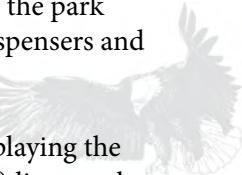


Passes and Permits

A Colorado State Parks Pass is required on all motor vehicles entering the park. All passes are to be displayed on the lower right inside of the windshield. An annual Pass is valid at any Colorado State Park for a year from the date of purchase. The Aspen Leaf annual pass is available to Colorado Seniors at a discounted rate. Daily passes are available at the park entrance stations, self-service dispensers and all State Park offices.



Colorado Disabled Veterans displaying the Colorado Disabled Veteran (DV) license plates are admitted free without a pass, however, a camping fee is charged. All campers are required to purchase a valid camping permit.

Emergencies

In an emergency, contact a ranger or call the Archuleta Sheriff at 970-731-2160.

Reservations

Call 800-678-2267 or view cpw.state.co.us to reserve campsites. In Denver, call 303-470-1144.



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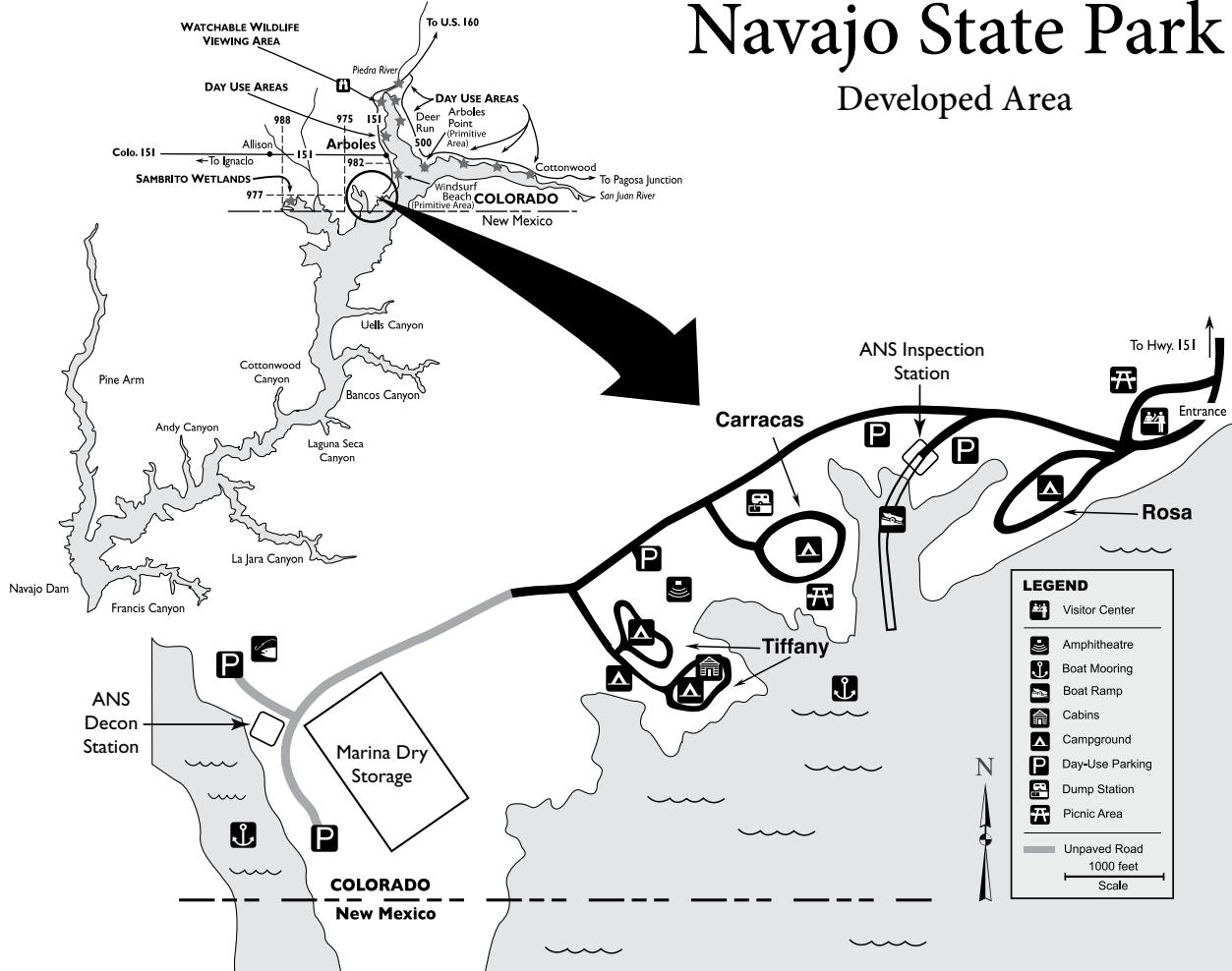
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The brochure cover features the text "COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE" at the top, followed by "Navajo State Park" in large letters, and "ENJOY YOUR STATE PARKS" below it. A circular Colorado Parks and Wildlife logo with a bighorn sheep is on the right. At the bottom, there are three small photographs of people on boats and a marina.

