

CAMPING

Here are some ideas for camping. Hopefully this will give you some ideas and advance notice if you need to plan time off for a trip. Some popular areas may require making advanced reservations in the fall/winter, such as coastal campgrounds. If you are interested in some of the coastal camping experiences that are further away (9-10+ hour drives) I suggest a plan that includes overnight stops in each direction. For instance, you can plan a few days at a horse camp in southwest Oregon such as: Cultus, Quinn Meadow or Whitefish Horse camp. (all about a 7-hour drive). This would entail an extended trip to make all the driving worth it. If you want to go but don't have a camping rig, a few members are sometimes willing to share their trailer/camper facilities for sharing the costs, if personalities are amenable to that much time together.

IDAHO:

City of Rocks, south of Burley. 4-hours drive. No gravel roads, water and shore power at each site: (5 sites). Idaho State Campground: Fees \$27/night. Usual fees and discounts apply. RESERVABLE Best time of year is late September to view changing Aspens and avoid the high heat of summer. Technical rating: low to medium

Farragut State Park, near Athol, Idaho. 7.5-hour drive from Boise. Idaho state Park. Fees: \$25/night. RESERVABLE Large multi-use park. 6 Equestrian campsites. Lots of amenities and activities with lake access. Best time of year?? probably anytime in the summer. Technical rating: low

Grandjean, on the west side of the Sawtooth's. Off Hwy 21 between Lohman and Stanley. 3/5-hour drive. National Park. Fees: \$14/ night. NO RESERVATIONS. Stupendous views, but trail clearance is unreliable. Need to call forest service before going. Best time of year: late August when trails are more likely cleared and weather starts to cool off at elevation. Technical rating: medium to high.

Petit Lake: near Stanley, east side of the Sawtooth's. 3.5-hours from Boise. Access to Sawtooth and White Mountain trails. Primitive Camping. No designated sites: NON-RESERVABLE. Need to trailer to trailheads except a few from the camping area. Technical Rating: medium to high. Best time of year: after Labor Day when the crowds thin out.

Silver Creek: Near Silver Creek Plunge north of Crouch, Idaho. 3-hour drive. Primitive Camping. No corrals. NON-RESERVABLE Fees: Not sure, probably around \$10-\$12/ night. Technical rating: medium to high.

Teton Canyon Campground: Near Driggs, Idaho, Grand Teton area. 5.5- hour drive. This is a national forest campground. NON-RESERVABLE Fees: \$12/ single and \$24/ double/ night. 2 Corrals and several hitching posts. Best time of year. Probably late summer due to high elevation.

Bruneau Sand Dunes: Near Mountain Home, Idaho. 3-hour drive. State Park. Corrals, and water for horses. RESERVABLE? Best time of year: late spring or early fall to avoid the heat. Technical rating: easy

Grouse Campground: next to Goose Lake, on wide maintained gravel rd., 5 miles from Brundage Ski area in McCall. 3-hour drive. National Campground. Fees \$10-\$15 /night (single or double). RESERVABLE. No corrals, need to bring your own panels or high-line. Pumped water nearby. Minimal marked trails, but oodles of cow trails to explore. Beautiful area. Extravaganza of mountain flowers in July. Shallow calm lake suitable for fishing, swimming,

accessible to horses. Best time of year. Mid to late summer due to high elevation. Technical rating: medium

Big Smokey Campground: North of Fairfield, Idaho. Last 18 miles on wide, maintained gravel road. National Park. NON-RESERVABLE. Self-service. Vault toilets. 5 corrals, first come. All in a row, not next to individual campsites. Or you can set up high-lines/panels. Adjacent to a small river. Technical rating: Medium to high.

OREGON:

Bandon Dunes, Bullard State Park: On the coast near Bandon, Oregon. 10- hour drive. Oregon State Park. RESERVABLE. Fees: \$19 per night. Designated horse sites with water and corrals. Lots of things to do. Best time of year. Summer. (can escape Idaho heat in late July-August.

Nehalem Bay State Campground: On the coast near Manzanita, OR. 9.5-hour drive. Large multi-use campground with 18 generous horse sites with access to the beach and inland peninsula. Corrals and water for stock. Nearby free hot showers in main camp. RESERVABLE. Fees: \$21/night. 2 Corrals per site. Shared water per 2-3 sites. Best time of year. Summer. (can escape Idaho heat in late July-August. Technical rating: low to medium. Introduce your horse to the ocean.

Quinn Meadow: Southwest of Bend, Oregon, on the back side of Mt. Bachelor. National Park. 7-hour drive. Excellent camp for those with horses only. RESERVABLE. Sites have 2 or 4 corrals per site, with share water per 1-3 sites. Very popular area for equestrians. I've not been there, but assume technical trail rating medium +/-.

Cultus Horse Campground: Southwest of Bend, Oregon. 6.5-hour drive. National Campground. RESERVABLE. Fees: \$14 for single, \$18 for double. Corrals and water. Discounts do not apply to double. This area looks to have a lot of trail options from camp, with a few more only a short trailer ride away. Best time of year: Late June -October. Technical rating: low-medium-high. "Its all about the lakes here".

Whitefish Horse Campground: South west of Bend, Oregon. Near Crescent, OR. 7-hour drive. RESERVABLE. Fees: \$18 per night, more for double. No discounts on doubles. Several club members went here this past August. AWESOME! Technical rating: medium.

Cape Blanco State Park: 10.5-hour drive. Large State Park Campground. RESERVABLE Coastal camping with access to meadow and forest trails. Multiple local activities and site seeing. 8 horse camp sites with corrals and water, with 3 pull throughs. Fees: \$17/night.

WASHINGTON:

Mt. Adams: This National Forest Campground, near Trout Lake, Washington is a 6+-hour drive from Boise. It is located at the base of Mt. Adams. NON- RESERVABLE. 11 single sites with high-lines or open meadow overflow where you'll need your own panels or tie to a trailer. Technical rating: low – high.

CALIFORNIA

Orick Rodeo Fairgrounds: 11-hour drive. This is Fairground camping at the Orick Rodeo Grounds NOT a designated campground. Amenities are limited. Probable horse accommodations will probably be only a stall or small pen. You'll probably also not be able to park right next to your horse's accommodation. Fees will be minimal. Parking sites might include shore power and maybe water. There may or may not be access to showers. But it will

be “in town” so you’ll have access to whatever is offered there. Nearby access to Redwoods riding and possibly the beach.

Crescent City Fairgrounds: 10-hour drive per google maps. This is Fairground camping, NOT a designated campground. Amenities are limited. Probable horse accommodations will probably be only a stall or small pen. You’ll probably also not be able to park right next to your horse’s accommodation. Fees will be minimal. Parking sites might include shore power and maybe water. There may or may not be access to showers. But it will be “in town” so you’ll have access to whatever is offered there. Nearby access to beach riding and 15- mile trailer ride to Redwood forest trailheads.