

# DeSoto State Park's Backpacking Campsites

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DeSoto State Park's Backpacking Campsites are a one-of-a-kind camping experience, for those that prefer a camping site with a more rustic view of nature.

To reach these sites you must carry in your supplies over a couple of miles on trails. There are 2 sites to choose from, Neverland & the CCC Quarry campsite.

Rate: \$17.00 for up to 4 persons plus 13% lodgings tax.

Extra \$2 per person for a maximum of 6 people. Limited to a maximum of 6 people and 2 tents.

One-time Convenience Fee for all overnight accommodations - \$4.75

3.75% Resort Fee applied to each night

*All backpackers must register and pay backpacking fees at least one hour before sunset. No one will be allowed to register or start on the trail system any later. Sunset times change with the seasons so plan your arrival accordingly.*

## IMPORTANT BACKPACKING CAMPSITE INFORMATION

It is recommended that all drinking water be packed in

Carry out all cans, bottles, aluminum foil, or other trash. **THE BURNING OR BURYING OF TRASH IS PROHIBITED.**

**FIRES ARE ALLOWED IN DESIGNATED FIRE PITS ONLY, UNLESS UNDER NO BURN RESTRICTIONS.**

Only dead and down wood may be gathered for firewood.

Thoroughly extinguish campfires leaving no smoke or embers before leaving backpacking sites.

Backpacking type stoves are recommended for cooking.

Pets are allowed under the Alabama State Park Regulations: Pets and Animals (220-5-.05)

Bringing a dog, cat or other animal into a State Park unless it is crated, caged or upon a leash not longer than 6 feet or otherwise under physical restrictive control at all times shall be unlawful.

No person shall keep a noisy, vicious, or dangerous dog or animal or one which is disturbing other persons, in a State Park and remain therein after he has been asked by a Park officer to leave.



DeSoto State Park is comprised of a fragile ecosystem, which can be easily harmed despite its rugged appearance. Fortunately, most visitors bring along a respect for natural forest areas.

The beauty and richness of DeSoto State Park will be insured if you follow these simple minimum impact techniques.

**We encourage all guest to observe the seven principles of Leave No Trace:**

**PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE**

**TRAVEL AND CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES**

**DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY**

**LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND**

**MINIMIZE CAMPFIRE IMPACTS**

**RESPECT WILDLIFE**

**BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER VISITORS**



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## NEVER-NEVER LAND BACKPACKING CAMPSITE

**(BC 1)**

Latitude N34.49313 Longitude W-085.63768

Located in the Forever Wild Tract purchased in 2005, this backpacking campsite sits near an unnamed seasonal stream. The area was nick-named Never-Never Land, by the many mountain bike volunteers who built the trails in the area. The shortest route to this backpacking campsite is .75 miles from the Lost Falls Trailhead. Longer routes can be taken by accessing other trails.

An 8 ft. by 10 ft. 3-sided trail-side shelter was added to the Never-Neverland backpacking campsite in the fall of 2011 and was made possible through a partnership between Alabama State Parks, National Park Service and NASA.

Directions: Look for small green/yellow backpacking symbol at the trail junctions. From Lost Falls Trailhead, walk across the road and take the trail to the far right. After a few yards you come to a trail junction; turn left. Follow this trail for approx. .53 miles until you come to a junction (Straight ahead is Neverland Trail Loop). Turn to the left onto the Neverland Bypass trail. After approx. .18 miles you will come to a small bridge over a stream, turn to the right and several yards along this path is the backpacking campsite/shelter.



## CCC QUARRY BACKPACKING CAMPSITE

**(BC2)**

Latitude N34.50678 Longitude W-085.62658

The CCC Quarry backpacking campsite is located northeast of the old Civilian Conservation Corps quarry off the white trail. One of the shortest routes to this backpacking campsite is 1.1 miles from the Country Store parking lot, following the white trail.

An 8 ft. by 10 ft. open shelter was added to the CCC Quarry backpacking campsite in the winter of 2013 and was constructed by the Fort Payne High School Ag Class.

Directions: From the Country Store Trailhead-park at the end of the parking lot furthest from the Store. Walk across the road and join up with the white trail. Follow this trail approx. .67 miles until you come to a junction-veer right/straight to keep following the white trail (don't take the Quarry bypass to the left) Hike approx. .27 miles until you reach the quarry. Once at the quarry, walk around the rim until you reach the campsite on the lower end. Watch for the green/yellow backpacker symbol signs.

\*Vehicles must be parked at designated trailheads or parking areas with a vehicle pass displayed in the windshield.

\*Please make sure all doors are locked before leaving vehicle. Valuables left in vehicles should be placed out of sight. DeSoto State Park is not responsible for stolen or damaged property.

\*2:00 PM Checkout. Notify park staff store or lodge when leaving.