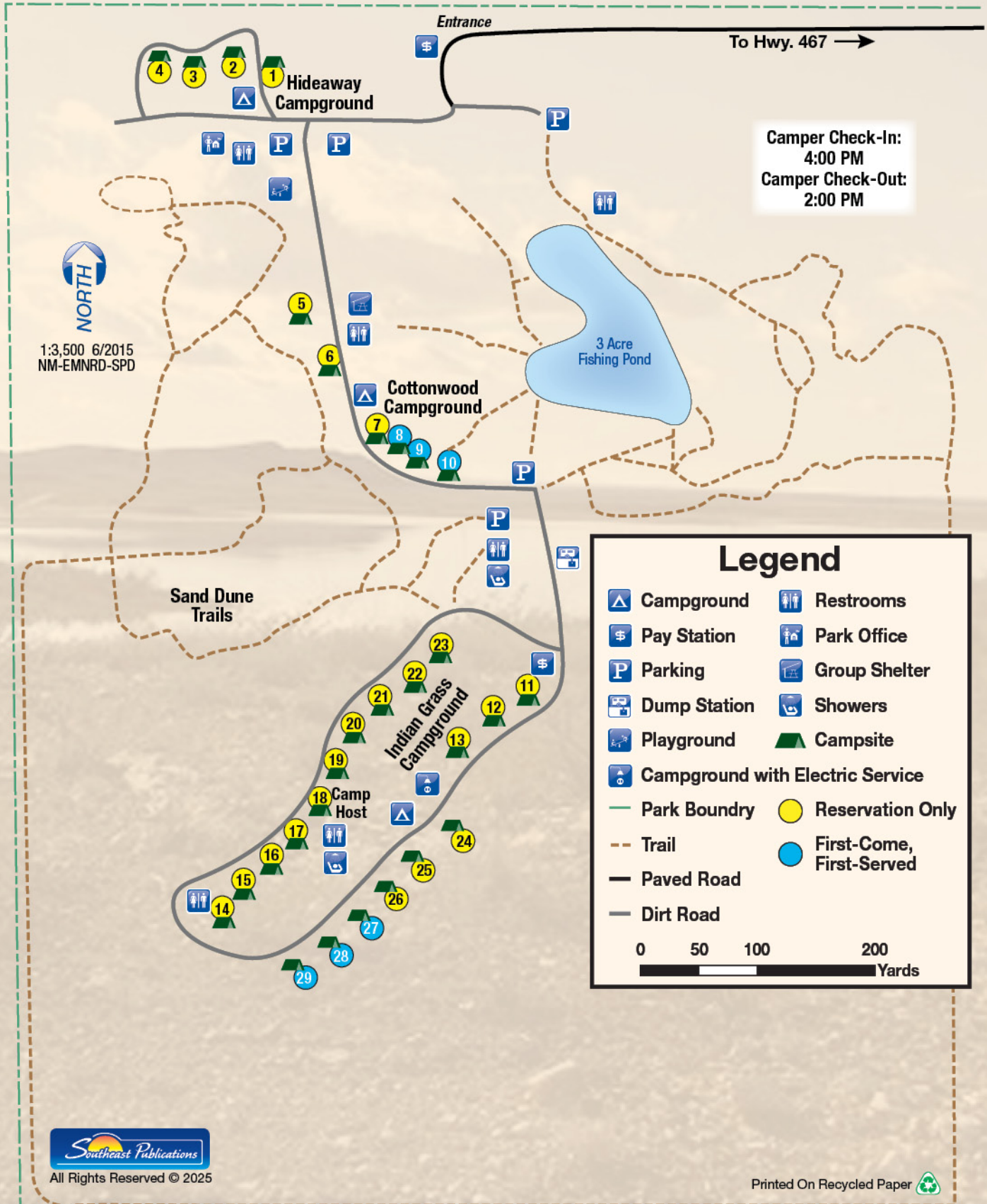




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History of Oasis State Park

When the founders of Oasis State Park saw the tall grove of trees standing in the sandy prairie, like an oasis in the desert, they named the park "Oasis." The trees were once a popular picnicking area known as "Taylor's Grove." It was named after Will Taylor, a homesteader who in 1902 planted cottonwoods, chinaberries, locusts and junipers by a natural spring.

In 1960, five Portales businessmen convinced the state to buy Taylor's Grove. Within the year the land was purchased, an operating budget was approved, and Governor Edwin L. Mechem signed the bill creating Oasis State Park.

Oasis is home to a 3-acre fishing pond that was built in 1972. It is sealed with a synthetic liner and topped with bentonite clay to hold the water. Well water is pumped into the pond to keep it full. Because the pond bottom can be

easily damaged, boating, swimming and wading are not permitted. The fishing pond is stocked with rainbow trout during the winter and channel catfish in the summer by the NM Department of Wildlife.

Oasis State Park is located north of Portales in Roosevelt County. The Park is set among cottonwood trees, shifting sand dunes, and the 3-acre fishing pond. Although fishing is the park's main draw, it also has several hiking trails, peaceful and shady campgrounds, and an abundance of birds. Facilities include day-use areas, developed campsites with shelters, electric and water hook-ups, a dump station and Visitor Center.

Rules:

- Fireworks are prohibited.
- Pets must be on a leash.
- Owners must clean up after their pets.
- Fires permitted in grills only when fire bans are not in place.
- No ground fires allowed. Please call the park for the most recent fire restrictions.
- Glass containers prohibited.
- No dumping grey water.

This Park Includes:

- Day-Use Areas
- Developed and Electrical Campsites

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