Navajo State Park

Developed Area



NAVAGO STATE PARK is a park that offers recreation, history, wildlife and the beauty of southwest Colorado. It is situated just outside of the town of Arboles, 35 miles southwest of Pagosa Springs, and 45 miles southeast of Durango, Colorado. The park's finest attraction is the 35-mile long Navajo Reservoir that begins in Colorado and ends in the State of New Mexico. The reservoir's 15,000 surface acres, including 3000 surface acres on the Colorado side, offer a challenge to the angler and unlimited pleasure to the boater. This is the lake that some of your friends forgot to tell you about. They want it all to themselves. Within the boundaries of the park lies an abandoned

narrow gauge railway that once was the area's transportation lifeline. The Denver and Rio Grande railroad served the towns of Rosa and the old town of Arboles, both of which now rest under the reservoir's surface. The Cumbres and Toltec and the Durango and Silverton Railroads are today the remaining working portions of this railway. The park's history also includes the Ancestral Puebloans who inhabited the area as well as the nearby areas of Chimney Rock and Mesa Verde. The area is host to an abundance of wildlife including deer, elk, fox, beaver, muskrat, river otter, jackrabbit, prairie dog and many species of birds. During the winter months, bald eagles soar above the lake.

Visitor Services

The Navajo State Park Visitor Center exhibits a three-dimensional topographical map of the lake, Ancestral Puebloan artifacts, historical displays of the Denver and Rio Grande Narrow Gauge Railroad and nature displays. The Visitor Center

