

Yuba State Park



Utah State Parks

Welcome!

Yuba State Park and Recreation Area, conveniently located in central Utah, offers a variety of recreation opportunities. Warm summer water temperatures, sandy beaches, nearby off-highway vehicle areas, and fishing for walleye, trout and yellow perch attract visitors year-round.

At an elevation of 5,100 feet, Yuba Recreation Area is 25 miles south of Nephi, just off Interstate 15. When full, the reservoir measures 22 miles long with a maximum depth of 80 feet. Yuba Reservoir is the largest of many water impoundments on the Sevier River with a capacity of 250,000 acre-feet of water.

Utah State Parks and Recreation and the USDI Bureau of Land Management cooperatively manage this recreation area.

Things to Do

A host of water-related activities await visitors. Warm water temperatures during summer make the reservoir extremely popular for boating, waterskiing, personal watercraft, windsurfing, sailing, and swimming. Two boat ramps, one at Yuba State Park and another at Painted Rocks, provide access for all types of watercraft. The reservoir is a year-round fishery for walleye, perch, catfish, rainbow trout, and northern pike. Other activities include camping, picnicking, rock hounding, hiking, bird watching, interpretive and junior ranger programs, mountain biking, waterfowl hunting in season, and off-highway vehicle riding nearby.



Plants and Animals

Many desert plants and animals can be seen throughout the year in areas adjacent to the reservoir. Nearby flora include: prickly pear cactus, Utah juniper, Indian paintbrush, sagebrush, rabbit brush, and cheat grass. Local wildlife include: mule deer, cottontail rabbits, jack rabbits, coyotes, bald and golden eagles, red-tailed hawks, ravens, California seagulls, pelicans, great horned owls, western grebes, several species of duck, Canada geese, and snakes. For more inclusive plant and animal checklists, contact a park ranger.

History

Long ago, ancient Native Americans inhabited the area. Stone tools, broken pottery, rock art, and other traces of those cultures are visible today along what used to be the Sevier River. Petroglyphs or rock art may be viewed by boat at Painted Rocks just north of the boat ramp. Remnants of prehistoric camps are located in several places around the reservoir.

