



Washington Administrative Code

WAC 352-32-030 (7) Camping Stay Limits

Update

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Background

Under the current camping stay limits, park staff are experiencing the following:

- Campers staying longer than allowed.
- Campers using multiple contacts for reservations, with additional work for park staff to track.
- Increased spending on staff time for these groups' behavior management, and law enforcement issues.
- With our current stay limits, and its allowance for long-term camping, there is a negative impact on the welcoming atmosphere of our parks.



Current Stay Limits in Washington State Parks are as follows:

April thru October

10 nights, and no more than 14 nights, after which the camping party must then vacate the park for 3 nights.

October thru March

The maximum length of stay is 20 nights, after which the camping party must then vacate the park for 3 nights, and not exceed 40 nights in a 60-day period.

Current WAC 352-32-030 (7)

Camping Stay Limits

7) In order to afford the general public the greatest possible use of the state park system, on a fair and equal basis, and to prevent residential use, continuous occupancy of facilities by the same camping party shall be limited. **April 1 through September 30: The maximum length of stay during this period shall be established annually for each park by the director or designee and shall be no less than ten and no more than fourteen nights. Campers may stay the established maximum consecutive nights in one park, after which the camping party must vacate the park for three consecutive nights. October 1 through March 31: The maximum length of stay is twenty nights. Campers may stay twenty consecutive nights in one park, after which the camping party must vacate the park for three consecutive nights, not to exceed forty days in a sixty-day time period.** These limitations shall not apply to those individuals who meet the qualifications of [WAC 352-32-280](#) and [352-32-285](#).



Proposed WAC 352-32-030 (7)

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(7) In order to afford the general public the greatest possible use of the state park system, on a fair and equal basis, and to prevent residential use, continuous occupancy of facilities by the same camping party shall be limited. **The maximum length of stay shall be no more than ten nights in one park within a thirty-day period. Total nights stayed not to exceed 120 per calendar year in all state parks.**

(a) Length of stay limits shall be established by the director or designee.

(b) These limitations shall not apply to those individuals who meet the qualifications of WAC 352-32-280 and 352-32-285.





Intent with changing the stay limits

- Keeps availability consistent all year.
- Will help to ensure that our parks are used for recreational purposes, not residential use.
- Reduces impacts to park staff.
- Will reduce some law enforcement issues.
- Will allow more fair and equal use by others.
- Will better support our Agency's mission to provide memorable recreational experiences that enhance people's lives.

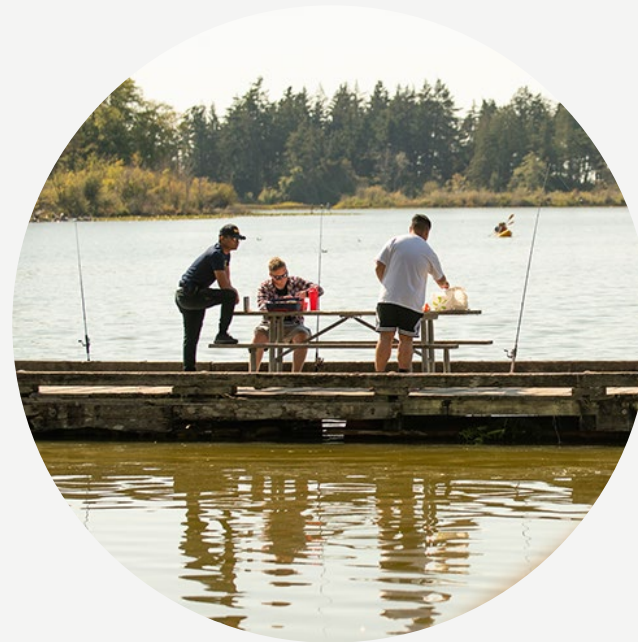


Next Steps



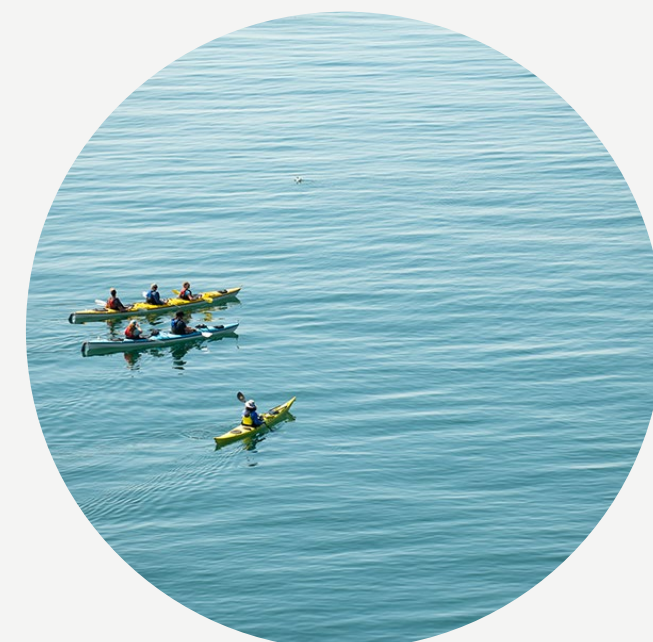
Solicit Public Comment

Using website, and camping reservation email lists we will solicit public comment from park visitors.



Present Proposal to the Commission in July

Bring proposed changes, and public comment to the next in-person Commission Meeting in July.



Implement Approved Change

Work with Communications Team and Camis Reservations system to implement changes once approved.

