



HOST STAY LIMITS

Host assignments are temporary and not meant to provide semi-permanent homes for individuals in state park campgrounds or create an expectation of future hosting assignments. Per WAC 352-32-285, “Continuous occupancy of facilities by the same person or persons...shall be limited to thirty consecutive nights, unless otherwise approved by the director or designee.”

In August 2016, Region Managers were delegated the authority to approve volunteer hosts to exceed the stay limits established in WAC 352-32-285. The limit of stay, in any such case, shall not exceed ninety (90) consecutive nights without written approval of the Region Manager and the Volunteer Program Manager. Approvals will only be granted if it is determined that there is a valid need, and no other suitable hosts are available.

The following length of service requirements will go into effect beginning January 1, 2022.

Length of Service Requirements

- The intent is to schedule hosts for a minimum of one (1) month. Unlike other hosts, marine hosts are required to commit to a minimum of 1-2 weeks, depending on the location.
- The maximum host assignment shall not exceed three (3) months, consecutively, at one park.
- After an assignment at a park, hosts must vacate that park for a minimum of three (3) months prior to returning for a host opportunity at that same park.
- Hosts may not serve more than six (6) months in the same park management area within one year’s time.
- Returning hosts may only return to the same park during the same specific window of time up to three (3) years in a row. After that time, hosts must leave and not host at that park for a full year before returning. They are, however, welcome to host at other Washington State Parks during this time.