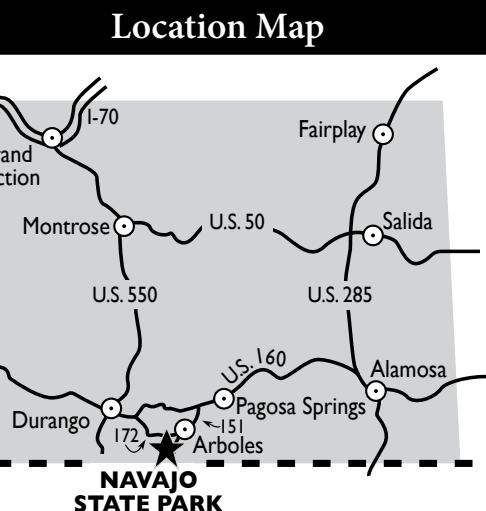
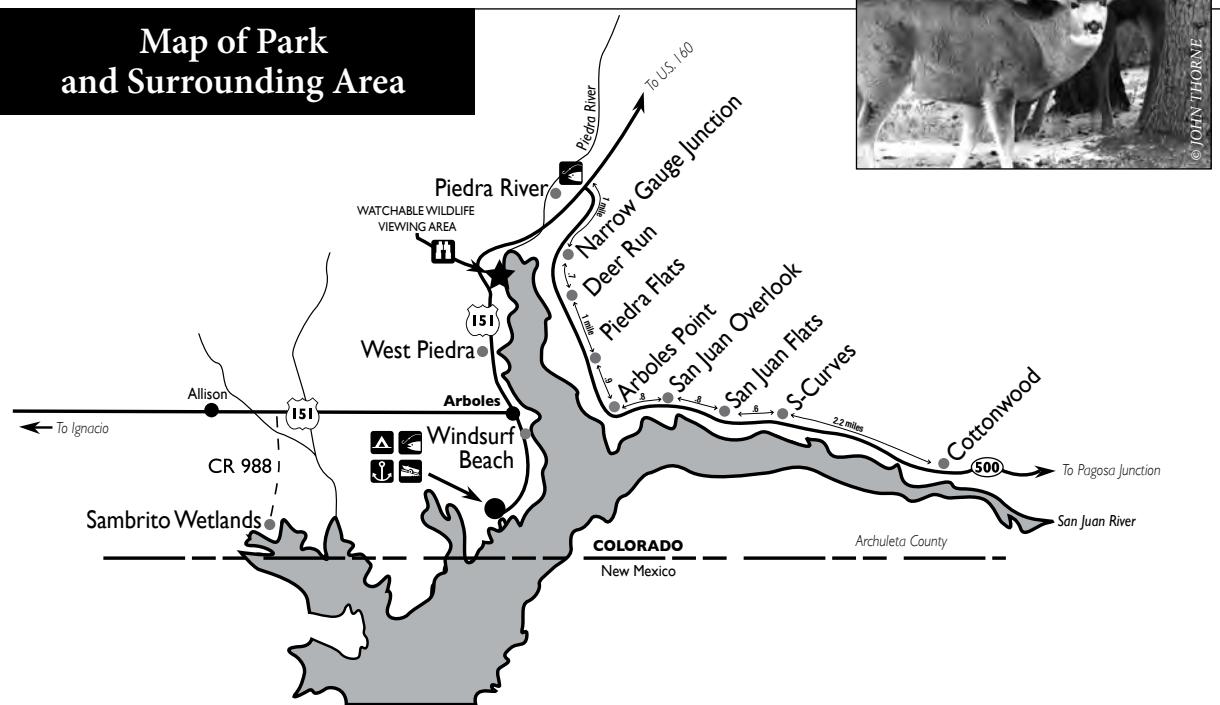
store offers books on a variety of subjects, delightful puppets of many animals found in the park, gift items and Navajo State Park apparel.

Park Rangers routinely patrol the park to provide information and assistance to visitors, and to enforce the rules and regulations within the park boundaries.

Community Facilities

The nearby town of Arboles offers a gas station, convenience store, cafe, and a post office. Medical facilities are located in Pagosa Springs and Durango and the nearest hospital is in Pagosa Springs. The park is also served by an outstanding ambulance service from the neighboring town of Ignacio.

Map of Park and Surrounding Area



We are located two miles south of Arboles and Colorado Highway 151 on County Road 982.



Navajo Dam and Lake

Navajo Dam, located on the San Juan River in northern New Mexico, is almost three-quarters of a mile long and 400 feet high. This earth and rock-filled embankment contains three "zones" of selected cobbles, gravel, sand and clay. The spillway, 138 feet wide in the main section, has a capacity of 34,000 cubic feet per second (254,320 gallons per second). Under normal conditions, water is released into the San Juan River downstream through the outlet works. Water from the river is used for irrigation, municipal and industrial purposes, by oil and gas fields and by thermal power plants along the San Juan River below the dam. Water is also released from Navajo Lake through a tunnel into an aquaduct for use on the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project.

Navajo Lake is the principal storage reservoir for the extensive Navajo Indian Irrigation Project. This project is designed to irrigate about 110,000 acres of land on the Navajo Indian Reservation. Just upstream from the dam, to the south, is an intake structure for a tunnel that carries water to these lands.

In 1981, about 140,000 acre-feet of water were taken from Navajo Lake. This amount increases as more blocks of land are made ready for irrigation. Construction of the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project was started in 1963, and the first project water was delivered in 1976. This all Indian project was designed and is being constructed by the Bureau of Reclamation for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Reclamation's Upper Colorado Region, located in Salt Lake City, Utah, is responsible for construction management. As the blocks are completed, they are turned over to the Navajo Tribe for operation and maintenance.

