Park Guidelines

Please observe the following park regulations to ensure everyone’s visit is pleasant.

Accidents – Please report accidents or suspicious activities to a ranger.

Camping – Camp only in designated areas. Each permit covers one vehicle and up to eight people.

Firearms – The use of firearms, traps or other devices capable of launching a projectile is prohibited unless the weapon or device is 1) unloaded and packed away to prevent its use, 2) being used by law enforcement officers in the performance of official duties.

Fires – Campsites in Mountain View and Beach campgrounds provide barbeques for wood fires or charcoal. No ground fires are allowed. Ground fires are allowed in primitive campgrounds except during times of restriction. Please bring your own firewood.

Fireworks – Fireworks are prohibited unless authorized by the park manager.

Parking – Park only in designated areas.

Pets – Pets are allowed, but must be on a maximum six-foot leash. Service animals are the only animals admitted in park buildings. Pets are not permitted on developed beaches or in the lake. Please clean up promptly after pets.

Permits – A Special Use Permit is required for all special events and commercial or professional filming and photography.

Plants and animals – All plants, animals, minerals, and other natural features in state parks are protected. It is unlawful to remove, alter, or destroy them.

Quiet hours – 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Speed limit – The speed limit within all park areas is 15 m.p.h.

Vandalism – It is unlawful to mutilate or deface any natural or constructed structure or feature. Please help keep our park beautiful.

Wastewater – It is unlawful to dump or drain water from campers or trailers onto the ground. A sanitary disposal station is provided for registered campers.

Your park fees provide for the care, protection and enhancement of this park.

Park Location:
The park is located 120 miles southeast of Salt Lake City. From Duchesne, it is four miles northwest on Highway 311.

Operating Hours:
Summer: 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Winter: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
The park is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years.

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Utah State Parks Mission:
To enhance the quality of life by preserving and providing natural, cultural and recreational resources for the enjoyment, education and inspiration of this and future generations.

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Utah State Parks
Secluded and peaceful, Starvation State Park provides access to brilliant blue waters, sandy beaches and 23 miles of shoreline along Starvation Reservoir. Enjoy days of fishing, boating or waterskiing, and evenings of camping. Resting at an elevation of 5,720 feet, Starvation State Park is located four miles northwest of Duchesne, just off US Highway 40.

Park History

The Bureau of Reclamation built the reservoir as part of the Central Utah Project. Starvation Dam was completed in 1970 and Starvation State Park was established in 1972.

Plants And Animals

Starvation State Park abounds with natural diversity. Juniper, pinyon, and sagebrush dominate the desert landscape.

A variety of wildlife species can be found living in the park. Mammals include mule deer, cottontails, jack rabbits, beavers, badgers, chipmunks, and prairie dogs. Coyote, fox, bobcat, and elk also live in the area. View osprey, mountain bluebird, scrub jay, magpie, and swallows. View osprey, mountain bluebird, scrub jay, magpie, and swallows. Great blue herons, loons, Canada geese, hawks, a variety of ducks, and an occasional golden or bald eagle may be seen.

Things To Do

Starvation State Park offers a variety of recreation opportunities on water and land. Launch all types of watercraft from a wide, concrete boat ramp.

FISH

Starvation Reservoir is one of Utah’s best fisheries for walleye. Anglers will also enjoy fishing for smallmouth bass, perch, brown and rainbow trout.

PLAY

Play volleyball and sunbathe on the developed sandy beach or access beautiful natural beaches by boat.

RIDE

Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs) – Knight Hollow provides 100 acres of sandy hills for OHV riding. To ensure a safe and enjoyable OHV experience, please obey these laws and rules:

- Properly registered OHVs may be operated only in the Knight Hollow Area, in areas designated open to OHV use.
- Properly-fitted, safety-rated helmets must be worn by OHV drivers and passengers under 18 years of age. All drivers and passengers should wear protective headgear.
- No one under eight years of age may operate an OHV on public lands.
- Operators eight through 15 years of age must possess an OHV education certificate issued or recognized by Utah State Parks and Recreation.

Camping

Starvation State Park offers five camping areas with amenities ranging from developed to primitive. Facilities within developed camping and day-use areas include restrooms with hot showers, culinary water, picnic and volleyball areas, boat ramp, and fish cleaning and sewage disposal stations.

Mountain View Campground offers 3D developed sites overlooking Starvation Reservoir with the majestic Uinta Mountains in the background. Sites are available for campers with disabilities.

Beach Campground provides 24 campsites, which are popular with tent campers. Each developed campsite has a concrete pad, picnic table and barbecue grill.

Starvation Overnight Group-Use Area is a perfect site for family reunions and group outings. Accommodating up to 50 people, the site includes a pavilion and barbecue grills.

For a quiet and primitive experience, four campgrounds provide dispersed camping among pinyon pine and juniper trees. These campgrounds offer vault toilets and culinary water is not available.

Indian Bay – South of Mountain View Campground

Juniper Point – North of Duchesne City

Knight Hollow – Northeastern tip of reservoir

Rabbit Gulch – Southeastern side of reservoir

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