Bates

Groups can reserve the Bates group picnic shelter by calling the park at 541-448-2585.

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

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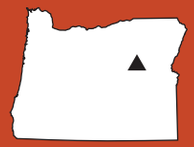
Bates State Park

Middle Fork Lane off Highway 7,
one mile north of its intersection with
U.S. 26 at Austin Junction.
541-448-2585



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Longitude: 118.509841 W

Tucked into the far end of a mountain valley, Bates State Park is bordered by the Middle Fork of the John Day River, Bridge Creek and Clear Creek. The park's first-come, first-served primitive sites are a tranquil refuge apart from the crowds. The hiker/biker camp provides a perfect rest stop for long-distance cyclers or hikers looking to explore nearby Wilderness Areas and fire lookouts.

Seasonal camping

(Open May 1–Oct. 31, depending on weather and snow depth)

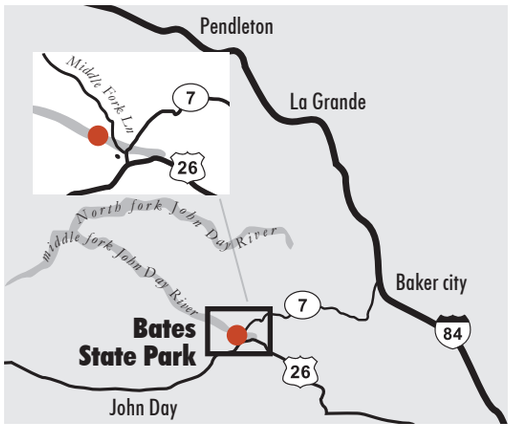
- First-come, first-served
- 28 primitive sites for tents or self-contained RVs
- 3 ADA Accessible campsites
- Parking, picnic table and fire ring at all sites
- Vault toilets
- Potable water

Hiker/Biker Camp

- First-come, first-served
- 6 sites, each with picnic table and fire ring
- Potable water
- Electric plug-in
- Vault toilets in main campground

Reservable day-use area

- Includes picnic shelter
- Vault toilet
- For current rates and availability, call the park at 541-448-2585. All rates are subject to change.



Explore the region by bike or boot

Bates is an ideal base camp for the outdoor enthusiast. The campground sits between three nearby Wilderness Areas: **Strawberry Mountain** and **Monument Rock** to the south and **North Fork John Day** to the north. Hikers can climb to spectacular views atop **Indian Rock** and **Vinegar Hill**, which together make up the summit of the Greenhorn Range of the Blue Mountains. Or, view the landmarks from afar along the more than 3 miles of trails that wind through Bates State Park's 131 acres.

Bates campground also is convenient to the **Old West Scenic Bikeway**, a 174-mile loop that passes through open sky, rural towns and landmarks such as John Day Fossil Beds National Monument. The park is also on route for cross-country cyclists touring the **TransAmerica Trail**, which runs along Oregon Highway 7, just a few tire spins away from the park.

Salmon Habitat

The Middle Fork of the John Day River and its tributaries are home to Chinook salmon, steelhead, trout and other native fish. Park staff is in the early stages of a restoration project that would improve access to 14 miles of ideal habitat.

History of Bates

Bates was once a company town supporting a lumber mill. The mill thrived from 1917 through the 1960s. During the mill's peak production, up to 400 workers and their families lived in company-provided homes. But technology and the times caught up with the mill, and it was replaced in 1975 by a modern sawmill in John Day. The families left; the buildings were either moved or torn down. All that remains of Bates today are the mill pond, a lilac bush that once graced a home and two spruce trees planted around 1952.

Smoking in Oregon State Parks is allowed only in personal vehicles, RVs, campsites and portions of day use parks along state highways that are designated as safety rest areas by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

