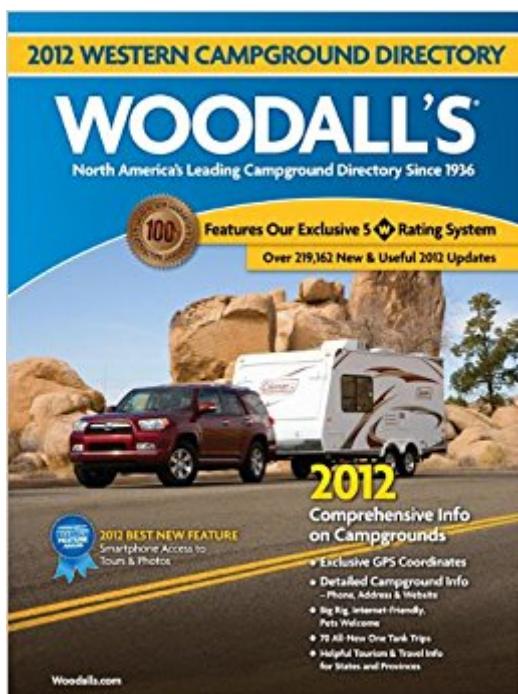


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# Woodall's Western America Campground Directory, 2012 (Woodall's Campground Directory: Western Ed.)



## Synopsis

The 2012 Woodall's Western America Campground Directory has been completely updated from the 2011 edition, with over 150,000 changes and updates. The 2012 Edition includes complete listing information for over 7000 locations including both public and privately owned campgrounds and RV parks. Plus, new for 2012, Woodall's notes parks that take the AAA discount, as Woodall's is the exclusive provider of campground information to 52 million AAA members. Each 2012 cover notes that Woodall's is the official Directory of NASCAR as well. Woodall's 2012 edition marks parks that meet our strict green criteria and now includes full color state and provincial maps for every eastern state and province. The Western America edition includes listings for all states east of the Mississippi, excluding Arkansas, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota, and Missouri and including western Canada and Mexico. Complete Green RVing information for campgrounds and RV parks includes GPS coordinates and physical addresses for many campgrounds. Full color maps for every state and province. Exclusive Woodall's "One-Tank Trips" editorial which features over 70 all-new RV trips for campers to enjoy. At-a-glance charts which tell if a campground welcomes big-rigs, is Internet-friendly (including wi-fi info) and allows pets. Privately-owned campgrounds are rated and inspected with Woodall's strict 5W-5W rating system. Over 900 pages cover the western U.S., Mexico and western Canada.

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## Customer Reviews

Includes the same features as the North American edition, but lists RV parks and campgrounds, RV service centers and tourist attractions west of the Mississippi River states, plus Mexico and western Canada.

I bought this book along with the "California Camping" book by Tom Stienstra and the difference between the value provided by the two books is amazing considering that two professional publishers produced both books. The Woodall's Western Campground Directory is laid out alphabetically which is terrible when trying to find a campground in an area. An example is a beach campground that is along the California coast at the edge of the town of Cambria. The campground is listed under San Simeon which is a town that is to the north a few miles away. It becomes a trial and error proposition to find the town that is used for a campground listing. The listings themselves are so cursory as to be worthless. They provide less information than one can get from state parks or national forest service campground maps. Comparing their entry for the campground at the state park near San Simeon, Woodall's states that it has 115 sites with 35 maximum RV length, tenting, dump, saltwater swim, ramp, saltwater fishing. No mention that the ramp is only adequate for hand launching of very small boats. By way of comparison the listing for the same campground by Stienstra mentions that that Hearst Castle is only 5 miles to the north and provides the phone number for booking a tour. Mentions a second San Simeon Creek campground across the highway and also the Washburn campground further up the bluff with more privacy and better views of the ocean. He mentions the best hike from Leffingwell Landing to Moonstone Beach, that from the bluffs it is easy to see passing whales, that there are 3 preserves in the park, including a winter nesting site for monarch butterflies and an archaeological site dating back 5800 years, that in the summer there are junior ranger and interpretive programs offered. Writing about the campsites in addition to the information in the Woodall's Western Campground Directory listing, Tom adds that picnic tables and fire grills are provided, drinking water and coin operated showers are available, firewood is available at Washburn, a grocery store, coin laundry, gas station, restaurants, and propane gas are two miles away in Cambria, that some facilities are wheelchair accessible, pets are permitted on a leash. Stienstra provides period during which reservations are accepted and the phone number for them, site fees at San Simeon Creek and for Washburn, additional vehicle charges, directions to

the park and the phone number for the park. With Tom Stienstra's California Camping guide the campground listings are broken out by geographic section and each section has its own set of maps to make it easy to determine the layout and travel logistics before arriving in an area. I really cannot say that the Woodall's directory is better than nothing as there are so many alternative sources that are freely downloaded from the Web that provide a great deal more information. The Woodall's directory should prove useful in starting campfires so not a total loss.

This book was very helpful during our trips. Thank You!

It is ok for bigger parks but doesn't cover a lot of the places we like to go.

I am so pleased that Woodall's has broken up the directory into eastern and western volumes; when it was all in just one book it was unwieldy to use and like carrying a big-city phone book around with us.

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