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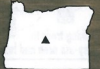
Nature HISTORY Discovery



CAMPGROUND

The Cove Palisades State Park

Off US 97, 15 miles SW of Madras
7300 Jordan Road, Culver, OR 97734
541-546-3412



Latitude: 44.54648 N
Longitude: -121.250542 W

Reserve early! Reserve campsites and cabins two days to nine months in advance by calling Reservations Northwest (1-800-452-5687) or visiting www.oregonstateparks.org.

Need to cancel your reservation? Follow these guidelines: If your reservation is for today or tomorrow, call 541-546-3412. Otherwise, call Reservations Northwest at 1-800-452-5687.

Park Information:
1-800-551-6949
www.oregonstateparks.org

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The Cove Palisades State Park offers two campgrounds and opportunities for year-round recreation amidst a scenic high desert canyon reservoir in central Oregon.

Crooked River Campground (Open all year)

- 88 electrical sites with water
- RV dump station
- Paved parking, picnic table, and fire ring at all sites
- Flush toilets and hot showers
- Firewood for sale
- Outdoor amphitheater
- Fenced, off-leash pet exercise area

Deschutes Campground

- (Open mid-May to mid-September)
- 85 full-hookup sites with sewer, electricity, and water (13 pull-through)
 - 91 tent sites with water nearby
 - Paved parking, picnic table, and fire ring at all sites
 - Three group tent camping areas (one RV per area, no hookups)
 - Flush toilets and hot showers
 - Firewood for sale
 - Camp store
 - 21 reservable boat moorages
 - Fish cleaning station
 - Outdoor amphitheater
 - Fenced, off-leash pet exercise area

Universal Access

Campsites A25, B17, E14, E39, E44, and E70 are accessible to campers with disabilities.

Camping Rates

Rates are subject to change. You can get up-to-date information by calling 1-800-551-6949 or visiting www.oregonstateparks.org.

Discovery Season

From October 1-April 30, you can rent RV and tent sites for less. At most state parks, including The Cove Palisades, you can save at least \$4 on summer rates. Deluxe cabins also rent for less than in the summer.

Enjoy Year-Round Cabin Comforts

The Cove has three deluxe cabins available to rent. The three-room cabins sleep five and feature bathrooms, showers, and beds with vinyl-covered mattresses. They also have microwaves, gas barbecues, and refrigerators as well as covered porches that overlook the lake. The parking pad length at each cabin is 30 feet. No pets are allowed. Reservations are recommended.

So Much To Do...

Fishing: Lake Billy Chinook is home to kokanee salmon, small and large mouth bass, and a number of trout species, especially bull trout. The Crooked River and Deschutes River are open year-round.

Boating: The marina has boat moorage as well as boats and houseboats for rent. It also has a store and a restaurant.

Hiking: The park offers 10 miles of trails, from short connecting trails to the seven-mile Tam-a-lau Trail. (NOTE: Please stay on established trails. Rattlesnakes inhabit the area; be alert.)