Construction of Navajo Dam began in July of 1958. The 26 million cubic yards of earth and rock needed for the dam were taken from 16 borrow areas beside the San Juan River and along benches overlooking the valley. All private land was purchased and about 50 families moved to other locations. In the reservoir area, the small village of Rosa, New Mexico, was inundated. Navajo Dam was dedicated on Sept. 15, 1962.



Conference Room and Picnic Areas

The park offers a spacious conference room with a beautiful view of the lake for seminars, meetings or conferences, with an adjoining picnic pavilion for lunches or outdoor meetings. An additional group picnic area is located in the Carracas Campground. Reservations for either the conference room or the picnic facilities may be made at the Visitor Center.

Hiking

There are currently five trails within Navajo State Park and most are appropriate for hiking or biking. All trails are open for your year-round enjoyment. A trails brochure is available at the Visitor Center.



Winter Recreational Activities

Navajo State Park offers a variety of recreational activities throughout every season of the year. The Navajo Reservoir usually does not freeze in the winter, however, in accordance with Aquatic Nuisance Species procedures, the boat ramp is closed December 1st until March 1st. This is an outstanding time to view bald eagles and mule deer in the park.

Fishing

Whether from a boat or from the shoreline, fishing is great at Navajo State Park. Northern pike, bluegill, catfish, crappie and small mouth bass lie in the shallow waters near the surface. Kokanee salmon and many varieties of trout are found in deep water. If you plan to fish across the New Mexico state line, be sure to pick up your New Mexico fishing license at the Visitor Center.



Rainbow Trout



Small Mouth Bass



Bluegill

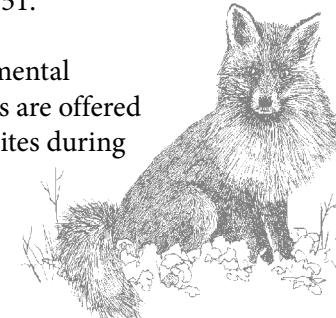
Wildlife

A large variety of wildlife, including deer, elk, fox, beavers, muskrats, prairie dogs, river otters, jackrabbits, raccoons and many species of birds, may be viewed throughout the year at Navajo State Park.

The Sambrito Wetlands area of the park is an especially beautiful place to view wildlife as it contains ponds, marshes and a wonderful view of the lake. This area is located two miles south of State Highway 151 on Archuleta County Road 988.

Another outstanding location to observe wildlife is the Navajo State Park Watchable Wildlife Viewing area located next to the narrow gauge railroad bridge which spans the Piedra River near State Highway 151.

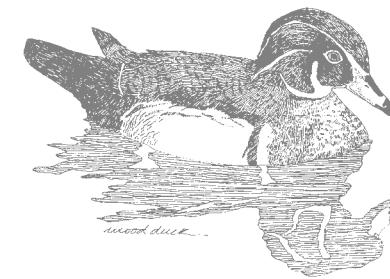
A variety of environmental educational programs are offered at both of the above sites during the summer months.



Boating and Water Sports

Navajo Reservoir has 15,000 surface acres of water and 150 miles of shoreline for your boating pleasure. Personal watercraft, sailboats, ski-boats, high-performance bass boats and 80-foot houseboats all ply the waters of Navajo Reservoir. The lake is big enough to find a quiet spot – even on holiday weekends.

The boating laws in New Mexico are similar to Colorado laws but since two-thirds of the reservoir is located in New Mexico, it is a good idea to look up New Mexico regulations online before entering New Mexico waters.



