

1 Version 3.6 Release Notes

These release notes list all changes since the version 3.5 release.

To upgrade to this release, you only need to install it over your current version. There is no need to uninstall the previous version. Any previous versions will be upgraded automatically -- you do not need to install previous upgrades before this one, and all of your data and settings will be retained (except for the "demo" database file, which will be replaced with a new version). It will make some automatic changes to your database to bring it up to date, so there may be a slightly longer delay the first time you open it.

Upgrades License Expiration Note: To use this version, your free-upgrades license must be current through **10 / 2005**. To check your free-upgrades license expiration date, go to [View / Product Authorizations](#) and check the "Upgrades free through" date.

Networking Note: Be sure that all workstations are upgraded at the same time (shut down all workstations, upgrade all of them, then restart them one by one starting with the master workstation).

Previous Versions Note: You cannot go back to using your database with a previous version of Campground Master once you start using this version, due to upgrades that are automatically made to the database. Be sure you make a backup of the database before installing the new version, in case you have any trouble.

Demo users note: If you're still using the demo or trial of Campground Master, be aware that the sample database file, "Demo", **will be overwritten** when you install the upgrade. If you have changes to the demo you want to save, make sure you make a backup (Maintenance / Back Up Database) and/or use File / Save As to save it to a different filename.

Changes in this release:

- **Changes implemented** -- Changes since 3.5.
- **Fixes implemented** -- Bugs fixed since the 3.5 version release.
- **Online Reservations** -- Complete documentation on the new online reservation support.

2 Changes implemented

Changes that are significant new functionality or important to know about are noted in **bold** print.

- Guest reservations -- if using Add Guest from right-click menu on the Rack, assume the reservation is to start on the date right-clicked on.
- **Added Alt-N hotkey to open cash drawer (in Transactions dialog and POS Sales Entry dialog)**
- Add a "+1Y" button to New Reservation and Reservation Details to add 1 year (only available on 800x600 or larger screens)
- **Add Function hot-keys for common functions in POS and Transactions dialogs:**
 - F2** - Select Rates (or Auto-Calculate, if the auto-calculate button is present)
 - F3** - Enter Deposit
 - F4** - POS Sale (if POS option is present)
 - F5** - Enter Charge
 - F6** - Enter Cash Payment (Enter Payment, automatically selects Cash)
 - F7** - Enter Credit Card Payment (or Other Payment if credit card processing is not enabled)
 - F8** - Print
 - F9** - Open cash drawer
 - F10** - Done
- Added an option to not allow transaction changes to be canceled in Transactions once a receipt is printed -- see "Save transactions immediately when a receipt is printed" in Program Options / Prompts
- Added an option to "Split payment among group members", to automatically transfer equal amounts among group reservations. Only enabled for a Payment or Deposit if it's a Group reservation type, on the linked master with some non-synced reservations.
- Operator Setup -- shows a list of operators first (like sites setup) instead of going straight into editing the first operator.
- Added a "Copy map" function to Maps setup (copies all elements too).
- When duplicating rates, schedules, general item discounts, vendors, maps, and parsing sets, "(Copy 1)" is added to the name of the new one so that the names are unique.
- Added import/export functions to the Setup dialogs for Parsing Sets, Maps and Rates.
- Removed the "Import Rules" function from Edit Parsing Set -- the new function above makes it obsolete.
- **POS -- Added an Inventory option to have items that request the price when selected, instead of using a fixed price. The default can also be specified.**
- POS - Added an access level to allow a POS sale with a balance if cust/resv selected without prompting about it (saves a step).
- POS - Added separate "Select Customer" and "Select Reservation" buttons, which go directly to Find Cust/Resv instead of the intermediate dialog.

