Compare the complete campsite cost

Use matching dates and party details. Record the quoted terms, including anything that remains variable. Blank does not mean zero.

Travel dates and number of nights

Travel party and vehicles included in every quote

01 Compare three actual quotes

Charge or condition	Campground A	Campground B	Campground C
Campground and site category			
Site cost for all nights			
Taxes			
Mandatory booking or service fees			
Applicable guest / vehicle / pet charges			
Utilities not already included			
Chosen optional extras			
Verified cost of the stay			
Refundable deposit (separate)			
Variable amount not yet known			
Cash due now / later			

Cost of stay = site charges + applicable taxes + mandatory charges + selected extras. Show refundable deposits separately; include them when calculating the cash you need to pay.

A quoted site is not a confirmed fit. Check dimensions, access, hookups, arrival rules and current availability with the campground before paying.

Save the booking and cancellation plan

Complete this before paying. Save the official confirmation and the exact terms with your trip records. Do not record full payment-card details here.

Chosen campground and official contact

Reservation number and site or site category

Check-in window and late-arrival procedure

02 Keep the cancellation details visible

Last refund deadline including local time and time zone

Amount or fee retained at that deadline

Rules for date changes late arrival and early departure

Written policy link and date checked

03 Check the arithmetic without trusting the headline rate

Fictional practice example only - not an offer or current campground price

Park A: 3 nights x $48 + $12 booking fee + 3 x $6 extra-guest charge = $174 before any taxes.

Park B: 3 nights x $57 with the same guests included and no booking fee = $171 before any taxes.

The lower advertised nightly rate is not always the lower comparable total. Confirm the final checkout total and cancellation terms again if anything changes.

Reference: Recreation.gov reservation policies - facility exceptions may apply