Marina

The Two Rivers Marina is located just south of where the Piedra and the San Juan Rivers meet. The full-service marina offers the following features:

- Fuel, ice, fishing tackle, boating supplies, cold drinks and a clean restroom
- Slips – daily, monthly and yearly rentals with power and water to most
- Mooring – 75 mooring balls with shuttle service to most
- Dry Storage – over two acres of fenced and locked area for storage of your boat or RV
- Pump-out Station – available for houseboats and day cruisers
- Rental Boats – ski and pontoon boats
- Stand-up paddle boards

Services include:

- Battery boost or charge
- Emergency fuel or battery boost on water
- Launch and retrieval from dry storage

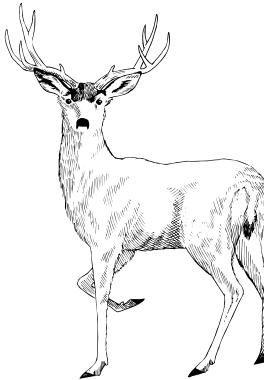
Call the Marina at 970-883-BOAT (2628) for information, prices and reservations.

Two Rivers Marina



Camping Facilities

A wide variety of campsites are available at Navajo State Park. These sites vary from primitive to full-service campgrounds. Camping is available only in designated areas.



Primitive Campsites

Primitive campsites are located at Windsurf Beach and Arboles Point. Windsurf Beach has 15 small designated RV/tent campsites with picnic tables, metal grills/fire rings and tent pads. Two of these sites are fully accessible. There are also 10 small, designated RV campsites with picnic tables and upright metal grills only. Vault toilets are all accessible. Arboles Point has 4 designated RV/tent campsites with picnic tables, metal grills/fire rings. Vault toilets are also accessible in this area.



Cabins

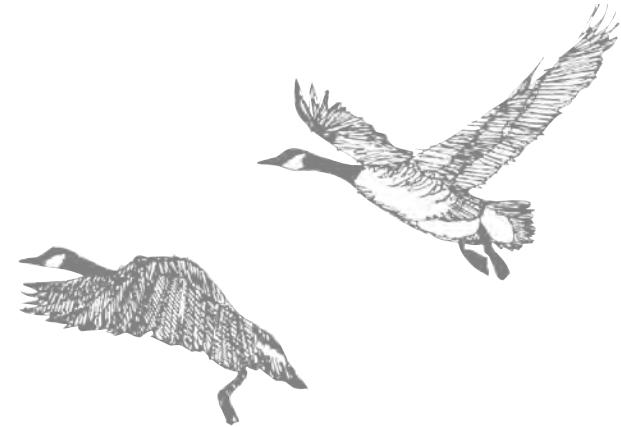
Beautiful full-service cabins are also available. The cabins are fully furnished and provide everything you should need except food, sleeping bags, bath towels and other linens. Cooking facilities are available in the modern kitchens or outside using the campfire/barbeque rings and picnic tables.



