

# Parks and Recheation

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## NOTICE TO CAMERON COUNTY RV GUESTS REGARDING 2024-2025 WINTER RESERVATIONS FOR ISLA BLANCA, ANDY BOWIE & ADOLPH THOMAE JR., COUNTY PARKS

The Cameron County Parks & Recreation Department is pleased to announce that it will be accepting 2024-2025 Winter reservations starting on April 15, 2024 at 8:00 p.m., via the online reservation system at <a href="https://www.cameroncountytx.gov/parks-coastal-parks/parks-rv-reservations/">https://www.cameroncountytx.gov/parks-coastal-parks/parks-rv-reservations/</a>

Reservations by phone or in-person will be accepted on the next business day at Isla Blanca, Andy Bowie, and Adolph Thomae, Jr. County Parks during normal business hours.

As many guests already know, the county is currently in the planning phase of upgrading all its utilities at Isla Blanca Park. As a result, guests will see a slight modification in this year's allotted timeframes for Isla Blanca's winter reservations. The initial release on April 15, 2024, will limit reservations from October 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025. Reservations for the remaining winter months (March 1, 2025 through April 30, 2025) will be temporarily suspended while the design team works on developing an effective construction schedule for those months. While guests can count on March and April becoming available, there will be some sites/areas that will remain closed due to ongoing construction. Future updates on the availability of these months will be provided as information becomes available. Please be advised that neither Andy Bowie Park or Adolph Thomae, Jr., County Park will be affected by this modification.

In anticipation of high demand, we strongly urge guests to refrain from clicking the "show availability" button multiple times. This will only cause the system to lag and could possibly further delay the registration process. Please remember, reservations are on a first come, first serve basis.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our offices or submit your inquiry via email to the park of your choice. Please find listed below the office hours, emails and telephone numbers for each park along with some helpful tips for making an online reservation.

#### Isla Blanca Park

Office Hours: 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Phone Reservations: (956)761-5493 | (956)761-5494 | (956) 772-0131

Email: rvparkreservations@co.cameron.tx.us

#### Andy Bowie Park

Office Hours: 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM Phone Reservations: (956)761-3704

Email: rvparkreservations@co.cameron.tx.us

#### Adolph Thomae Jr. County Park

Office Hours: 5:30 AM to 9:00 PM \*\*on January 15, 2024 ONLY, this office will close at

7:00 PM

Phone Reservations: (956)748-2044

Email: <u>rvparkreservations@co.cameron.tx.us</u>

#### Helpful Online Reservation Tips:

- Making a reservation is as simple as selecting a park and entering the range of dates intended for your stay, your RV type and length, and selecting "Show Availability". Please keep in mind your checkout date does not occur until the following day before 11:00 AM <u>after</u> the "Last Night" of your reservation. The park's map will then populate with the available sites for the selected dates. Once you choose your site, you will be prompted to enter required fields of information followed by an option to secure your reservation with payment. When finished, a transaction receipt will be sent to the email you've provided.
- For guests who know what site they desire, they can then click on the specific site. If the site is available, the site will populate on the parks map for selection. Follow the prompts to complete your reservation (see instructions above).
- Please note that in order to make a reservation during the months of January & February; guests must reserve a **minimum** of 1 calendar month in order for the reservation to be accepted. For example, January 1<sup>st</sup> to February 1<sup>st</sup> for a one-month reservation, or January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup> for two months. Weekly and/or daily reservations will **NOT** be available online for these two months as per reservation policy. Any available days within these two months, called "Gap Reservations", will be made available closer to the start of January and will only be available through our office via telephone or walk-in. Any reservation made for less than a month stay, will be at a daily rate.
- For guests reserving a month or longer, it is important to note that this system uses a calendar date to date to constitute a month, and is required to obtain the monthly rate. Anything less than a calendar month will revert to a weekly and/or daily rate, whichever is deemed applicable by the system. Reservations less than a calendar month will be required to process over the phone. Please send us an email with your requested dates and a phone number. One of our Registration Clerks will contact you to set up your reservation.
- Monthly reservations require full payment for the entire month. Multiple month reservations will require payment for one full month. Daily and weekly reservations require full payment for the entire stay.

10 RV sites have been set aside at Isla Blanca Park dedicated solely to daily rentals for the months of January and February. These sites will be available for a maximum stay of 14 days. Because the availability of these sites is during the months of January and February, only a daily rate will apply to these sites. The following sites have been reserved for daily rental only:

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The Parks Department will publicly announce this event as we approach the release date. For the latest Park's news, please visit our Cameron County Parks & Recreation Facebook page, The Parks & Recreation website or the Cameron County website.

We sincerely appreciate your patronage and hope that you continue to visit Isla Blanca, Andy Bowie and Adolph Thomae Jr. County Park as we continue to make improvements to better serve our guests.

Sincerely,

Joe E. Vega Parks Director