

Requirements for having a campfire at Big Creek Reserve

1. You must present a valid California campfire permit to Big Creek management personnel before having a fire. Follow the permit link at [Ready For Wildfire.org](https://www.readyforwildfire.org/permits/campfire-permit/) (<https://www.readyforwildfire.org/permits/campfire-permit/>).
2. Check with Big Creek staff to determine if a campfire is permitted at your campsite at the time of year you are visiting.
3. Only use the campfire ring provided at your campsite. Ensure the ground is clear at least 5 feet in all directions. Scrape away grass, leaves or needles down to the mineral soil.
4. Cut wood in short lengths, pile within the campfire ring and light the fire. The fire should be built no larger than necessary.
5. Fire must never be left unattended and the fire must be extinguished completely before everyone leaves camp or goes to sleep.

How to Completely Extinguish an Open Campfire - Drown, Stir, Feel

1. Use a hose or fill a bucket with water and pour it on the campfire while completely stirring and wetting all the ashes.
Turn wood and coals over and wet all sides.
2. Move some of the dirt immediately adjacent to the fire into the fire and mix thoroughly.

3. Feel with your hand all around fire to be sure nothing is still smoldering.