- POS - Inventory Setup and Vendor Setup functions show a list first (like sites setup) instead of going straight into editing the first item/vendor.
- **Rates -- Added a "Max periods to apply" option to limit the # days a rate will be used before checking alternatives, e.g. for Passport America rates.**
- In several Setup dialogs (Maps, Sites, Rates, Schedules, etc.), changed "New" to "Add" for consistency, moved Add button above Edit, and removed some Insert functions where they're not particularly helpful (Add / Move will work just as well).
- **Guarantee dialog -- Added a button to go directly to Quote/Confirmation.**
- **Taxes Setup -- Added a "Trans Cats" list that each default tax should apply to, so it can be set to apply only to certain categories by default instead of all categories. Used in the Enter Charge dialog, for both normal & POS transactions, and also used when entering Inventory items.**
- Added the "Exclude from E-mail" field to Find Customer results if looking for E-mail address.
- **Added Confirmation # option to the Transactions Details view.**
- **Report / Meter readings changes:**
 - Added a warning if any occupants are empty (not going to be charged).
 - Added a warning if closing without printing the added charges.
 - Added an option to "charge previous occupant for any sites that are vacant".
 - Use the "Actual reading date" instead of "today" for occupant as-of showing/charging, and for rates calculations.
- Added error/warning messages if attempting to open database from remote or removable drive, or from inside a compressed backup
- **Export to Web -- Start and end dates for availability can now be set, either as specific start/end dates, or Today, or X days from today.**
- Rearranged the Raw Data Tables menu (grouped some items into sub-menus)

3 Fixes implemented

Problems that were considered significant functional issues are noted in **bold** print.

- **Fixed so it doesn't count \$0 auto-rates results as "better" for calculating longer periods (e.g. in the case where no rates apply for a longer period)**
- **POS fix -- when the Change Due window comes up, that kept locks because print/save/close isn't done yet. Now don't lock until we're processing changes -- either when Done or if auto-save-before-print (but if auto-close-after-print then it will close immediately anyway)**
- **Fixed a crash in New Reservation if a date is selected causing the very last "default future date", or farther, to be accessed.**
- **Fixed -- rounding issues causing auto-rates adding/subtracting the same thing over and over.**
- Improved the CSV Import and Export function to handle quoted strings properly (convert to double-quotes). Also avoid stripping leading & trailing spaces, and removed the 5000-character limit on field values.
- Fixed a crash when trying to move Customer Transactions up or down in Transaction History.
- Guest reservations fix - don't set the default First Night to a date prior to today (assume starting today if adding from Reservation Details / Guest Mangmt, and make sure the site for the new guest reservation (and thus the host reservation) can be seen in New Reservation (uncheck Show Avail & Use Prefs)
- Inquiry reservations -- Fixed so if a synced reservation is made an Inquiry (or Wait or Can't book), make it non-synced instead of a sub-member (separate billing).
- Fixed bug with finding matched Transfer transactions when deleting a transfer (picking the wrong one when more than one exists for the reservation) -- fixes deleting and the Unmatched Transfers maintenance report.
- **Fixed New Reservation entry so any change to the rig size re-checks site preferences and displays appropriate sites (instead of only doing it if it's 2 digits), so clearing it resets the preferences**
- **Fixed a crash when deleting single selected sites in New Reservation**
- Importing fixes:
 - Reservations: Avoid deleting a valid one as a duplicate due to a previously Cancelled one (compare resv status for duplicate checking)
 - Transactions: Tolerate a + sign in front of a value (and leading 0's)
 - Transactions: When matching resv site #s, tolerate a leading 0 (as when importing reservations)
 - Transactions: Don't import \$0 deposits
 - If customer Import ID not found, show proper error message instead of showing it as a duplicate.
- Pole display - Fixed default setting for 2nd line of pole display so it shows both lines (was showing just 2nd line, on the top).
- Networking -- inserted a 2-second delay when disconnect/reconnect, to avoid the "workstation

already in use" connection problems

- Removed the "Expiration date format" setting from the Credit Card setup, since it should always be YYMM and changing it will cause decline charges.
- Avoid a couple redundant prompts about payment method and paid-through date when payments are entered for POS sales.