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## Coos Bay District Campgrounds Open for Summer

**North Bend, Ore.** – Whether you want to camp under the stars, laze on the beach, or hike to a waterfall, the Bureau of Land Management’s Coos Bay District campgrounds are opening Memorial Day weekend for your next adventure.

The District’s six developed campgrounds will be open from May 26, 2016 to September 30, 2016. The campgrounds include Loon Lake Recreation Area, Smith River Fall and Vincent Creek in the Reedsport area; Park Creek east of Coquille; and Sixes River and Edson Creek near Port Orford. All but Loon Lake Recreation Area, Edson Creek and Sixes River are free of charge.

The Loon Lake campground and day-use area, located east of Reedsport, will be open seven-days a week this year, with the majority of the sites available for reservation. Two sites along the lake and tent meadows remain available on a first come, first serve basis.

Potable water is limited at the Loon Lake Recreation Area. The BLM expects have some of the water spigots and flush toilets in the campground and day-use area open this summer. Water availability may change through the summer however, so visitors should still plan to bring enough water to drink, wash hands, clean dishes, put out campfires, etc. The BLM installed two new vault toilets in the campground over the winter to help reduce the water use at the campground.

For additional information on the recreation opportunities available on BLM lands on the southern Oregon Coast, visit [www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/recreation/index.php](http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/recreation/index.php) or [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov).

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