Day-Use Amenities

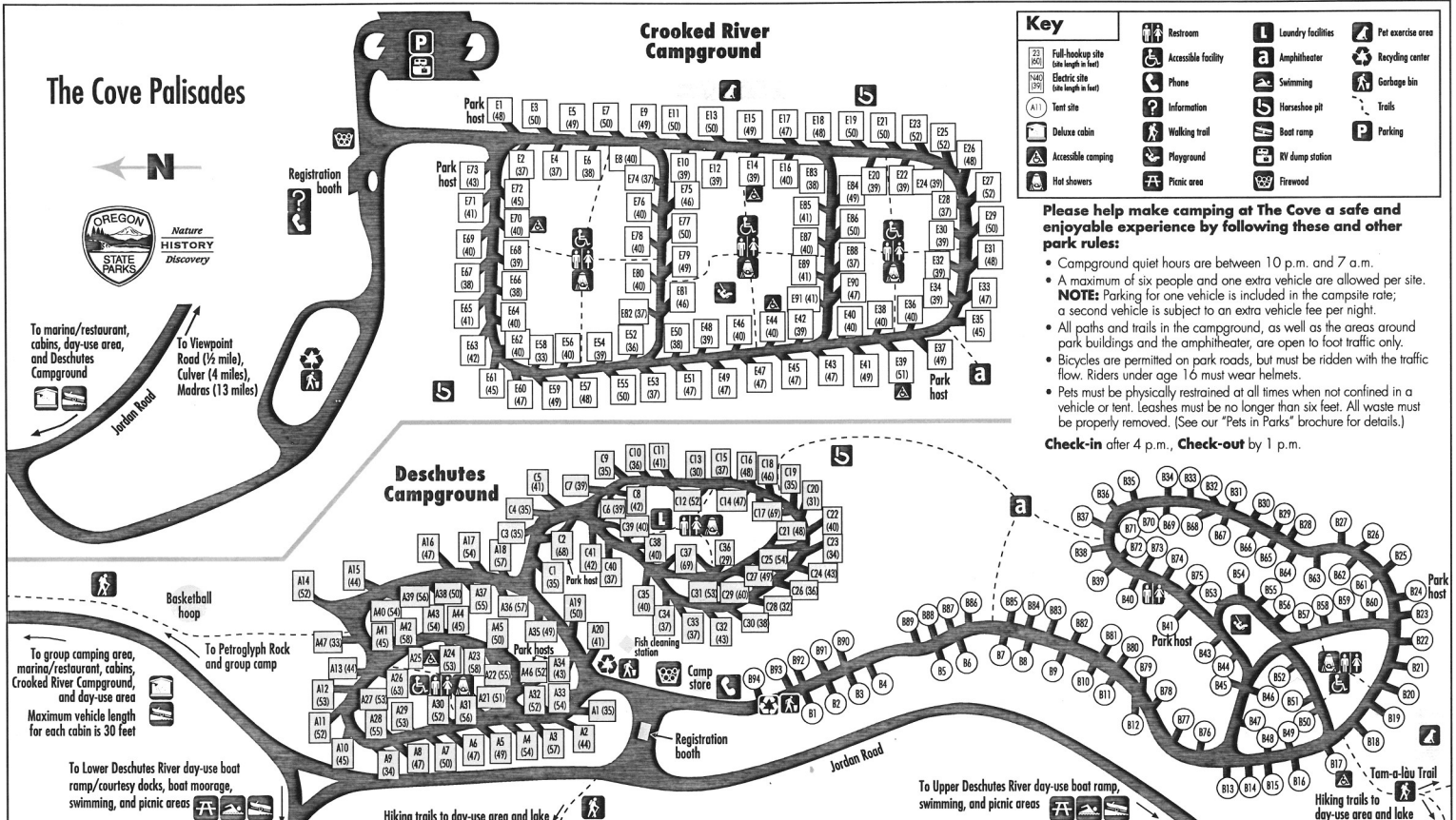
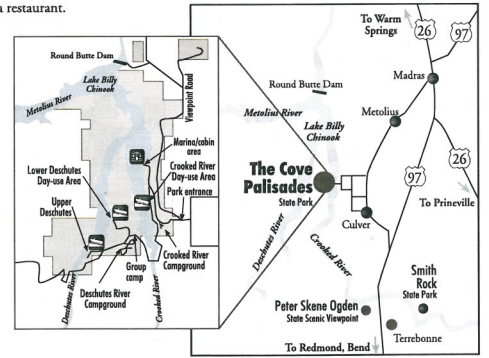
The Cove Palisades has three day-use areas, one on the Crooked River arm of the reservoir and two on the Deschutes River. Each has a boat ramp, courtesy dock, sandy beaches, picnic sites, and a restroom. Day-use parking permits are required. Your camping receipt serves as a daily permit for each of the days you are registered. You can purchase a daily permit from a nearby day-use ticket dispenser. 12- and 24-month day-use permits are sold by merchants near the park and at major state park offices.

Shaped by Fire and Water

Geologists say that 10-12 million years ago, alternating layers of stream sediments, volcanic debris, and basaltic lava flows from the Cascade Range were deposited into a huge basin in this area. Named "The Deschutes Formation," these exposed layers of material were capped by the Cascade volcanoes three million years ago. This cap, known as "The Rimrock Basalt," is easily seen throughout the park high atop the cliffs. Subsequent periods of water erosion and volcanic activity have formed the dramatic canyons and vertical cliffs seen today.

Named "The Cove" by the original homesteader, the word "Palisades" refers to the tall column-like formations in the basalt rimrocks. Lake Billy Chinook was formed by the construction of Round Butte Dam in 1964 and named for a Wasco tribesman who guided explorer John C. Fremont through the area in 1843.

Ancient area inhabitants carved mysterious symbols into a massive boulder called the "Crooked River Petroglyph." It lies near the group camp below a formation called Ship Rock.



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