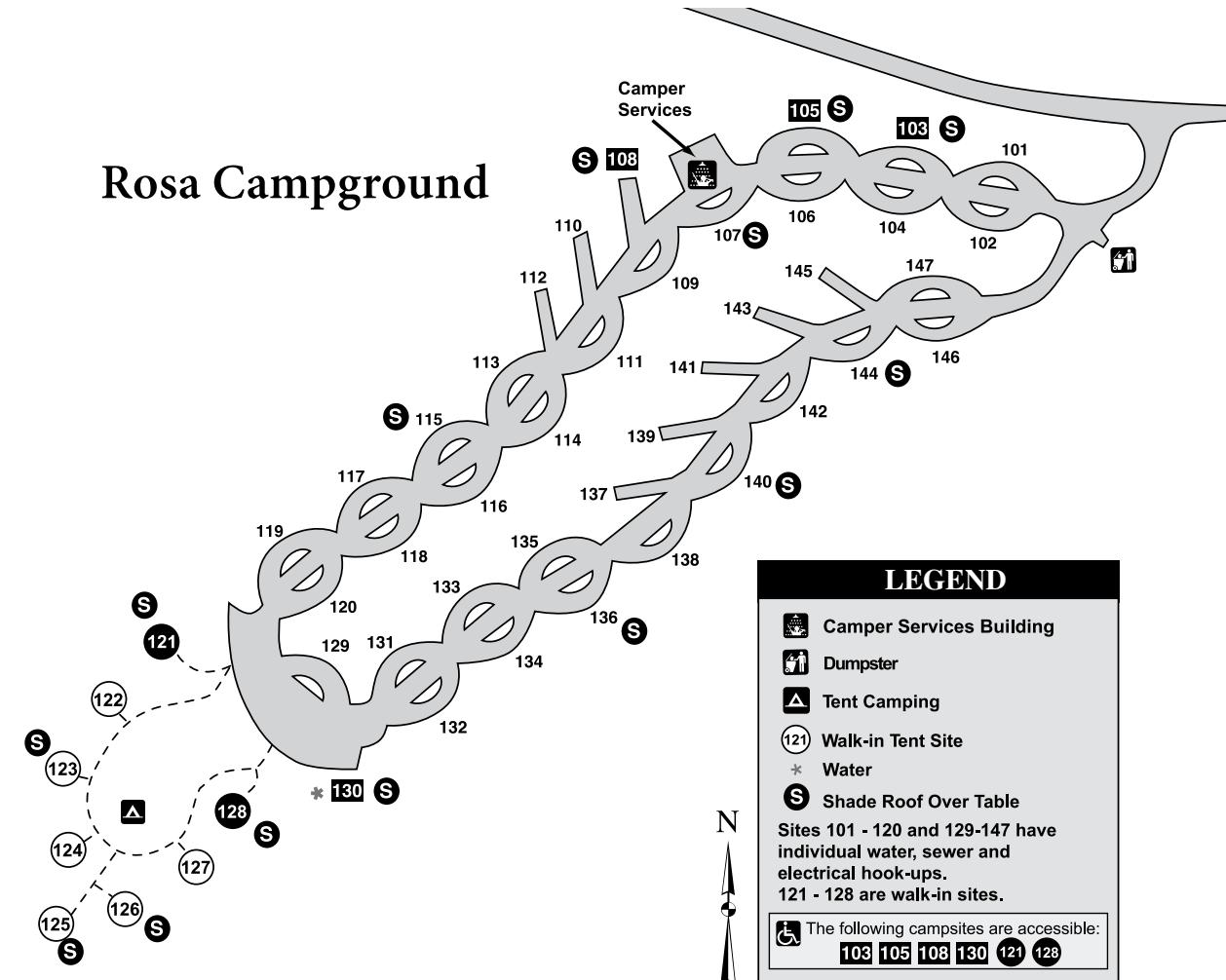
Rosa Campground

Rosa campground is the park's full-service campground and includes 39 RV sites (101-120 and 129-147). This area is located near the Visitor Center and offers individual water, sewer and electric hook-ups at each site. Four of the sites are fully accessible.

Rosa Campground also has 8 walk-in tent sites (121-128) with 2 of them being fully accessible. A nearby accessible camper services building contains clean restrooms, coin-operated showers and self-service laundry facilities and is open April 15-October 31.



Rosa Campground



LEGEND

 Camper Services Building

 Dumpster

 Tent Camping

 Walk-in Tent Site

* Water

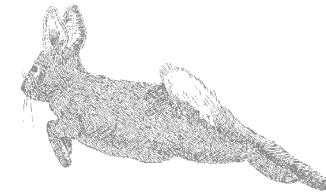
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Sites 101 - 120 and 129-147 have individual water, sewer and electrical hook-ups.
121 - 128 are walk-in sites.

