the state, the Oregon Department of Forestry is further limiting activities in the forests of their jurisdiction, temporarily halting scattered camping in the state's forests, effective Monday, May 11. In a press release issued on Friday, May 8, the agency said, that the new restrictions come at a time when ODF does not have the capacity to keep scattered camping areas clean. We have striven to continue to provide as much access to Oregon's state forests as possible while ensuring everyone's safety, including our staff, State Forester Peter Daugherty said. Unfortunately, the current situation is dangerous for the public and our employees. We appreciate the public's understanding and look forward to reopening these areas as soon as we can confidently do so. Campgrounds managed by the Oregon Department of Forestry have been closed since March 23. [We rely on subscribers to keep our newspaper open at Gales Creek Journal. Support us with a digital subscription: Click here to start]Scattered camping areas are generally unimproved rustic places, and can be as simple as finding a clear place to pitch a tent in the forest. Typically, there are no toilets, waste disposal, and campers are expected to pack everything in and everything out. But according to odf, it's not happening. Problems with waste and human waste accumulation in these areas have become insurmountable and dangerous to the public and ODF employees, the agency said. The closure is expected to last several weeks while the agency brings additional resources to clean up, and there is no set date when scattered camping will be allowed again. While camping is now closed in all forms in state forests, hiking trails and forest roads remain open in the state's forests, including in the Tillamook State Forest. According to ODF, there are several items visitors should know when using state forests for daily use:-- There are no toilets or waste disposal sites available. Leave no trace on the landscape, which includes packing out all the garbage.-- Human waste must be buried at least 6 inches underground and away from trails, parking lots, bodies of water and other areas where people commonly congregate. - Physical distancing still applies in the open air. Plan to maintain a six-foot distance from people outside your party and you are encouraged to wear a cloth when you interact with others. Plan to restore elsewhere if social distancing is not possible due to crowding.-- Due to toilet closures, you are also strongly encouraged to bring personal hygiene supplies with you, such as hand sanitizer or soap and water. Gales Creek campsite is located about 40 minutes west of Portland off highway 6 in Tillamook Forest and is located right next door, you guessed it, Gales Creek. The main appeal of this campsite is its extremely close to Portland and excellent surroundings next to Gales Creek. Many of the places in this campsite are creek side, but there are also many that are within a loop and require a very short walk to the creek. Gales Creek does not take reservations at this time and is a first come, first served campsite. There's plenty to do around Gales Creek and it's just down the road from Brown's Camp and Roger's Camp - two very popular Off Highway Vehicle destinations. There are also excellent hiking and mountain biking in the area, making Gales Creek a top choice for a quick getaway from Portland. Be sure to get there early though as this popular campsite fills up quickly, especially on the warmer weekends of the year. Years.