**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**William Heise**
County Park
A San Diego County Camping Park

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:**
Alcoholic beverages are permitted providing the alcohol content does not exceed 20%.

**CAMPFIRES:**
Campfires must be confined to existing stoves or fire rings. Fires must be attended at all times and must be completely extinguished with water by 11 p.m. No fires allowed from 11 p.m. – 7 a.m. See ranger for current campfire rules.

**CAMPING:**
No more than eight people and two tents per camp site.

**DRONES:**
Remotely piloted aircraft and drones are prohibited.

**FIREARMS & WEAPONS:**
Firearms, fireworks, and weapons are not permitted in County Parks.

**GENERATORS:**
Generators may not operate between the hours of 10 p.m. and 8 a.m.

**NOISE:**
To insure each park guest’s pleasure and peace, quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Excessive noise and loud music is discouraged at all times.

**PETS:**
Pets are permitted if they are properly restrained and under the control of the owner. Dogs must be licensed, restrained on a leash no longer than six feet, and attended at all times. Pets are not allowed in or around the cabin area.

**TREES:**
Do not tie or hang ropes, wire, or tents to trees. Do not drive nails, screws, or staples into trees.

**VEGETATION & NATURAL FEATURES:**
All plants, animals, natural features, and archaeological resources are fully protected and may not be damaged, injured, or removed. Please check with your ranger for firewood — he or she generally has a supply to sell for campfires. Please do not gather it from within the park.

**WASTE WATER:**
Please dispose of all waste water in an approved dump station, never on the ground.

**YOUTH:**
All persons under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a legally responsible adult with medical authorization for each child while camping in the park.

**NOTE:**
Residence in the park is contingent upon guests maintaining their immediate camping area in a safe and clean condition and complying with all park rules. Failure to comply will result in a suspension of camping privileges and loss of prepaid fees.

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History

The earliest inhabitants to this area were the Kumeyaay people. Remnants of their lives survive in the park — from rocks with smoothed holes used for grinding and cooking to pieces of ancient pottery. Fast forward to 1870 when gold was discovered in Julian. Two popular gold mines were managed on property that is now called William Heise County Park — named after an inventor of ambulance equipment who purchased the land and its sealed mines in 1941. In 1967 he sold his 134-acre plot to the County of San Diego for $67,000 and the park opened to the public in 1970. In 1988, land to the south of the picnic area, including the ranger station, was sold to the County, expanding the park’s footprint and opening dozens of additional opportunities for day-use and camping travelers.

Enjoy Julian

The nearby town of Julian is at the center of the historic mining district. In 1870, the discovery of gold in the region brought an influx of people, business and recreational amenities. The Julian Pioneer Museum features exhibits that portray those early times, along with original storefronts, antique shops and other historic attractions. Today, Julian is a bustling little town with several wineries, year-round tourism and annual events like the Apple Days Festival in the fall.

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**RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION**

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Reservations & Information
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Visit us at sdparks.org
Welcome to William Heise County Park

4945 Heise Park Road
Julian, CA 92036
760-765-0650

Day-use Hours
9:30 a.m. – sunset

Emergencies: 911

Day-use
Parking

Check-in: 2:00 p.m.  Check-out: 12 p.m.
For detailed site descriptions, go to sdparks.org

Situated 4,200 feet above sea level in a forest of pines and oaks along the northern extremity of the Cuyamaca Mountain Range in the unincorporated community of Julian sits William Heise County Park.

The day-use and camping park spans over 1,000 acres bringing unique features to life, every season, from playful winter snowfall and vibrant spring wildflowers to starry summertime skies and the changing colors of fall. Every trip is a new experience, with new places to visit and new sites to see.

Water is available nearby and firewood may be picked up at the ranger station. Coin-operated showers are available – the cost is 50 cents per 4 minutes of shower time. Quarters are also available at the ranger station.

William Heise offers 14 cozy wilderness cabins with propane fireplaces, interior lighting, a table and chairs, a food pantry, bunk beds and a large room accommodating up to six people. Be sure to bring your own bedding for the wooden bed frames, as mattresses and blankets are not included. Pets are not allowed in or around the cabins.

Mountain Lions
Nearly half of California is prime mountain lion country. Also known as a cougar, puma or panther, these protected species tend to live solitary, reclusive lives, and are avid hunters of larger game like deer and sheep. While your chances of encountering a mountain lion are extremely slim it's important to be prepared: Do not hike alone; Keep children close; Never approach or run from a mountain lion; If you see a mountain lion, stand tall, face the animal, make eye contact and make sure it has an escape route to avoid confrontation. Report any mountain lions to park staff or call 911.

Rattlesnakes
Rattlesnakes are an important part of our local ecosystem and a protected species in County Parks. They help to control the population of small mammals like mice and rats. If you encounter a rattlesnake, likely on hot days or in summer, consider yourself lucky! Know what they look like and be aware when you visit any of the trails on site. Avoid heavy brush and carry a hiking pole or walking stick during the day – at night, use a flashlight. Always tell park staff when you see a mountain lion, stand tall, face the animal, make eye contact and make sure it has an escape route to avoid confrontation. Report any mountain lions to park staff of call 911.

Legend

- Tent Sites
- Cabins
- Partial RV sites (water and electric)
- Non-electric RV sites
- Water and electric
- Tent Sites with Showers

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Julian, CA 92036
760-765-0650

Nighttime visitors can camp in one of 42 tent sites, 20 partial hook-up and 37 non hook-up sites that are perfect for RVs (up to 40 feet), trailers and tents. Each site includes a table, a fire ring, a tent or RV pad and a parking space. 

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