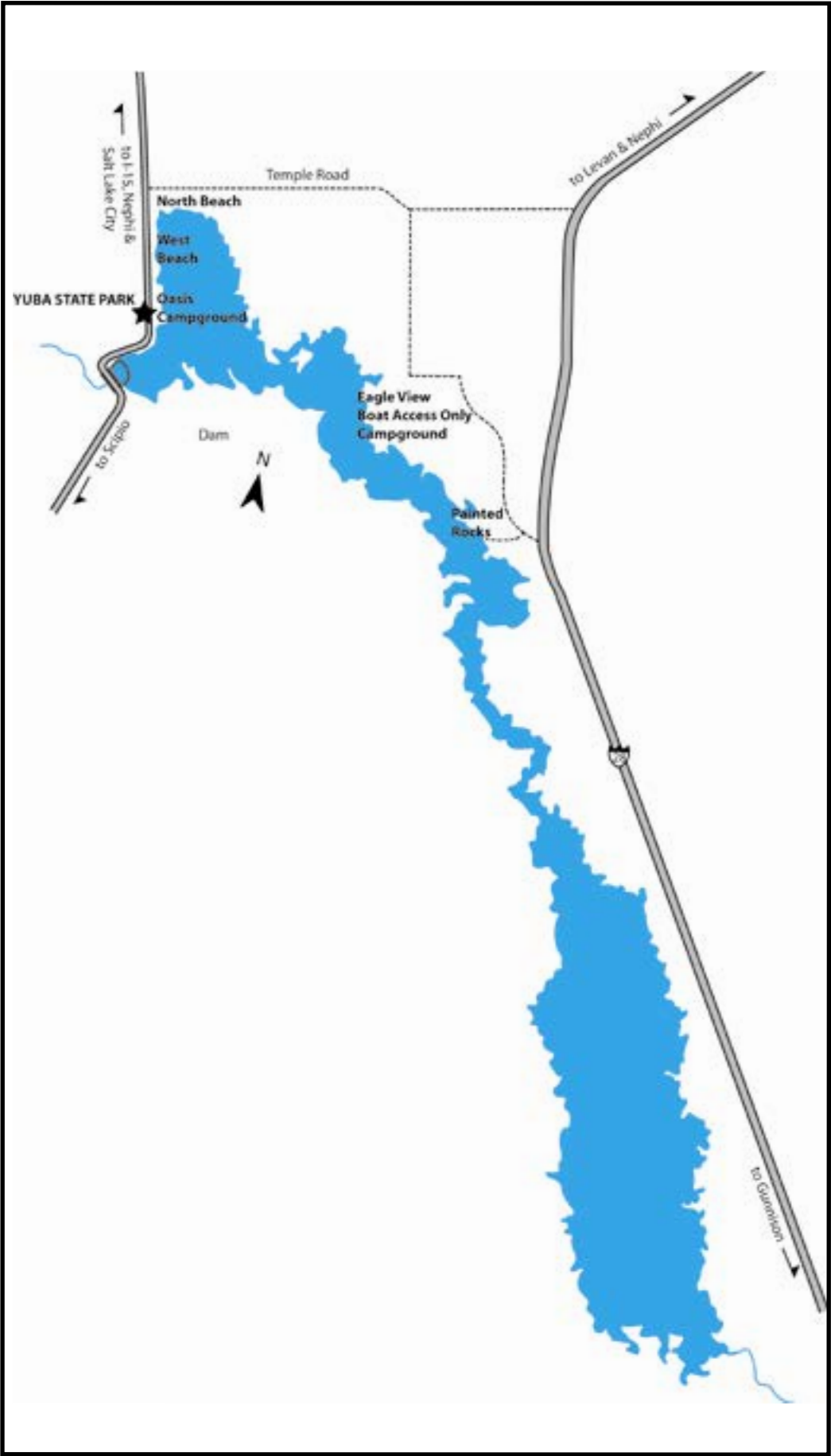


More recent ranching and mining activity is also evident. Visitors who discover artifacts, should leave them in place and notify Utah State Parks and Recreation or the Bureau of Land Management.

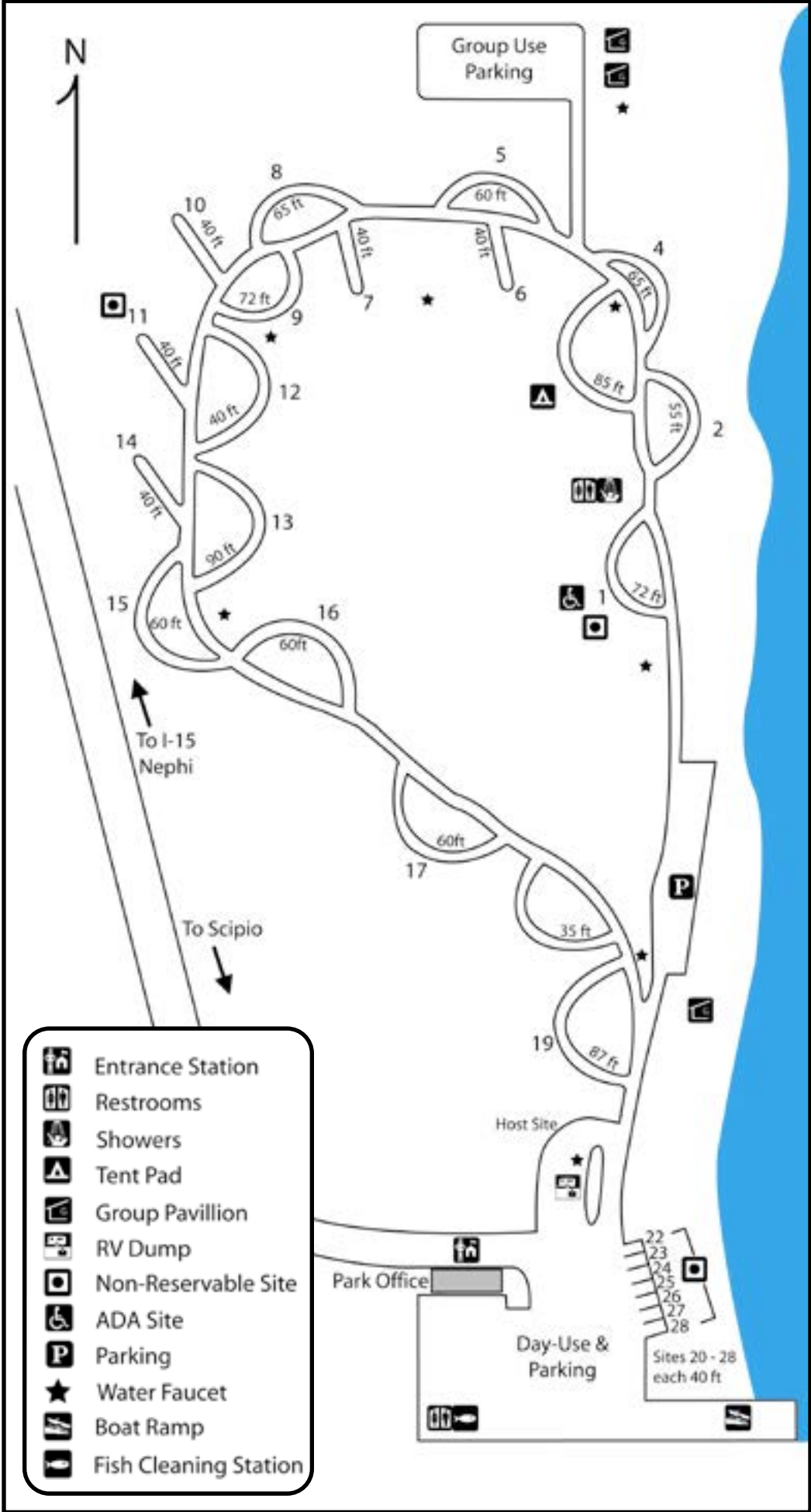
Fathers Dominguez and Escalante left Santa Fe, New Mexico in July 1776 to find an overland route to Monterey, California. Their well-documented exploration took them through this area in September 1776 where they taught Native Americans about Christianity. Modern historic markers depicting the route are located north of the reservoir.

