

LOS VAQUEROS HORSE CAMP INFORMATION

DIRECTIONS TO: Take Interstate 8 East (for 15.9 miles) to the Hwy 79 exit (Japatul Valley Rd). Turn left onto Hwy 79N. Continue along 79N/Old Hwy 80 (for 2.7 miles) until you reach the turnoff for Cuyamaca State Park. Turn left. Continue on Hwy 79N for approximately 9 miles. Once you pass Paso Picacho Campground/Cuyamaca Fire Station, the turnout sign for Los Vaqueros will be on the east side of Hwy 79. Turn right. Continue along the narrow paved road for about a mile and a quarter until you come to a fork. At the fork you will see the Los Vaqueros sign and road gate on the right, turn in here. Continue along the paved road. The campground is at the end of the road.

Entrance to Los Vaqueros



Rigs & Vehicles in parking lot



WHAT TO EXPECT: The majority of the camping area is located on a paved parking lot. Trucks, Trailers, RVs, Campers, and personal vehicles will be parked within this area. There is limited space. There are two ADA designated parking spaces provided. The parking and camping area is one way in and out. Parking along the entrance road is allowed only if the grassy area has been mowed and is Ranger approved. There is a paved road that follows along in front of the row of corrals and has a lollipop loop at the end. Only small truck/trailer rigs are able to travel on this loop.



Cabana/picnic area

There is a covered “cabana” facility, several BBQs, a fire ring, and picnic tables which all can be used as an outdoor community picnic area.



BBQs provided

Tent camping, which is on not-so-level dirt/grass, is located in the area between the cabana/picnic area and the east end of the corrals on either side of the restrooms.



Tenting area

The corrals are 12 x 12 with no shelters and with two chain gate guards provided. Owners should bring

extra rope and/or stall guards for added security. Be sure to bring your own water

buckets, feed bags, and long hoses to reach the limited number of water spigots. You may need to connect two hoses together to reach some corrals. There is a small, not-quite-level area to exercise your horse on a longe line way in the back of camp.

45 corrals — all 12x12



Restrooms/Showers



There are seven restrooms and four showers with hot/cold water. Only one shower is ADA compliant. The Park provides TP, but LFR does provide hand soap and paper towels for the restrooms and shower curtains for the showers. Please leave the facility cared for and clean after your use.

LFR CAMP RULES & REGULATIONS

For LFR members using the facility, CHECK IN time is 2:30 pm. No exceptions. CHECK OUT time is 12:00 pm. If you desire to ride your horses prior to check in, you can use the day-use area at Hual Chu Chuish.

Entrance Gate to the Los Vaqueros camping area requires manual operation. The gate swings uphill into the road leading to the camp. Once through the gate, it needs to be closed to keep the public from entering. The gate must be kept closed at all times.

No person shall disturb others while in camp. No use of stereos, radios, etc. which will emit sound beyond your immediate campsite is allowed. **Use of generators is allowed only from 8 am to 9 pm** per LFR's rules (modified from official Park rules).

Helmets are required for persons under the age of 18 for all LFR events when riding or biking.

Fires are allowed only in established fire rings or approved camp stoves. Ground fires are prohibited. All fires must be in the picnic area, even if you use a Ranger-approved fire container.

Vegetation, the disturbance of any form of vegetation is prohibited. **Do not gather dead or downed wood, plants, flowers, pinecones, mistletoe, like items.** Firewood may be purchased from designated store(s) or Ranger station(s).

Dogs must be leashed at all times. Length of leash will be **no MORE than 6 feet.** Leash must be attached to a stationary object or under the immediate physical control of a person. At night dogs must be kept inside a tent or vehicle. Vicious or noisy dogs are not permitted. Dogs may not be left unattended at any time for any reason. **Dogs are not permitted on trails, in the back country, or along waterways. See Park rules.**

Bicycles are restricted to the pavement and approved trails. Helmets are required for persons under 18. Ride cautiously, and yield to hikers and horseback riders.

Horses must stay on designated trails. Cuyamaca Peak Fire Road and all paved roads are closed to horses. Please read State Park rules for a more comprehensive understanding of trail etiquette. You are responsible to know the Park's rules while camping. Unless grooming or saddling, horses must be kept in corrals. Horses are not allowed in the "camping" areas, the asphalt parking lot and/or tent area for any reason but are allowed in the asphalt lot only for loading and unloading from trailers. **No tying of horses to trailers and tacking up is allowed in the asphalt lot area.**

Corrals are limited to ONE horse each.

Stallions ~ No stallion(s) is/are allowed at the camp for any reason.

Bathing horses is prohibited. Please, sponge baths only. Water hoses are not to be left attached to spigots after use. There is limited access to spigots at camp, so be sure to bring long hoses and share.

Shavings are to be used sparingly because they create waste and are difficult to remove. Please do not use unless absolutely necessary.

Manure Removal is the responsibility of each camper. Place manure, shavings, and hay in either of the two designated campground trailers. Trailers are located near the bathrooms and the far end of the corral loop. Wheelbarrows are provided at each trailer. Clean corrals at least once a day. **Clean corrals completely prior to leaving. DO NOT** empty your water bucket inside the corral. Empty water into vegetation areas so that the corrals and area around them stay dry. With your cooperation, we will be able to keep the park clean and open to equestrian camping.

Leave keys on the driver's seat (out of the sun) in vehicles in case of emergency. Have an evacuation plan in mind. Alert others to your plans, riding schedule, etc., especially if you are riding or hiking alone.