



JACKSON DEMONSTRATION STATE FOREST



2025 Camping Info

Seasonal camping on the Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF) is one of the most popular recreational activities on the forest. There are 4 main campgrounds on the forest: **Camp One, Big River, Dunlap, and Horse Camp**, with each campground containing multiple campsites. The campgrounds are generally open between Memorial Day and the end of September, weather dependent. Each campsite is available on a first- come, first-served basis and can accommodate a maximum of 8 people.

The use of a campsite requires the camper to self-register and payment of a camping fee. **Campsites are primitive and have no potable water**, but most offer a picnic table and campfire ring. Campgrounds include access to an outhouse; there are no other utilities available. Well-behaved pets on a leash no longer than 6 feet are welcome. Pet and animal owners are expected to pick-up after their animals. JDSF offers two major day use areas along Highway 20 between Willits and Fort Bragg at Camp One and Camp 20, with a smaller day use area at Dogwood. Refer to the [JDSF Base Map](#) posted on the website for details.

Campground Areas

- Camp 20 near Chamberlain Creek around mile marker 17 is the hub for three campgrounds with multiple campsites: Dunlap (17 sites); Big River (6 sites) and Horse Camp (8 sites, open to Equestrian Campers Only). “Iron Rangers” (i.e. pay stations) are located at Dunlap and Big River. Camp 20 also includes the Camp 20 and Dogwood day use areas.
- Camp One is accessed at mile marker 5.85 via JDSF Road 350, and also has a day use area that includes the popular “Egg Take Station” and the Iron Ranger. Camp sites associated with Camp One include Redtail (10 sites; 6-10 campsites are open to equestrian campers only), Wagon (5 sites), Roundhouse (3 sites), Tin Can (2 sites), along with single sites Teachers, Trillium, and the popular South Fork 1, 2, 3 and South Bend.
- Tilley Group Camp in Camp One is available to groups of between 10-65 people and is the only campground that can be reserved in advance by contacting the JDSF office at (707) 964-5674. The group camp is available for \$160/night.
- Campsites along Roads 360 and 330 remain closed in 2025.

Campsite Fees and Rules

It is the responsibility for each user to know and follow the rules that apply to JDSF.

- Camping is allowed in designated campground campsites only. No dispersed camping is allowed on JDSF.
- **Campsite fee is \$20/night with a maximum of 8 people. Payment by cash or check only.**
- **Two vehicles are included in the \$20 fee. NO ADDITIONAL VEHICLES ALLOWED. Overflow vehicles must park in day use area. Carpool when possible.**
- There are no discounts on the fees offered; credit cards/electronic payment not accepted. No checks in red ink, please.
- Maximum time allowed at each campsite is 14 days. Campers limited to 30 camping days total per year.
- Campsite checkout is 12 noon.
- Campfires are allowed in designated campfire rings provided that they are attended to at all times and fully extinguished if unattended. Use the “drown, stir and feel” method: drown the fire with water, then stir around the fire area with your shovel to wet any remaining embers and ash.

3 Easy Steps to Self-Register for Campsites

1. Grab a Campsite Registration envelop as you enter the campground and find an unoccupied site that you would like to stay in.
2. Complete the Campsite Registration envelop, place cash or check (payable to CALFIRE) in envelope, seal, and insert into the Iron Ranger.
3. Read the State Forest Rules on the back of the Camping Permit (aka. Campsite Registration envelope detachable stub) and then clip it to the numbered post in front of your campsite. When you have completed your stay, please take the stub off the post so the next camper knows the campsite is available.