



US Army Corps
of Engineers



A Brushy Creek Christmas Christmas Drive-Thru Camping Event

Rules and Regulations

RESERVATIONS OPEN AUGUST 3rd

Tuesday-Sunday December 8-13, 2026

Event Date December 11-12, 2026

1. What is "A Brushy Creek Christmas"?

- a. Be part of the 7th Annual Brushy Creek Christmas light show!
- b. The purpose of this FREE camping weekend is to enhance our community holiday offering by providing a Christmas light drive-through event in the campground.
- c. The event is also a fundraiser for Friends of Lake O' the Pines. Donations will be graciously accepted from any volunteers or attendees, and as a 501c3 volunteer organization, your donation may be tax deductible. Have a great time? Your donation helps make future events like this possible. Donations may be made directly to the organization at site #201, or by visiting this link:



2. How decorated does my site need to be?

- a. To ensure a successful event, each site must be elaborately lit and decorated. Camping guests are obligated to provide a fully lit and decorated campsite for both Friday and Saturday nights.
- b. Camping participants must provide their own outdoor rated extension cords and any additional supplies and resources required for decorating.
- c. Generators are highly encouraged for additional power, especially in the tent area. Please be aware that not every tent site has electricity.
- d. The event is held rain or shine. Campers are expected to remain at site throughout the weekend.

3. What is provided at RV sites?

- a. Each RV site has one (1) electric source that consists of a 50 AMP, 30 AMP, and one (1) 110 standard household plug with two outlets.
- b. A water hook-up is available at each site.

4. What about tents?

- a. Tents are welcome as well. Elaborate decorating is required.
- b. Please be aware - not every tent site has electricity, so generators may be necessary.
- c. Tents must stay on tent pads.

5. When can I camp?

- a. Set-up begins Tuesday, December 8th to allow ample time to fully decorate your site. Friday will be the first day of the event. All sites need to be fully decorated and ready to show by Friday at 3pm. The park and gatehouse open at 10am Tuesday through Thursday morning and close at 7pm. Please arrive and check-in before 7pm if you are arriving on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

- b. The drive-thru tour will take place Friday and Saturday nights. We highly encourage campers to arrive by Thursday latest to set up and allow time for any necessary troubleshooting.
ATTENDEES ARE EXPECTED TO STAY UNTIL SUNDAY so we can have a full and successful event.
- c. Campers have until 4pm on Sunday, December 13th to check out of the park. Sites must be left clear of all decorations and trash.

6. How do I make a reservation to attend this event?

- a. You can submit a reservation request with the form at www.friendsofloth.com. For questions, call the Lake 'O the Pines Office at 903-665-2336 and ask for Stacey. Do not call the office to make a reservation, this number is only for questions.
- b. **Your reservation reserves your entry, not a specific site.**
- c. DO NOT MAKE RESERVATIONS THROUGH RECREATION.GOV FOR THIS EVENT.
- d. Neither staff nor camping guests are allowed to save or hold a site. Campers must be present to claim a site.
- e. You may call **Brushy Creek Campground gatehouse** on Tuesday through Thursday between 10am and 7pm at **903-777-3491** with park questions, but please remember you **cannot reserve** a site this way.
- f. Upon reservation submittal, you will be sent an email reply containing more information. Please check your spam folder if you cannot locate it. You will also receive a call back within 5 days confirming your reservation has been received.
- g. Reservation deadline is Monday, November 23rd.

7. What time is the event?

- a. Drive-thru hours are 6 - 9 pm on Friday and Saturday. In the event of a long line, time may be extended either night to accommodate additional tour patrons.

8. What are the prizes?

- a. Vouchers will be awarded toward free camping at any Lake O' the Pines campground (when the campground is open).
 - i. Grand prize (Most creatively decorated and lit sites)
 - 1. 1st place - 4 nights free camping
 - 2. 2nd place - 3 nights free camping
 - 3. 3rd place - 2 nights free camping
 - ii. Best water safety theme
 - 1. 1st place- 6 nights free camping
 - 2. 2nd place - 4 nights free camping
 - 3. 3rd place - 2 nights free camping

9. What is not allowed?

- a. Children are to refrain from bicycle/scooter riding after dark unless accompanied by an adult. For safety and visibility, a reflective vest or reflective stickers are required as well as a bike light or flashlight. The park is very dark, and spectators in vehicles are focused on decorations and other distractions during the tour. This visibility requirement applies to individuals walking as well.
- b. No UTVs/ATVs/OHVs
- c. No fireworks
- d. No paper handouts
- e. No sponsorship flyers or banners
- f. No sales on government property
- g. No drones
- h. Feel free to give a friendly wave!

10. All other park rules apply.