

# What is Towle Camp?

Towle Camp is the city of Palo Alto's campground. Located at the end of Wildhorse Valley in Foothills Park, the campground is open from May 1 through October 31.

There are eight tent camping sites. Sites 1 and 5 hold 16 people each (in up to 4 cars) while the other sites hold 8 people each (in up to 2 cars). Each site has a tent / sleeping area, picnic table, charcoal barbeque, food locker, and water. There are two campfire circles with benches for use by all campers. Portable toilets, trash dumpster and recycle bins are located in the parking lot.

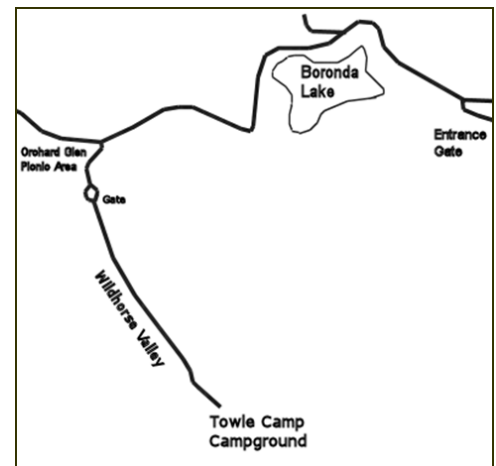
## How can I reserve a campsite?

To make a reservation, visit the city's online reservation system at [enjoyonline.cityofpaloalto.org](http://enjoyonline.cityofpaloalto.org) to check availability and make reservations. For assistance, call Lucie Stern Community Center at 650-463-4900 or Foothills Park at 650-329-2423. NOTE: Reservations for camping over city holidays is not possible to do online; please call Lucie Stern Center or Foothills Park for assistance in making your reservation.

You must be a Palo Alto resident aged 21 and over to make a reservation, and a Palo Alto resident aged 21 or over must be present on site overnight. Only residents and accompanied guests may enter Foothills Park.

Campsites can be reserved up to one year in advance and must be reserved at least 24 hours in advance. Many Friday and Saturday nights are booked two to four months in advance. Sunday through Thursday nights are often available that same week.

Fees: \$35.00 per site per night.



## Foothills Park's Towle Camp Reservation Information

To assist you in planning your camping trip and ensure that you and your party have a safe and enjoyable time, please note the following:

### ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE

- Check-in time is 2:00 p.m. Check-out time is 12:00 noon.
- Responsible party must arrive at least **2 hours** before park closure. See below for park hours.
- All campers must enter the park before the entrance gate closes, which is one-half hour before park closure. See below for park hours.
- If you do not see a ranger at the entrance station or Interpretive Center, proceed to the campground. The rangers will find you in the campground to check you in and issue a key and permits.
- You will be issued a gate key when you check in. The key is to be used for exiting the park in case of emergency only. It may not be used for after-hours entry or exit. Doing so may result in citation, ejection from the park, and forfeiture of your camping reservation.
- All guests not spending the night must exit the park before park closure. See below for park hours.

## VEHICLES AND PARKING

- Parking for two (2) cars per site is permitted for campsites 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8. Four (4) cars per site are permitted for campsites 1 and 5. Guests may not park at Towle Camp.
- Registered campers' cars must remain parked at Towle Camp overnight.
- Driving through the park after hours is prohibited.
- Campers, motor homes and other recreational vehicles are not permitted in Towle Camp at any time.

## FIRES, BARBECUES, AND GAS STOVES

- A daily fire permit is required. Fire permits are issued by park staff based on daily fire weather conditions.
- Charcoal fires only are permitted in the barbecues. Do not burn wood in the barbecues.
- Wood fires are only allowed in the campfire circles adjacent to campsites 1 and 5, fire weather permitting. These campfire circles are open to all campers. Bring your own firewood and kindling for the campfire circles.
- Tabletop camp stoves with propane bottles or tanks by permit only. No personal gas grills allowed.
- No smoking.

## DOGS

- Dogs are not permitted in Foothills Park on weekends or city holidays. Therefore, dogs are not permitted in the campground on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, or the night before a holiday.
- Dogs must be leashed and under physical control at all times.

## AGE LIMITS

- The person making the camping reservation must be a Palo Alto resident 21 years or older. This person must remain overnight with the campers.

## RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

- Foothills Park and Towle Camp is open to Palo Alto residents and their accompanied guests.
- There must be one (1) Palo Alto resident for every 15 non-resident adults and children in the camping group.
- A guest list must be submitted to Foothills Park one week in advance, listing all members of your party, residents and non-residents alike. The form can be downloaded at <http://bit.ly/FHPguestlist>.

## CANCELLATIONS

- Cancellations must be made in writing and received two weeks before the event. A cancellation fee (1/3 of total charges) is non-refundable unless the city cancels the permit, wherein a full refund will be made. No refund is given if cancellation is less than two weeks.

## 2015 PARK HOURS

- *Last entry to the park for all campers is one half hour before park closing time.*
- All guests not staying overnight must exit the park before closing time.
- Those driving through the park after closing may be cited.

2015 DATES	PARK OPEN	LAST ENTRY	PARK CLOSE / GUESTS EXIT BEFORE
May 1 – May 15	8:00 am	8:00 pm	8:30 pm
May 16 – August 2	8:00 am	8:30 pm	9:00 pm
August 3 – August 30	8:00 am	7:00 pm	8:30 pm
August 31 – September 20	8:00 am	7:30 pm	8:00 pm
September 21 – October 4	8:00 am	7:00 pm	7:30 pm
October 5 – October 31	8:00 am	6:30 pm	7:00 pm