



Texas State Parks

Vehicle Type Guideline

Purpose: To provide details on vehicle types as managed at Texas State Parks. This procedure provides guidance for staff to accurately identify vehicle types and to ensure vehicles are appropriately registered to campsites. In order to provide for a consistent visitor experience, all parks should identify and register vehicles to campsites following this procedure.

Background: Vehicle occupancy limitations at campsites are administered to ensure a quality camping experience for visitors and to protect the natural and recreational resources of Texas State Parks. All individual and group campsites have an established vehicle occupancy limit determined by the park manager. Appropriate excess vehicle fees are also established for each park. The intent of the excess vehicle fee is to minimize impact on park resources. Due to limited campsite parking pad size and overflow parking areas, an excess vehicle fee is assessed for any vehicle in excess of the occupancy limit for a campsite.

Definitions:

Vehicle: A device that can be used to transport or draw persons or property on a highway (as defined by Texas Transportation Code Ch. 630 (S.B. 1917), Sec. 1, (23)).

Campsite Vehicle Occupancy: The maximum number of vehicles authorized to be registered to a campsite as established by the park manager.

Excess Vehicle: Any vehicle registered to a campsite that is above the established vehicle occupancy to which an excess vehicle fee may apply.

Recreational Vehicle: A vehicle that is designed for temporary human habitation for uses including recreational camping or seasonal use. (as defined by Texas Transportation Code Ch. 630 (S.B. 1917), Sec. 1, (19)).

Authority:

This Procedure is enacted in accordance with the following statutes and policies:
Parks and Wildlife Code §11.027 Establishment of Fees; Revenue
Texas Administrative Code Title 31, §59.1; Park Entrance and Park User Fees

Vehicle Rules:

- ALL vehicles that require a state license plate must be registered with park staff.
- Motorcycles and trailers pulled by motorcycles are calculated as ½ vehicle each.
- Vehicles that are trailered or transported within another vehicle should not be registered unless expected to be off loaded at the park.
- Limit one recreational vehicle (RV) allowed to be registered per non-group campsite.



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Vehicle Type Examples:

Car



Motorcycle



Pop Up





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RV/Motorhome



Trailer





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Trailer cont.



Truck Camper



Truck/SUV/Van





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Vehicle Registration Scenarios:



1 RV + 1 Truck = 2 Vehicles



1 Motorcycle + 1 Motorcycle = 1 Vehicle



1 Truck Camper = 1 Vehicle



1 RV/Motorhome + 1 SUV = 2 Vehicles



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1 Truck + 1 RV/Motorhome = 2 Vehicles

Note: Horse trailer includes sleeping quarters



1 Truck + 1 Trailer = 2 Vehicles

Note: Horse trailer does NOT include sleeping quarters



1 Truck + 1 Trailer = 2 Vehicles

Note: If jeep remains on trailer

1 Truck + 1 Trailer + 1 SUV = 3 Vehicles

Note: If jeep is off loaded in the park



1 Truck + 1 Trailer = 2 Vehicles

Note: The boat itself is not counted as it does not meet the definition of a vehicle