

Castroville Regional Park

816 Alsace Street

Castroville, TX 78009



Rules & Regulations

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WELCOME TO OUR PARK

DATES OF OPERATION:

Summer: April 1 – September 30
Winter: October 1 – March 31

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Summer: 5:00 am - 10:00 pm daily
Winter: 6:00 am - 9:00 pm daily

EXCEPTIONS TO ABOVE:

Persons with a valid camping receipt
Special city-approved activities and events

Note: Gates to lower park will be opened to vehicular traffic at approx. 7:30 am and closed at dusk.

In the interest of public safety, it may be necessary to close the entire park, or portions of the park, without notice.

PARK FEES: (See *Exceptions*)

\$5.00 per picnic table. Payment envelopes are available at the Information Center, from Park Ranger, RV Park Host and/or from Park Manager.

There is no fee for recreational use only of this park (playgrounds, sports fields, courts, walking, jogging, fishing, bird watching, etc)

LARGE GROUP FACILITIES & FEES: (*Revised: 2-23-04*)

TO RESERVE, CALL 830-931-4070, M-F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Area # 1 & # 4	(4 tables)	\$40.00 per day
Area # 2	(6 tables)	\$50.00 per day
Area # 3	(8 tables)	\$60.00 per day
Area # 5	(4 tables)	\$40.00 per day
Large Pavilion	(4 tables)	\$90.00 per day
Small Pavilion	(2 tables)	\$60.00 per day

SEE ATTACHED MAP FOR LOCATIONS

Exceptions :

SCHOOL GROUPS and SCOUT TROOPS:

Except during special holidays (see page 2), and/or during Special Events, public or private school groups in the Medina Valley School District, AND Medina County Boy and/or Girl Scout Troops, will be permitted to reserve the above facilities on weekdays without charge, provided they have submitted a Group Facilities Reservation Form in advance, and provided that the Area or Pavilion is not already reserved.

Out-of-district school groups, and out-of-county scout troops will be subject to regular rates and must follow regular reservation procedures.

Note: If Pavilions have not been reserved through City Hall, they are available on a first come-first served, basis at same cost as above. If Group picnic “Areas” have not been reserved through City Hall, the individual tables contained therein become available on a first come-first served basis at the regular rate of \$5.00 each. Use table fee envelopes to pay if Park Manager or Park Ranger is not on site. (Revised 7-19-05)

Note: Park management is permitted to deviate from fee schedule when justified by an emergency or other unusual circumstance. The emergency or circumstance must be documented as to date, time, reason, and initialed.

Note: Reserved areas/pavilions are not guaranteed to be ready prior to 9:00 am, effective 8-26-09

RV PARK: (*Revised-12-2002*) (*Revised 1-2005*) (*Revised 5-17-2005*)(*Revised 10-1-2006*)(*Revised 10-1-09*)

Rvers must register with the RV Park Host.

40 Pull Thru Sites	30/50 amp Full Service Hookups	Dump Station	Bathhouse
Adjacent Playground	Picnic Tables	DSL/Wireless/Internet	Rec. Hall/Laundry
			Security Fencing

Rates: Includes utilities as per council approval October, 2008, to discontinue monthly charge of 10 cents per kwh

Daily:	\$ 25.00	} + 10% discount for seniors and members of recognized RV clubs.(daily only) + \$2/day per person over 5 yrs.old, in excess of 2 people for 30 amp RVs for 50 amp RVs (Approved by council, September 14, 2009)
Weekly:	\$ 150.00	
Monthly:	\$ 250.00	
Monthly:	\$ 275.00	

Note: One-day only discount of 50% is available for current members of Passport America.

For site availability information, call: 830-931-0033, or email: castrovilleregionalpark@castrovilletx.us.

Dump station fee, if not a registered guest, is \$10.00, payable to RV Park Host (Effective date 10-1-05)

Maximum stay in our RV Park is 6 months.