Yuba Reservoir, officially named Sevier Bridge Reservoir, was built to store water from the Sevier River for agricultural and industrial uses. Construction on the dam, now called Yuba Dam, began in 1902 and was completed in 1917. Yuba was named by the individuals who built the dam. Local farmers and ranchers had to build the dam themselves or risk losing their water rights. Men working on the structure called it the U. B. Dam. As they worked, they sang a song that stated they were damned if they worked and damned if they didn't. The phonetic sound of the reservoir's name was eventually spelled Yuba. In 1969, Yuba became a state park.

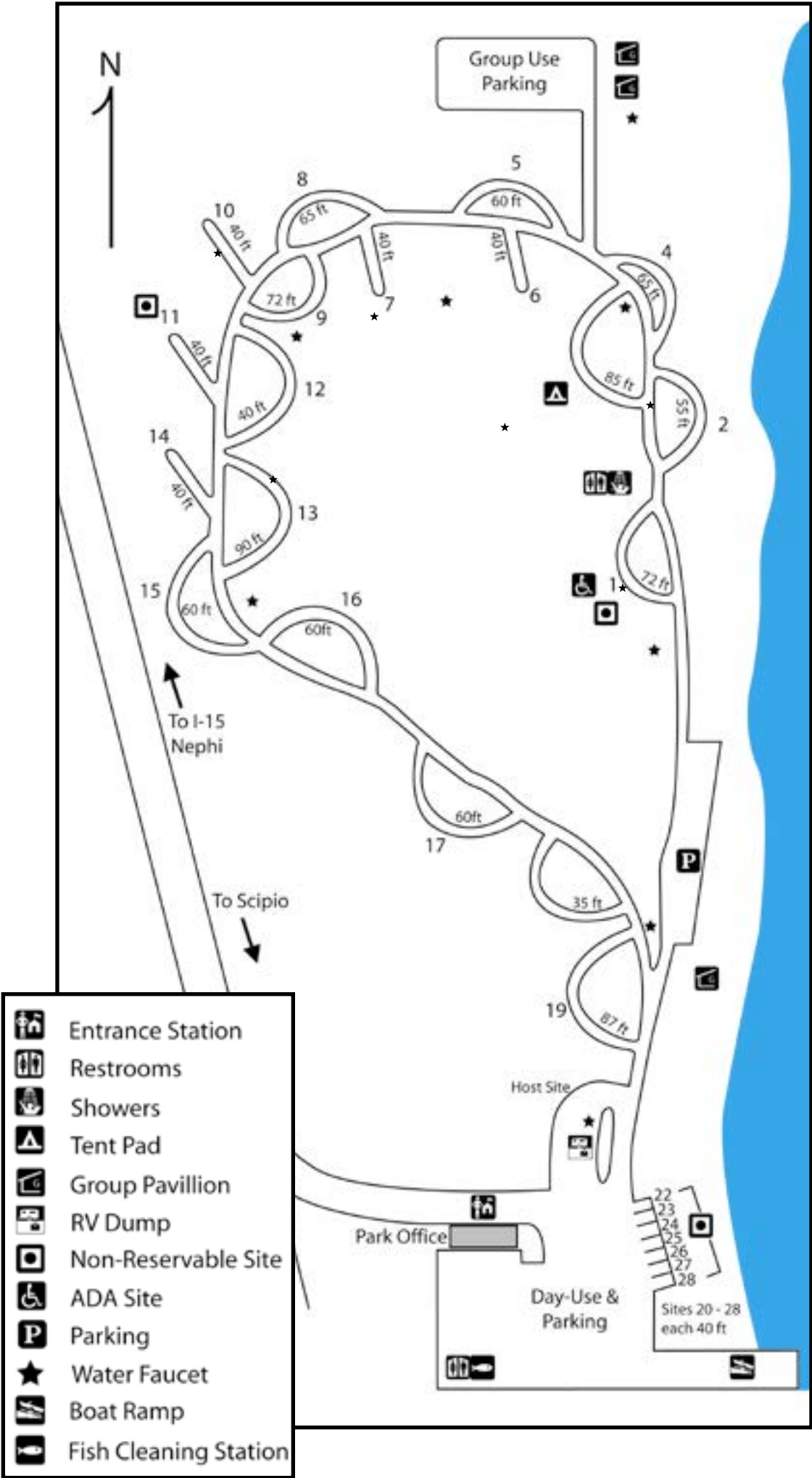
Yuba State Park Map



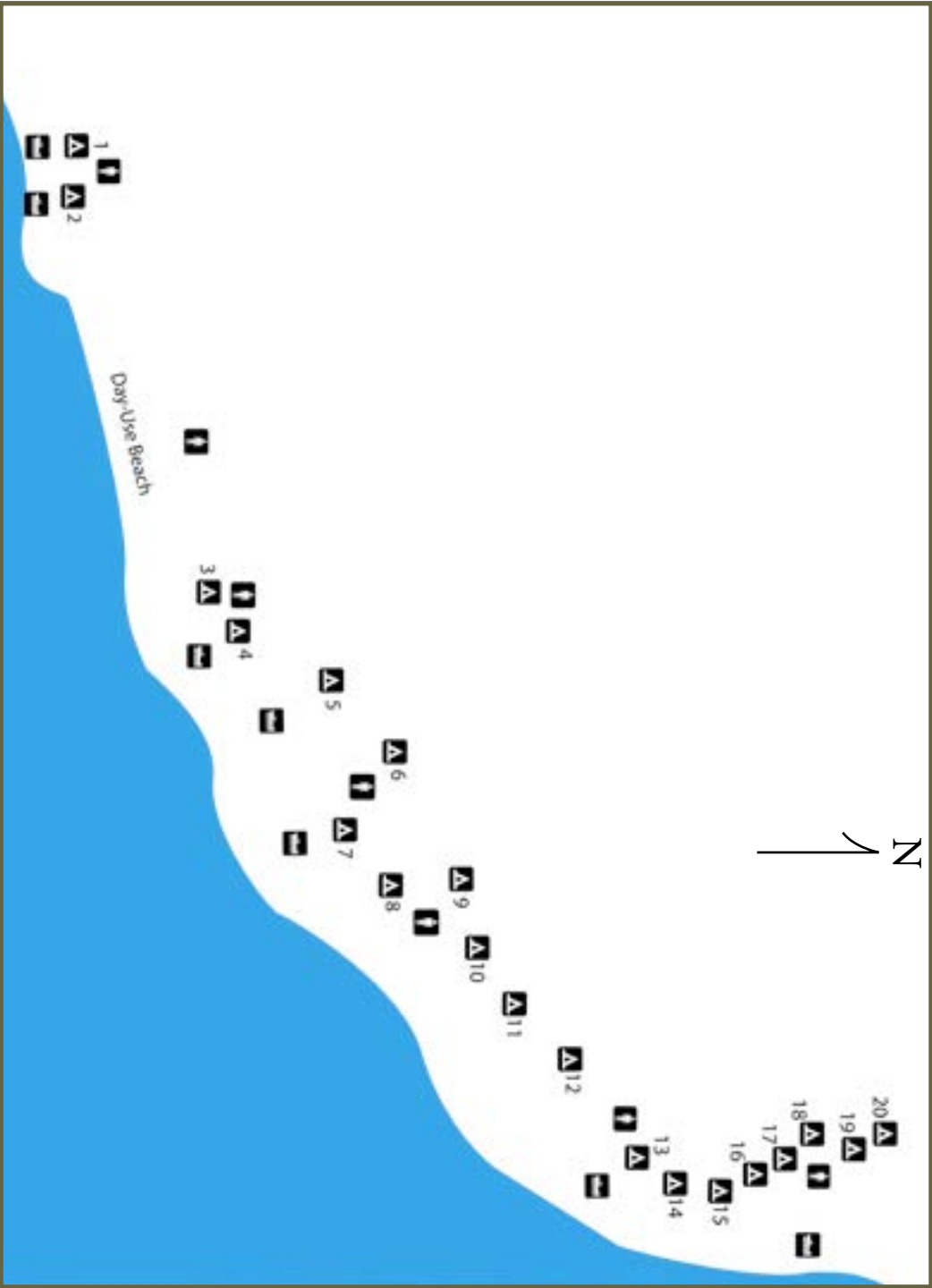
Oasis Campground



Painted Rocks Campground



Eagle View Campground (Boat Access Only)



Special Features

Oasis campground offers 26 campsites, covered group pavilions with picnic tables, a group camping area, drinking water, modern restrooms and showers, an RV sewage disposal station, loading docks, and boat launch ramp. Accessible restrooms, showers, and a campsite with electrical hookups are available for campground patrons with special needs.

Painted Rocks is located on the east side of the reservoir just off Highway 28, between the towns of Levan and Gunnison. The campground offers 41 campsites and a group camping area with covered picnic tables, restrooms, drinking water, and a boat launch ramp with loading docks.



North and West Beaches offer primitive camping along the shoreline. Facilities include garbage collection points, restrooms, firepits, picnic tables, and an entrance/fee station.

Eagle View, a 20-unit, boat-in only campground, provides covered picnic tables, restrooms, garbage collection points, firepits, solar lighting, reservable boat docks, and a beautiful sandy beach.

Tent pads are available at all campsites in Oasis, Painted Rocks and Eagle View campgrounds.

Guidelines

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

Camping - Camp only in designated areas. Each permit covers one vehicle and any attached recreational equipment. An extra fee is charged for additional vehicles or camping equipment. Up to eight people are allowed in a campsite.