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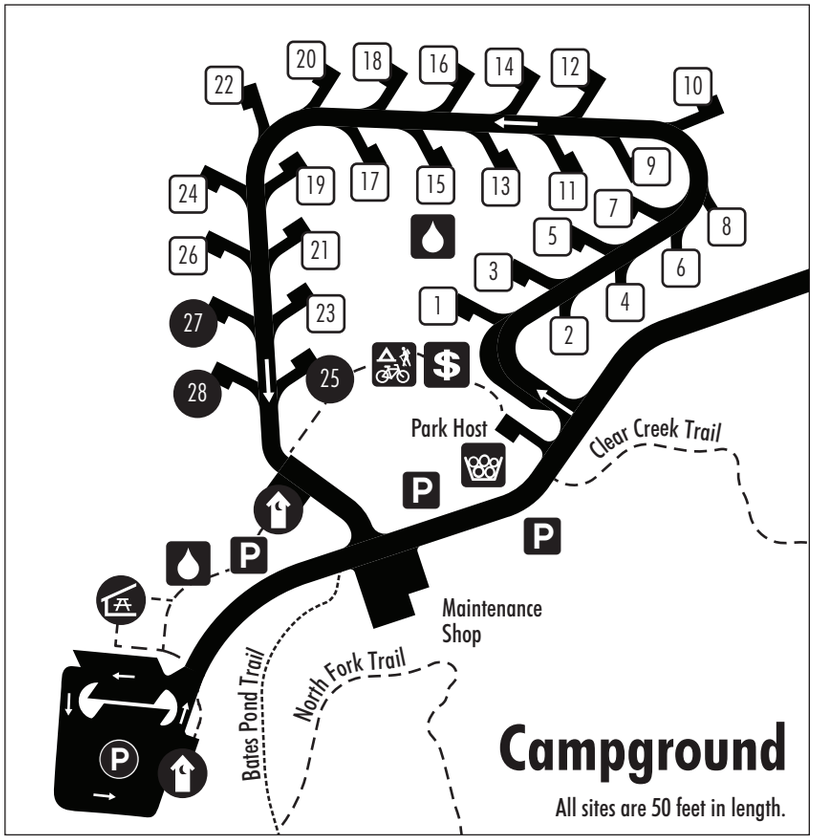
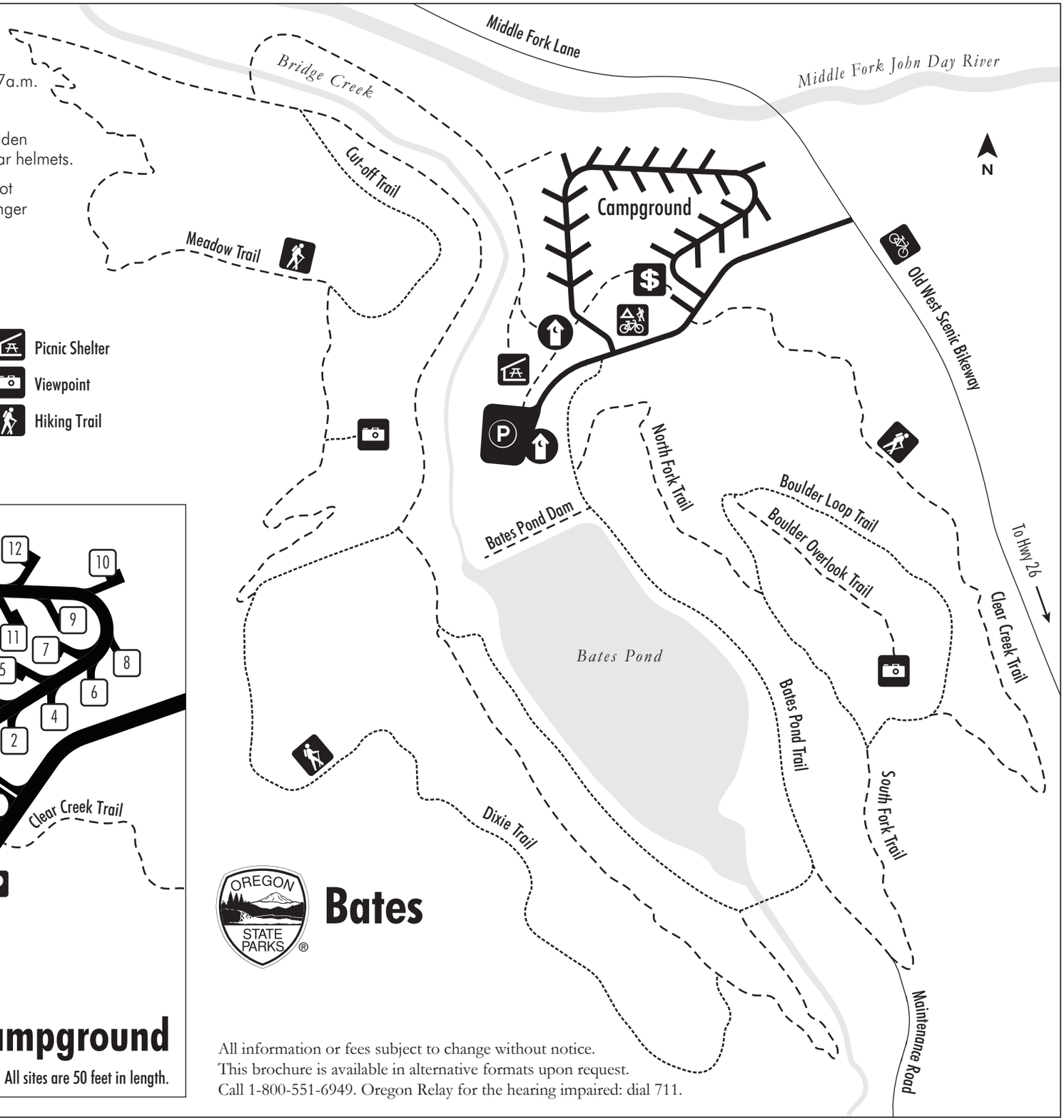
- Campground quiet hours are between 10 p.m. and 7a.m.
- Vehicles must be parked on pavement.
- Bicycles are permitted on park roads, but must be ridden with the traffic flow. Riders younger than 16 must wear helmets.
- Pets must be physically restrained at all times when not confined in a vehicle or tent. Leashes must be no longer than six feet. All waste must be properly removed. (See our "Pets in Parks" brochure for details.)

Check-in after 4 p.m., **Check-out** by 1 p.m.

- Accesible Facility
- 12 Campsite
- Hiker/Biker Camp
- Non-flush Toilet
- Pay Station
- Potable Water
- Parking
- Firewood
- Picnic Shelter
- Viewpoint
- Hiking Trail





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