

EXPLORE YOUR PARKS

CAMPING is one of our favorite ways to spend time outdoors. Most state parks have overnight camping, including restrooms and showers. Campsites range from basic campsites to full hook-up sites and roofed structures like cabins or yurts.

Making a reservation

Online reservations for campsites are always available at washington.goingtocamp.com.

Phone reservations can be made by calling the Reservation Center at 888-CAMPOUT.

Last-minute reservations You can make a last-minute reservation for campsites until 2:00 p.m. the day of your expected arrival date. These can be booked online or by calling the Reservation Center.

First-come, first-served campsites may also be available, ask park staff once you arrive.

Arriving at the park

Check in for campsites generally starts at 2:30 p.m. and for cabins, platform tents, teepees and yurts at 4 p.m.

If you arrive early, be considerate of other visitors who are already camping in your site. Don't wait outside other people's campsites while you wait for your check-in time. If you do arrive early and have your Discover Pass, feel free to hang out in the day-use area of the park.

If you arrive late and the gate is closed, you may open the gate. Close the gate behind you and be sure to register the next morning.

More information

If you have more questions, please contact our Information Center at (360) 902-8844 or info.cent@parks.wa.gov.



GET OUTDOORS

Try one of these fun activities

Biking

Biking is a great way to explore your state parks. Bike on roads, bike paths or off-road trails. State parks have paths for expert trail cyclists or casual campground wanderers.

TRY THIS AT: CENTENNIAL TRAIL, CONCONULLY

Bird watching

Many of our parks are a birdwatcher's paradise, from the bald eagles wintering along Skagit River to prairie falcons soaring across the grasslands of Eastern Washington.

TRY THIS AT: PEARRYGIN LAKE, TWIN HARBORS

Boating

Go boating on our many lakes, rivers and coastal waters. Remember boating safety tips and your registration card.

TRY THIS AT: LAKE SAMMAMISH, MANCHESTER

Fishing, shellfishing and harvesting

Head out to one of more than 80 state parks where you can fish or harvest shellfish and seaweed in season. Remember your permits from the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

TRY THIS AT: IKE KINSWA, LYONS FERRY

Hiking

Connect with yourself, your fellow hikers and with the nature around you. Hiking can take you to stunning views and around geologic wonders. Whether you're looking for an exciting adventure or just a pretty stroll, hit the trails!

TRY THIS AT: BEACON ROCK, FIELDS SPRING

Horseback riding

Most of Washington's ocean beaches and several state parks allow equestrian activities, including sections of our long-distance trails.

TRY THIS AT: BRIDLE TRAILS, RIVERSIDE

Visitor/interpretive centers

Our visitor and interpretive centers connect you to Washington's history and culture. Experience the Ice Age floods at the Dry Falls Visitor Center or peer through a telescope at Goldendale Observatory.

TRY THIS AT: CAPE DISAPPOINTMENT

Water and beach activities

Parks offer beach and water activities for the whole family. From exploring tidepools to shoreline, paddleboarding to wind surfing, floating to diving, there's a ton to do on the water.

TRY THIS AT: SALTWATER, COLUMBIA HILLS

LEAVE NO TRACE

Before you zip up your backpack or pack your beach bag, there's a few things you should know before heading to our parks. We want everyone, at all experience levels, to feel welcome in the outdoors and we want the land and its inhabitants to stay healthy. We ask our visitors follow the below guidelines.

7 LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPALS



1. PLAN AND PREPARE. Research your trip in advance. Check our website for park hours and any alerts that may impact your trip. Read about the area and bring the right gear, directions, permits and passes. It's also good to know any park-specific rules around dogs and fire restrictions. We also recommend our visitors carpool to save gas and travel in small groups to minimize impact.



2. TRAVEL AND CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES. We pride ourselves on our beaten paths and big, flat campground tent pads. When hiking, stay on approved trails and avoid going off-trail or on "social trails" that you may see as you go alone. Stepping off trail can cause erosion, impact plants and flowers and cause safety hazards and area closures. When you set up your tent, stay in your designated camp area. Our tent pads provide a flat, durable surface for tent stakes that minimizes impact to nature around the campsite.



3. DISPOSE OF TRASH AND WASTE. Pack out all of your garbage or dispose of it in one of our provided garbage cans. Food wrappers and other trash left behind can harm animals and cause them to change their feeding patterns. Please use our bathrooms and remember to pick up after your pup.



4. LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND. Cones and leaves are food sources and habitat for many of the animals that call our parks home. Please leave all trees, flowers and rocks as they are. We ask that you don't collect rocks or pan for gold in our parks. If you happen to come across something that may be culturally significant, please don't touch it. Moving or altering these artifacts can damage their cultural significance. Alert park staff to the object. Help be a good steward of our state history!



5. MINIMIZE CAMPFIRE IMPACTS. A campfire is one the best parts of camping, just remember to burn your fire down to coal and douse it with water every night before bed. A good rule is: "If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave."



6. RESPECT WILDLIFE. We know they're cute, but please leave animals alone and give them space. Never feed animals. Wildlife get used to, and sick from, human food. Feeding them can change their feeding patterns and dietary preferences, which puts them at risk for starvation once the busy season ends. This includes storing food properly. Animals will get used to an easy food source and will return. This isn't safe for the animals or our visitors.



7. BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS. Observing proper trail etiquette, especially on mixed-use trails, will help everyone stay safe. If you love to listen to music while you camp or hike, we recommend headphones so you can crank your tunes privately but still hear the outside world and respect other visitors.