Fires - Campfires may be built in specified areas only. Most developed campsites provide camp stoves or charcoal facilities. Firewood is generally not available in state parks. Picnickers and campers should bring appropriate fuel. Open fires may be built only in a developed fire pit. Building fire pits with rocks is not permitted.

Glass Bottles and Containers - Glass bottles and containers are prohibited on all beaches.

Pets - Pets are allowed in most Utah state parks, but should be on a maximum six-foot leash. Only service animals are admitted in park buildings. For safety and courtesy, please keep your pets under control.

Off-Highway Vehicles - Off-highway vehicle riding is permitted in areas near the park. For designated areas contact a park ranger.

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.



Firearms - Possession or use of firearms, traps, or other devices capable of launching a projectile that can immobilize, injure, or kill a person or animal, or damage property is prohibited unless the weapon or device is 1) unloaded and

packed away to prevent its use, 2) being used in the legal pursuit of wildlife, or 3) being used by authorized enforcement officers in the performance of official duties.

Fireworks - Fireworks of all kinds are prohibited in state parks.

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

Speed Limit - The speed limit within all park areas is 15 mph.

Wastewater - It is unlawful to dump or drain wastewater from campers or trailers onto the ground or into lakes and streams. Most developed state parks provide utility sinks and/or sanitary disposal stations.

Quiet hours - Quiet hours are 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Quiet hour violations such as loud talking, music, and generators may result in a citation or expulsion from park areas.

Reservations

Individual campsite reservations can be made a minimum of two days in advance of arrival dates and up to 16 weeks in advance from park checkout date. Group-use reservations may be made up to 11 months in advance. Reservations are always recommended, and may be made by calling (800) 322-3770 or visiting www.stateparks.utah.gov.

User Fees

Day-use and camping fees are charged in all developed areas. An additional fee is charged for reservations.

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Emergency Telephone Numbers

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For more information about fishing or the surrounding area please contact:

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