A person must be gone from the park for a minimum of three (3) months after having reached the 6 month limit, before they can register again. (10-27-04)

RV Park Rules (in addition to General Park Rules)

- All RVs must be in good repair with current registration. (8-26-09)
- Maximum stay is two (2) weeks for “pop-ups” or any other type of camper that is not self-contained. Self contained is defined as having full kitchen and bathroom facilities, including holding tanks.(8-26-09)
- “Drop-offs” are not allowed. Tow vehicle must be available. (Amended 9-10-09)
- Speed limit in the RV Park is 5 mph for all vehicles. Bicycles and pedestrians have the right of way.
- Pets must be kept on a leash when outside RV. Please clean up after your pets.
- Children are not allowed in the Rec. Hall without their parents.
- Parents are responsible for the conduct of their children in all areas of the Regional Park and RV Park.
- Quiet time is 10:00 pm to 6:00 am. No loud music or disturbances permitted.
- Grey water discharge on the ground is not permitted
- We have HIGH water pressure. A pressure regulator at the spigot is recommended.
- A rubber sewer gasket or other type seal is required for all sewer hook-ups to prevent escaping odors or liquid.
- Individual clotheslines are not permitted. There is a community clothesline next to the bathhouse.
- It will be each guest’s responsibility to maintain a clean and neat site.
- Extra refrigerators and/or freezers not permitted outside RV. (Host & Rangers exception)
- The Restrooms/Shower are locked. Ask RV Park Host for keypad code.
- The Rec Hall & Laundry Room are locked. Ask the RV Park Host for a key.
- Washing vehicles is not permitted. Check with host re our rig washing policy.
- **Check-out or payment of site fee is due on or before 2:00 pm on the appropriate day of each month. If not paid accordingly, the daily rate will apply until such time as the appropriate (monthly or weekly) fee is paid in full.**
- Fireworks are not permitted.
- Campfires are not permitted
- For Your Information: The TV Channels available through your antenna are:
 - 4-NBC 5-CBS 9-PBS 12-ABC 26-FOXSP 29-FOX
 - 35- WB 42-SPANISH 60-SPANISH 77-SPANISH
- WiFi and DSL available-Check with RV Park Host.

TENT CAMPING: (IN DESIGNATED AREA ONLY) (See Exceptions)

Tent Campers must register with RV Park Host.

Fee: \$10.00 per tent per day.

Maximum length of stay: 14 consecutive days.

Tent campers must be gone from the park for a minimum of one (1) month after having been here fourteen (14) days of any thirty (30) day period, before they can register again. (8-26-09)

TENT CAMPING RULES (in addition to General Park Rules)

- Tent campers will be provided with the keypad code to the RV Restroom/Showers. (*See Exceptions*)
- Vehicles are not permitted in the tent camping area. There is adequate parking outside the area.
- The RV Park Rec Hall and Laundry is off-limits to tent campers without special permission from RV Park Host.
- Speed limit is 5 mph in the RV Park and 10 mph in the rest of the park.
- Pets must be kept on a leash. Please clean up after them
- Parents are responsible for the conduct of their children in all areas of the park.
- Quiet time is 10:00 pm to 6:00 am. No loud music or disturbances permitted.
- It will be each guest's responsibility to maintain a clean and neat site.
- Fireworks are not permitted.
- Campfires, other than in firepits or BarBQ pits are not permitted.
- Check-out time is 2:00 pm

Exceptions to all of the above:

HOLIDAYS

4TH OF JULY DATE(S), MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, LABOR DAY WEEKEND

On these 3 holidays (as per posted date or dates), the following will apply:

- In addition to the regular fees for Areas, Pavilions, and use of individual picnic tables, there will be a park entrance fee of \$5.00 per vehicle, per day.
- People wishing to "just drive thru" will be charged \$5. Their vehicle license number and the time will be recorded. If they return within 12 minutes, their \$5 will be refunded. *Exceptions: City officials, EMS, and current members of the FCRP.*
- This fee, levied only to compensate for the holiday impact, will be collected at the entrance to the park, and/or on site in the park. Vehicle receipts are to be displayed in vehicle window.
- Gate collection hours will be 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, or as determined by the director of Public Works. On site collection hours will be throughout the park and throughout the day.
- Individual tent camping will be permitted throughout the park, on a first come, first served basis, except in areas that have been reserved, or marked as off limits.
- Tent camping fee is \$10.00 per tent, per night (Revised 3-07)
- The perimeters of reserved areas will be marked, and the perimeters of individual picnic tables will also be marked.
- Tent campers in non-reserved areas, not wishing to pay a table fee of \$5.00 in addition to the \$10.00 tent fee, must set up their tents **OUTSIDE** marked table perimeter, and should face the opening of their tent **AWAY** from the closest table. (*This will allow day visitors access to a picnic table, as well as reasonable space and privacy*).
- Tent campers who set up within a marked table perimeter will be assessed the table fee of \$5.00 per table, per day, in addition to the tent camping fee of \$10.00 per tent, per night, including the day of departure. In other words, tent campers not vacating a table site by 9:00 am, will be assessed a \$5.00 fee for that day.
- There will be no overnight camping other than **inside** a tent. (*No one sleeping on tables, on the ground, or otherwise out in the open*)
- In Group Facility areas that have been reserved, tents (@ \$10.00 per tent/per night, in addition to the reservation fee) may be set up as desired within the marked perimeter. Person making the reservation will be responsible for entire group.
- Tents may be set up no earlier than two (2) days prior to the holiday.