FIELD GUIDE BLOG

Need tips on where to see wildflowers or how to camp during the winter? Our Field Guide Blog is full of information about our parks, including tips on where to go and what to see, what to pack and carry with you, even recipes for the campfire! Scan the QR code with your phone or read more online.

parks.wa.gov/Field-Guide-Blog



DISCOVER PASS

The Discover Pass provides parking access to Washington's state-managed lands — including state parks, water access points, heritage sites, wildlife and natural areas, trails and trailheads.



HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

\$30

Annual Pass
(good for one year)

\$10

One-Day Pass
(good for one day)

Transaction fees may apply.

One pass can be used by two vehicles, but is only valid for one vehicle at a time.

HOW TO PURCHASE A PASS

Visitors can purchase the pass online at discoverpass.wa.gov/Rec-Guide.

Many parks have automated pay stations that allow you to purchase a one-day or annual pass once you arrive at the park.

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WASHINGTON STATE PARKS

RECREATION GUIDE





WELCOME TO WASHINGTON STATE PARKS

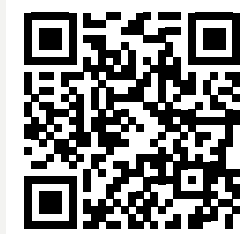
Here at Washington State Parks, we believe the natural beauty of our state is unparalleled and should be accessible to everyone. We work to make the outdoors joyful for everyone from the first-time visitor to the casual explorer, the expert adventurer and for generations yet to come. No matter how you choose to connect with nature, we're here to welcome you into the wild, wonderful outdoors.



USING THE MAP

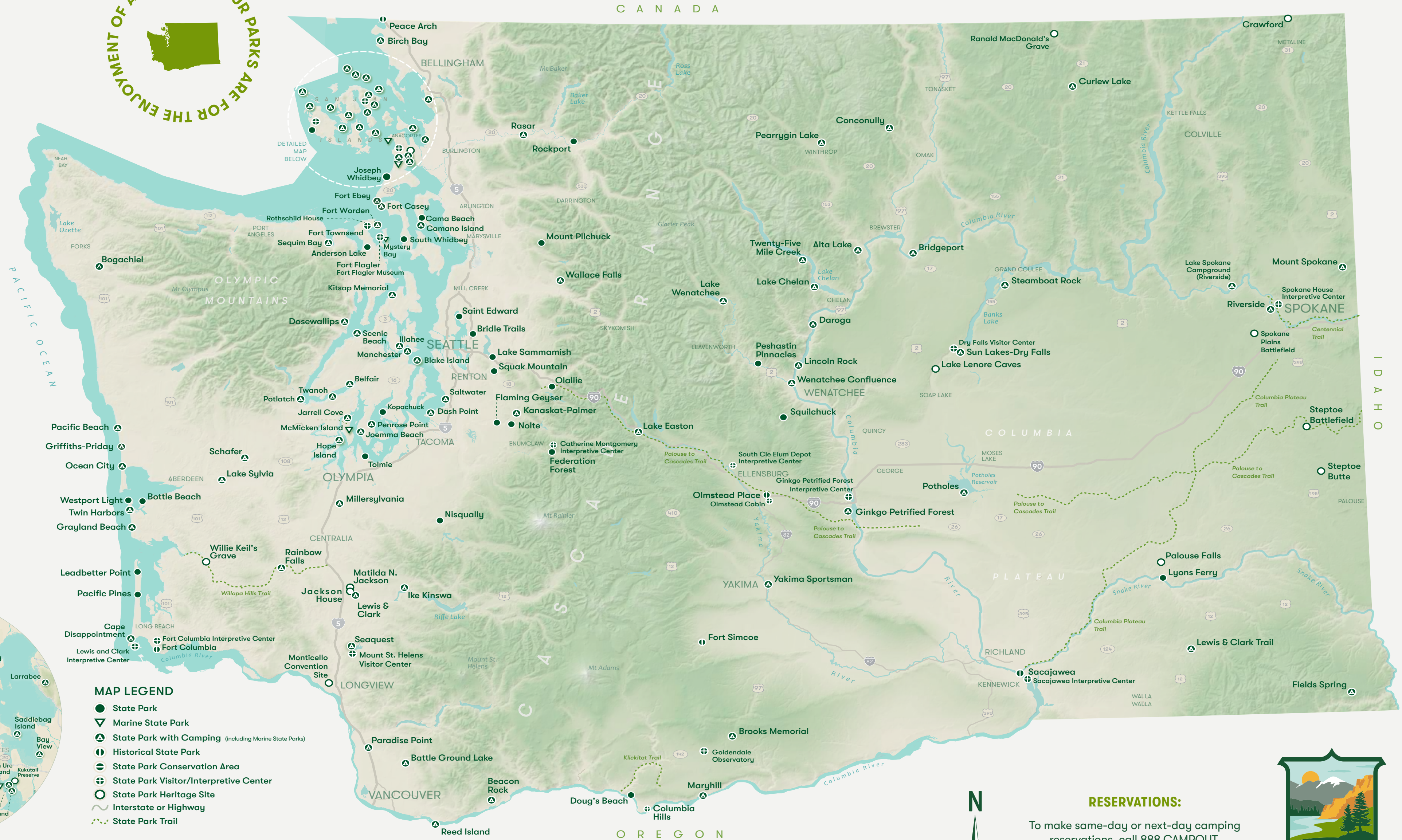
This map is designed to be used alongside our website where you will find resources to help you plan your own adventure. Search and filter parks by their amenities, features and activities.

SCAN THE QR CODE WITH
YOUR PHONE TO GET STARTED
OR VISIT [PARKS.WA.GOV](https://parks.wa.gov)



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IS ALSO HERE FOR HELP
WITH TRIP PLANNING.

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RESERVATIONS:

To make same-day or next-day camping reservations, call 888.CAMP.UT.

For reservations in advance, visit [washington.goingtocamp.com](https://www.washington.goingtocamp.com).