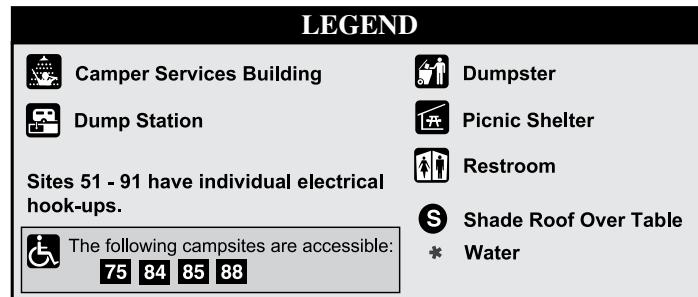
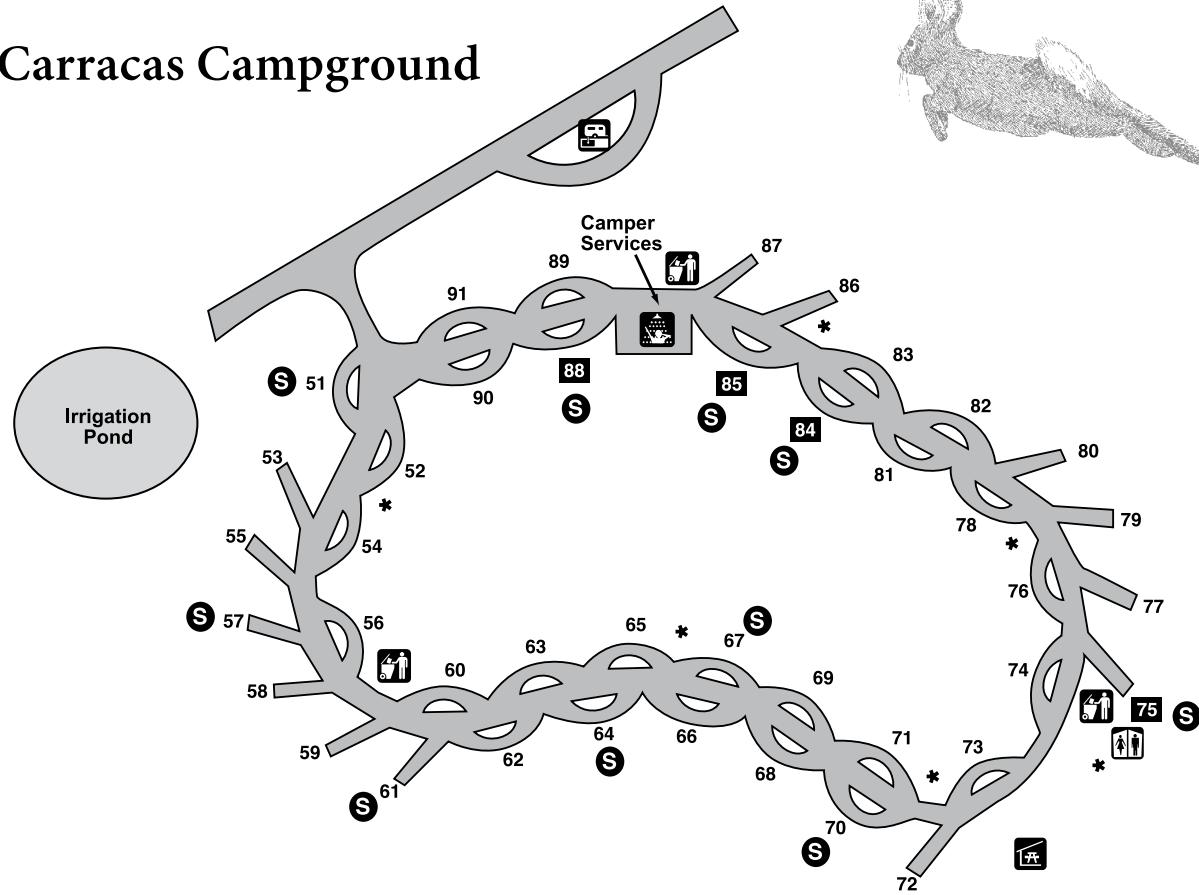
 The following campsites are accessible:
103 105 108 130 121 128

Carracas Campground

Carracas Campground is located closer to the marina and contains 41 campsites with individual electrical hook-ups (51-91). Four of these sites are fully accessible.



Carracas Campground



Water is available at central locations and an accessible camper services building offers clean restrooms and coin-operated showers. This campground is closed October 15 - April 15.

 Tiffany Campground

Tiffany Campground is the original campground and is located near the amphitheatre. This area offers 25 non-electric RV sites (1-19, 26, 27, 29, 32, 33, 34), six tent sites (20-25) and three full-service, 2-bedroom cabins. (28, 30, 31). Two of the RV sites and one of the tent sites are fully accessible. Water is available at central locations and an accessible camper services building contains clean restrooms and coin-operated showers. The camper services building is winterized off-season and is closed between October 15 and April 15.



Tiffany Campground

