

State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

AUBURN STATE RECREATION AREA

2015 River Camping Permit Information

Auburn State Recreation Area occupies federal lands under the authority of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The California Department of Parks and Recreation is under contract to manage these lands as a classified unit of the State Park System.

Camping in other than the designated developed camping areas at Mineral Bar Campground, Ruck-a-Chucky Campground and Lake Clementine Boat-in Campground will be permitted on Auburn State Recreation Area lands under the conditions of this permit. The conditions of this permit will help to insure the protection and preservation of the various resources found in the park as well as creating opportunities for high quality outdoor recreation.

This permit, when officially approved, will serve as authorization to camp on lands administered by the State Parks at Auburn SRA up to 3 consecutive nights at different locations and up to 15 nights per calendar year.

GENERAL PERMIT CONDITIONS

The permittee shall abide by all rules and regulations of the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

A campsite must be vacated by 12 noon on the day registered for each site. Occupants shall vacate the campsite by removing their personal property, trash and human waste. No impact camping is a must. _____
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The permittee shall be responsible for the restoration and/or repair of any and all damage to State Park System resources, facilities, or property caused by the permittee's activities. The District Superintendent or his/her designee, shall be the sole judge of the extent of such damage and the adequacy of any repairs of restoration.

The District Superintendent or designee may terminate any permittee's activities when it is necessary for the safety and enjoyment of the public, for the protection of the resources, for the violation of any rules and regulations of the State Park System, or for failure to maintain necessary licenses and/or permits of other local, state or federal agencies.

APPROVED CAMPING AREAS

Camper(s) will abide by staying only in the authorized designated areas listed below (see attached map):

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North Fork American River

1. From 2000 feet downstream of the Iowa Hill Bridge (located near Mineral Bar Campground) to 1000 feet above Yankee Jim Bridge.
2. From 2000 feet downstream of Ponderosa Bridge to 1 mile downstream of Codfish Creek.
3. Campsites must be located within the flood plain/scour zone of the North Fork American River.

Middle Fork American River

1. From Josephine Canyon/Volcano Creek located approximately 3 ½ miles downstream of Oxbow Powerhouse/Ralston Lake to Big Snyder Gulch located ½ mile upstream of Canyon Creek.
2. From 2000 feet downstream of Ruck-A-Chucky Campground at Gas Canyon to Browns Bar located ½ mile upstream of Mammoth Bar.
3. Campsites must be located within the flood plain/scour zone of the Middle Fork American River.

Caution: Some of these areas also include private property – know and respect those properties before you go!

WASTE and TRASH

All food waste and rubbish shall be contained within durable waterproof containers designed for that purpose. All garbage shall be hauled out to an approved landfill site, your personal home garbage, or a trash receptacle at a State Park maintained site.

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SANITATION

Permittee **must** provide and set up at camp a durable, waterproof and sealable toilet that is large enough to accommodate the amount of human waste generated by the number of people camping. The toilets must meet the following requirements noted below:

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- Easy to clean or remove for dumping without spills (such as sealed plastic or metal containers designed for this purpose).
- Dumped at a facility approved by the local Health Department or pumped by a licensed company.
- Waste may **not** be dumped in any Auburn SRA park toilet facility.
- Spills must be cleaned up immediately and the area disinfected.

FIRES

The threat of fire is of great concern in the canyons of Auburn SRA. A **Campfire Permit** and/or **Camp Stove Permit** must be obtained and approved from this office prior to the beginning of a trip. Fires approved in the camp locations covered in this permit, must meet the following requirements noted below:

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- A **campfire** is defined as any burning of materials (e.g. wood, paper, charcoal, etc.) with open flame. Use of a liquid fuel or gas stove (propane/white-gas/butane/alcohol) is not defined as a campfire.
- The maximum size of a campfire is 2 foot in diameter.
- Campfires **must** be contained in a fireproof metal fire pan or approved fire blanket.
- Campfires and stoves may only be located in a cleared area and campers must clear all flammable material away from the campfire and/or stove locations for a minimum of 10 feet.
- Cutting of standing dead wood or live trees is prohibited.

- All campfires and stoves must be located within 50 feet of the river and within the high water flood plain/scour zone. (This requirement does not apply to the developed campsites at Ruck-a-Chucky Campground, Mineral Bar Campground and Lake Clementine Boat-in Campground).
- Campers must have a shovel available at all times at the campfire and/or stove site.
- Campfires and stoves shall not be located under any overhanging branches closer than 15 feet above the fire site.
- Campers must have a readily available container - minimum of one gallon size – full of water in order to extinguish the fire immediately.
- All fires must be completely extinguished with water before leaving.
- All coals (dead cold) must be removed from the site in a sealable metal fireproof container.
- An adult must be in attendance at all times.
- Burning may be suspended upon request of a Park Ranger or State Forestry Peace Officer.
- This permit is not valid in areas posted “No Campfires” or “No Camping”.
- A **Campfire Permit** may be obtained through this office. No campfires are permitted between July 1 and October 15. Closures for addition periods of time are possible dependent upon high fire danger.
- A **Camp Stove Permit** may be obtained through this office. Closures for certain periods of time are possible dependent upon high fire danger.
- During periods of extreme fire hazards, no person shall smoke, have open flames or build fires.

FEES and DOCUMENTATION:

I agree to the below fees and documentation requirements:

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- Camping fees shall be \$5.00 per person, per night, payable at the issuance of this permit.
- Vehicles parked in designated fee areas will be charged \$10.00 per calendar date.
- Proper documentation of permit authorization (e.g. date specific individual parking tag) from Auburn SRA must be placed on the driver's side dash or driver's side windshield as instructed and must be easily read from outside the vehicle when inspected by park staff.
- A copy of this completed and approved permit must be carried and readily available by the trip leader during the duration of the trip for inspection by authorized personnel.

PARK CONTACT INFORMATION:

Auburn State Recreation Area
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Auburn, CA 95603

Normal Business Days and Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Phone: 530-823-4141 or 530-885-4527

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E-Mail: ASRA@parks.ca.gov

For Emergenices call “9-1-1” or California State Park Dispatch at 916-358-1300.

I have read all the above conditions of the River Camp Permit and agree to all the terms of the permit.

(Signature of Permit Applicant)

(Date Signed)