- Gates will close at 10:00 pm on the holiday itself, by which time all tents & people must leave the park. (Revised 3-07)
- Tent campers will **not** have access to the RV Park Bathhouse or other RV Park facilities on these holidays. This includes those in the designated tent camping area, as well as tent camping “friends” or “relatives” of registered RV Park guests. Exceptions permitted at the discretion of the RV Park Host.
- Portable toilets will, if determined necessary, be available throughout the park, & cold showers will be available in Park Restroom # 2.
- All other General Park Rules will be in effect.



EASTER WEEKEND ONLY EFFECTIVE 1-1-2010

INDIVIDUAL PICNIC TABLES:

- Beginning on January 1st, our individual picnic tables (**OTHER THAN THOSE IN DESIGNATED PICNIC “AREAS”**) can be reserved in person at City Hall, but for no less than a three (3) day period..
- Cost will be **\$20 per table.** (*\$5/day plus reservation fee of \$5*)
- Full payment necessary at time of reservation.
- Tables not reserved and paid for by 5:00 pm on Easter Thursday, will be available beginning at 8:00 am at the Park Gate on Good Friday morning, at the same 3-day only basis for \$15.
- If, on Saturday, there are any unreserved tables, they will be available, beginning at 8:00 am, on a 2-day only basis for \$10.
- On Sunday, any unreserved tables will be \$5.

City Hall will have a list of tables by number and a map.

This list will be turned over to the Park Ranger at 5:00 pm on Easter Thursday.

PAVILIONS AND PICNIC AREAS:

Beginning on January 1st, 2010, our pavilions and picnic areas can be reserved at City Hall, BUT for a **minimum of three (3) days.**

For any/all reservations, a Group Facility Reservation Request Form must be completed and submitted to City Hall.

Reservation fee, plus a 20% deposit, must be paid at the time reservation is made. The deposit will be refunded if site is left clean.

To make this change more palatable, a 20% discount will be in effect. New fees will be:

- Large Pavilion # 1 @ \$90/day is \$270 less \$54 discount + \$54 deposit = \$270
- Small Pavilion # 2 @ \$60/day is \$180 less \$36 discount + \$36 deposit = \$180
- Area # 1 @ \$40/day is \$120 less \$24 discount + \$24 deposit = \$120
- Area # 2 @ \$50/day is \$150 less \$30 discount + \$30 deposit = \$150
- Area # 3 @ \$60/day is \$180 less \$36 discount + \$36 deposit = \$180
- Area # 4 @ \$40/day is \$120 less \$24 discount + \$24 deposit = \$120
- Area # 5 @ \$40/day is \$120 less \$24 discount + \$24 deposit = \$120

Full payment is necessary at time of reservation.

TENT CAMPING:

Beginning at 8:00 am at the Park Gate on Good Friday, and regardless of the anticipated weather, visitors will be charged as follows:

- If they come in on Good Friday with a tent, they will pay **\$35** for all 3 days.
(*Vehicle-\$15, Tent -\$20*)
- If they come in on Good Friday with a tent, want a table & one is available, they will pay **\$50** for all 3 days.
(*Vehicle-\$15, Tent-\$20, Table-\$15*)
- If they come in on Saturday with a tent, they will pay **\$20** for two days.
(*Vehicle-\$10, Tent-\$10*)
- If they come in on Saturday with a tent, want a table & one is available, they will pay **\$30**.
(*Vehicle-\$10, Tent-\$10, Table-\$10*)

Each additional tent will cost \$10 per tent per night.

Tent camping is not allowed in the Park on Easter Sunday night, except in designated area.

DRIVE-THRU REQUESTS:

On Good Friday and Saturday, people wishing to “just drive thru” will be charged \$5.00.

Their license number and the time will be recorded.

If they return within 12 minutes, their \$5.00 will be refunded.

