

Waiting Lists

Albeni Falls Dam campsites are categorized as reservable and non-reservable. Reservable campsites can be reserved through the National Recreation Reservation Service reservation system. When a reservable site is not reserved, the site is available to campers who do not have reservations. Campers occupying these sites must vacate the site when a reservation arrives. Non-reservable sites cannot be reserved and are available to those who do not have reservations.

During the spring and late summer campsite availability generally meets the demand. During the peak season (and on major holidays), there are extended periods when campsite demand far exceeds the supply of available sites. During these periods there are campers who cannot be accommodated because there are simply not enough campsites to meet the demand. Waiting lists are then implemented as a tool to manage the demand.

When waiting lists are in effect, notice is provided in a variety of ways including:

- Highway notification signs and entrance gate signs are set in the "Campground Full, Day Use Only" positions.
- "Waiting Lists are in Effect. Sites Assigned by Park Attendant Only" signs are hung on fee signs in the campground.
- Laminated "Site Assigned by Park Attendant Only" cards are clipped to the campsite posts of sites that are to be vacated that day.
- Signs are posted at the gate houses indicating waiting lists are in effect.
- A recorded phone message (208-437-5517) informing callers of the campsite status is available. Callers will hear a recorded message that identifies the availability of sites. The message is updated at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. daily during the recreation season, and identifies if a waiting list is in effect. The recording gives a snapshot of the status at the time the data was collected. Circumstances may change during the day that could make the information inaccurate. The exact number of sites is not given, nor is the number of people waiting for a site because the numbers are constantly changing up to the 2 p.m. check-out time.
- Handouts are available at the gate houses that describe the waiting list procedures.
- Park attendants and park rangers identify verbally if a waiting list is in effect, and will answer questions concerning the procedures. Attendants and rangers can also provide information on other area campgrounds and their status.
- Park Rangers can be reached by calling the Visitor Center at 208-437-4617 and can provide more accurate information.

Sign Up

Waiting lists are implemented when the demand for campsites exceeds campsite availability. The waiting list ensures that sites are assigned in a fair and reasonable manner. When a waiting list is in effect campers may have their names placed on the list any time the Park Office is open or when the park attendant is able to work with the waiting list.

It is the camper's responsibility to inform the park attendants that they wish to be on the waiting list. Campers must ask to be put on the list in person and cannot request that others be put on the list.

Preference

Campers will have preference in the following order:

1. Reservation problems. (If problems with the reservation system arise, sites may be assigned by Park Rangers.)
2. A camper registered in the campground on a reservable site that has a reservation coming in.
3. Campers registered in the campground on non-reservable sites but want to move.
4. Campers that are not registered in the campground or who are registered on a reservable site but want to move. Campers must have their camping equipment with them and be ready to camp. The exceptions to not being ready to camp are campers at other Albeni Falls campgrounds wishing to change campgrounds.

Site Assignment

Available sites will be assigned by the park attendant at the Park Office at designated times. To be assigned a site, campers must be in the campground with their camping equipment and be ready to camp. (See #4 for the exception). If campers are not ready to camp, their site will be assigned to someone else.

Sites will be assigned according to the preference system listed above.

If campers do not accept the site assigned, their name will be moved to the bottom of the list.

If a camper's name is on the list but the camper is not present at the designated time, the camper will be dropped from the list.

When assigned a site, campers must set up their camping equipment immediately on that site. If registered in another Corps of Engineers campground on the Albeni Falls Project, campers will have two hours to break camp and move to the site assigned.