Smoking in Oregon State Parks is allowed only in personal vehicles, RVs, campsites and portions of day use parks along state highways that are designated as safety rest areas by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Cottonwood Canyon State Park

Explore trails by boot, bike or horseback

The Pinnacles Trail (5 miles) and the Lost Corral Trail (4.3 miles) follow either side of the John Day River downstream. The Lost Corral Trail, leaving from JS Burres, is open to hikers, bikers and equestrians. The Pinnacles Trail, leaving from the end of the campground, is open to bikers and hikers.

Hikers can enjoy the Hard Stone Trail, which heads upstream 1.5 miles one way. Or you can strike out on your own along old, unmaintained ranching roads that lead into the back country.

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- **Carry plenty of water.** 20 ounces per hour for hiking in hot sun. Potable water is available only at the developed day-use area and in the campground.
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• Vehicles must be parked on the gravel parking pads.
• Pets must be physically restrained at all times when not confined in a vehicle or tent. Leashes must be no longer than six feet. All waste must be properly removed.
• Campground fires are banned from late spring to early fall. Check oregonstateparks.org for campfire advisories.
• Backcountry fires are also banned part of the year and under restriction when allowed. Please check blm.gov/or/permit for more information.

Check in after 4 p.m., check out by 1 p.m.