On Easter Sunday, extra vehicles are a safety hazard, thus there will be no “drive thrus”.

Every vehicle will pay \$5 and there will be no refunds.

People will be given the option of parking their vehicle in the pool parking lot and walking in.

****Exceptions to the above include City of Castroville officials, EMS vehicles, and 09 members of the FCRP.***

Note: Our local park walkers, hikers, bikers, and youth wishing only to play tennis or basketball are never charged.

Exceptions continued:

BOY AND/OR GIRL SCOUT TROOPS:

Except during Special Holidays (see page 2) Medina County Boy and/or Girl Scout Troops will be permitted to tent camp outside the designated area, and without charge, provided they have submitted a Group Facilities Reservation Form in advance and have received approval from City Hall Reservation Staff. Park Manager will contact Troop Leader regarding specific camping site and any other special requests.

Note: Boy and/or Girl Scout Troops from outside Medina County, and wishing to tent camp outside the designated tent camping area, will be considered under “Special Events”, and thus, subject to the approval of the City Administrator.

SPECIAL EVENTS: (Trail Riders, Circus, Fundraisers, Benefits, etc.)

Person(s)/Groups, etc. requesting permission for such events to be held at the park must first complete a Special Events Request Form, available at City Hall or from City Administrator. Since such events impact the park beyond the norm, they require approval of a special events committee, the City Administrator, and possibly the City Council. A Deposit may or may not be required, and Fees may or may not be waived or discounted.

General Rules: (Always in effect)

- The Park is One-Way Only for all vehicle traffic, including bicycles, between Area # 1 and Area # 4
- Alcohol, drugs, and/or glass containers are not permitted in the park.
- Quiet Time in the entire park is to be from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am.

- Pets are permitted ONLY if on a leash. Owners should avoid walking pets in or around children's play areas, and they are responsible for disposing of pet excrement.
- Stray animals are to be reported to park personnel. They are not to be fed, or otherwise encouraged to remain in the park.
- Speed limit is 10 mph in the park, 5 mph in the RV Park. (This applies to bicycles too!)
- Bicycles and pedestrians have the right of way.
- Non-licensed motorized vehicles (go-carts, four wheelers, golf carts, off-road motorcycles, etc) are not allowed in the park, unless authorized for handicapped access to park facilities.
- No vehicles of any kind are allowed on the soccer fields or in/on any non-roadway, or "green" space, unless granted special permission by the Park Manager.
- Fireworks are not permitted in the park, except when authorized by the City Administrator for special events.
- Wading, Swimming or Diving in River is not permitted at this time, due to the Flood of 2002.
- Fishing is permitted in the river, subject to state laws applying to licensing, size, limit, etc.
- Open (on the ground) campfires are not permitted. Fires are permitted only in BarBQ Pits, Fire Rings, or Brick Pits, and are not to be left unattended. Fires are to be completely extinguished before leaving.
- Portable gas, charcoal, and oil camp stoves may be used if in a safe operating condition
- Firearms are not permitted in this park. This includes slingshots, air, CO2 or spring actuated rifles or pistols, as well as paintball guns.
- Hunting bows and arrows are not permitted.
- Livestock is not permitted in the park, unless approved by the City Administrator. (*see Special Events*)
- Birds and all other Wildlife are protected . No person shall, in any manner, pursue, hunt, trap or molest any bird or animal in this park.
- All persons shall comply with any/all signs and/or markers installed by the City of Castroville and/or Parks Department (i.e. one-way, do not enter, no parking, etc.)
- Historic Cemetery is protected. No person shall enter or, in any manner, disturb, deface, or desecrate this place.
- No person shall dig up or remove any soil, stones, rocks, plants, or other material natural to the park, or make any excavation in this park. Nor shall any person climb trees, remove bark, or otherwise cause potential harm to any tree in the park.
- Metal detectors may not be used on park property.

- Commercial harvesting of pecans in the park is not permitted, unless authorized by City Administrator.
- No person shall be permitted to climb over any walls or climb over , under , or through any fences or obvious boundaries or barriers.
- Operating a concession, either fixed or mobile, or engaging in the business of soliciting, selling or peddling food, drink, or other wares, is not permitted, unless authorized by the City Administrator. In such cases, a Group Facility Reservation Form is to be completed, copied, and forwarded to all concerned.
- Excessive noise, as well as abusive, threatening, boisterous, vile, obscene or indecent language, gestures and/or disorderly conduct is not permitted.
- Littering is not permitted. All trash must be placed in a trash container. Extra trash bags will be available from the Park Manager or Park Rangers.
- Dumpsters in the park are for park trash only. It is a violation to use these dumpsters for household and/or commercial trash.
- Restrooms are to be kept clean, and free of graffiti and or other random markings.
- Washing vehicles is not permitted in the park, or in the RV Park.
- Minor children must be supervised by a responsible adult and parents or guardians will be responsible for the actions of their children.
- Jumping castle “inflatables” for children’s parties are permitted only when an Area or a Pavilion has been reserved, **AND** a notarized Release and Indemnification Agreement Form has been submitted and approved. (Note: Form is available from City Hall Reservation Staff)
- Portable generators are not permitted w/o special permission from the City Administrator. (**8-26-09**)

Hiking/NatureTrail Rules: (Added on September 20, 2005)

- ❖ Children under the age of 15 are not allowed on the trails in the hills without an adult.
- ❖ Hiking in our hills is **AT YOUR OWN RISK**, and permitted from dawn to dusk only.
- ❖ All hiking trails are characterized by certain inherent dangers. Dangers on these trails include, but are not limited to: **rattlesnakes**, coral snakes, poison oak, thorny bushes, ticks, skunks, as well as rugged, rocky and unstable terrain.
- ❖ Hikers should read and obey any/all caution and/or warning signs. They are there for your information and protection.
- ❖ The historic Medina Lake Canal, adjacent to the Canal Trail, is perilous in itself, for it is an open waterway with unstable banks, fluctuating water levels and often swiftly moving water. Hikers should keep to the center of the marked trail-way. **The water and the banks of the canal are off limits.**

- ❖ The effluent ponds along the Birding Trail and Pond Trail are also off limits, as is the City of Castroville Waste Water Treatment Plant, Animal Control facility and adjacent Surplus Property Storage Area.
- ❖ Our trails are for walkers/joggers/hikers only. Wheeled and/or motorized vehicles, and/or horses are not permitted.
- ❖ A fire in these hills would be disastrous. Fires, fireworks, and smoking is prohibited.
- ❖ Pets are welcome, but must be on a 6-foot leash. You must clean up after your pets on the trails.
- ❖ Alcohol is prohibited on the trails just as it is in the developed part of the park.
- ❖ Hunting and all firearms are prohibited. This includes slingshots, air, CO2 or spring actuated rifles or pistols, as well as paintball guns.
- ❖ Please carry a litter bag with you and help our by picking up other people's trash, and your own.
- ❖ Please stay on the trails, and do not take shortcuts on switchback trails.
- ❖ Observe and enjoy the wildlife and plants, but please leave them undisturbed.
- ❖ Report any suspicious persons or activities, and/or any trail maintenance issues to the Park Manager or Park Ranger.

Suggestions for a safe trail walk:

Be suitably dressed for the weather.

Long pants, a long sleeved shirt, hiking shoes or boots and a cap are always good.

Never hike alone and always make sure that someone knows where you have gone and what time you should return.

TAKE WITH YOU:

Map	Sunglasses	Bottled Water	Sunscreen
Cell Phone	Insect Repellent	First Aid Kit	

THE CITY OF CASTROVILLE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ASK ANYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY THE RULES TO LEAVE THE PREMISES WITHOUT NOTICE AND WITHOUT A REFUND.

These rules and regulations as well as any/all other existing local, state, federal laws and/or ordinances will be enforced.

There will be no exceptions to these rules unless authorized in writing by the City Administrator, and coordinated with the Park Manager, City Reservation Staff, Public Works Director, and Police Department.

The City of Castroville is not responsible for loss due to fire, theft or vandalism, nor is it responsible for accidents of any nature.

Comments/Complaints should be **in writing** and should be addressed to City Administrator, City of Castroville, at the following address: 1209 Fiorella, Castroville, TX 78009.

24-Hour Emergency Number for Public Works is: 830-931-4090

For a Fire, Medical, or Police Emergency, dial 911

These Rules and Regulations will be subject to review and revision each January, or whenever deemed in the best interest of the park.

NOTE: INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SWIMMING POOL PROGRAMS, HOURS, AND FEES ARE LISTED ON A SEPARATE FLYER.

SWIMMING POOL OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES ARE A SEPARATE DOCUMENT.

SWIMMING POOL RULES ARE ATTACHED.

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