

SUMMER RECREATION

Same-day camping reservations available at 26 state parks

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (Parks) is excited to announce its same-day reservation pilot program has expanded to 26 parks across the state.

Additionally, Parks has implemented a new flexible dates feature in its reservations system. Rather than searching for exact dates, visitors can now choose the flexible booking dates option and see when different sites are available. This great new feature lets campers with flexibility find a site, especially during peak season, at

busier parks.

Same-day reservations Same-day reservations allow visitors to secure campsites before heading to a park instead of loading up and heading out, not knowing if an empty site will be available when they arrive. This offering also allows parks to better fill empty sites when there are last-minute cancellations.

Visitors can make same-day camping reservations until 4 p.m. Same-day reservations are made just like regular reservations. Book your stay online, or by call-

ing (888) CAMPOUT or (888) 226-7688.

Same-day camping reservations are available at the following parks:

- Alta Lake
- Belfair
- Birch Bay
- Bridgeport
- Cape Disappointment
- Conconully
- Curlew Lake
- Deception Pass
- Fort Casey
- Fort Worden
- Lake Chelan
- Lake Easton
- Lake Sylvia
- Lewis and Clark Trail

- Lincoln Rock
- Millersylvania
- Moran
- Ocean City
- Pacific Beach
- Pearrygin Lake
- Riverside Bowl and Pitcher
- Sequim Bay
- Schafer
- Twanoh
- Twenty-Five Mile Creek
- Wenatchee Confluence

Flexible Dates

To use the flexible dates feature, visit the reservations website and choose "flexible dates." Once the flexible dates button is selected, choose a time period up

to four months in advance, the park and add the group size and equipment. Hit search and check out the dates and sites available at your park of choice — making it easier to pick a spot without having to search through a bunch of dates that may or may not work. Visitors can also add filters to accommodate specific needs.



photo source: www.highonadventure.com
A family sets up camp next to the water at Lake Chelan State Park.

For more information, contact the Parks Information Center at 360-902-8844 or email Information.Center@parks.wa.gov.

Monroe Music in the Parks



Highway 9 performs July 19 at 7 p.m.

The Monroe Chamber of Commerce is proud to partner with the City of Monroe for a fun family-friendly

event! Music in the Park is a free summer concert series playing every Friday in July at Lake Tye Park!

There will be food trucks, a cocktail garden featuring our local Monroe breweries and FREE live music! Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and dancing shoes!!

Food trucks open at 6:00 pm.

Beer Garden opens at 6:00

pm. Music starts at 7:00 pm.

• **July 5: BroHamM** (Funky Rythym and Blues)

Food Tucks: Cheese Pit, Black Sea, Anthony's Finn, Avery's Chicken & Waffles and Parkside Bites

Breweries: Bogu Brewing Company

• **July 12: The Machine** (70's, 80's, 90's and 2000 dance songs)

Food Trucks: Anthony's

Finn, Yummy Box, Cheese Pit and Parkside Bites

Breweries: Crooked Label

• **July 19: Highway 9** (Rockin' Country)

Food Trucks: Avery's Chicken and Waffles, The Cheese Pit, Black Sea and Parkside Bites

Breweries: Dreadnought Brewing

• **July 26: Hair Nation** (Rockin' 80's rock)

Food Trucks: Anthony's Finn, Cheese Pit, Black Sea, Yummy Box and Parkside Bites

Breweries: Bugu Brewing Company

Lake Tye Park is located at 14964 Fryelands Blvd. in Monroe.

Thomas Family Farm Summer Series

Have some fun at Thomas Family Farm, 9010 Marsh Rd. in Snohomish, every Thursday -Sunday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Aug. 25.

Free admission! Featuring Kids Park (free but limited), food trucks (2-9 p.m.), four pickleball courts (open June 28), fire pits, gem mining, Rusty Nail (family-friendly beer and wine bar), axe throwing, putt putt golf, yard games, picnic areas, fire pits and more.

For more information visit www.thomasfamilyfarm.com or on Facebook.

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Enjoy Music at the Marina

Music at the Marina is the perfect pairing of stunning marina views and a variety of local music.

Head down to Port Gardner Landing at the Port of Everett on Thursday evenings, from 5-9 p.m. July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 to enjoy music at the pier, plus a beer garden and food trucks.

Bring your dancing shoes! Entry to the concerts is free, however there is a \$5 parking fee.

Everett Transit is offering FREE rides to the waterfront every Thursday from July 11 to Aug. 29 starting at 4 p.m. with their Wheels to the Waterfront Program. This will give you convenient access to all eight of the free concerts provided by the Everett Music Initiative. For more information visit <https://everetttransit.org/389/Wheels-to-the-Waterfront>



Nite Wave kicks off the series on July 11.

If you would like Music at the Marina to continue and be free of charge, please make a donation at www.musicatthemarina.com (under the "About" button).

Schedule:

- July 11: Nite Wave (80's New Wave Tribute)
- July 18: Thunderpussy (PNW Rock N Roll)
- July 25: Clinton Fearon (J Reggae)

- Aug. 1: Chance McKinney (Good Time Country)
- Aug. 8: The Little Lies (A Tribute to Fleetwood Mac)
- Aug. 15: Eldridge Gravy & The Court Supreme (Funk and R&B)
- Aug. 22: Queen Mother (A Tribute to the Music of Queen)
- Aug. 29 Leroy Bell & His Lonely Friends (Soul, R&B, Pop, Rock)

International Kite Festival

The Washington State International Kite Festival will be Aug. 19-25 at Long Beach.

The event draws famous kite flyers from all over the world and tens of thousands awed spectators,

many of which participate in the fun with their own kite flying adventures.

For more information visit www.KiteFestival.com

Visit Olympic Game Farm

The Olympic Game Farm has been entertaining families for over 50 years. The farm has hundreds of animals on site for families to "Get Face to Face with Wildlife" from the comfort of their vehicles on the famous Driving Tour.

Olympic Game Farm is the place to get face to face and experience wildlife at close range. You'll have the opportunity to really see a tiger's stripes, a Kodiak bear's huge size or to get slobbered by a buffalo!

Experiences, which at first are hard to imagine, become pleasantly surprising: friendly llamas eat bread from your hand, bears, grazing elk, zebra and buffalo.

You will also see many

animals which are on the endangered species list, such as timber wolves, tigers, and African lions.

In addition to the endangered species, Olympic Game Farm is home to coyote, bobcats, and many more species.

Bread to feed the animals must be purchased at the Game Farm. Bread purchases may be limited when appropriate.

No reservations are required, operations are on

a first come first served basis. Cash or card only.

Olympic Game Farm is fun for the whole family! It is located at 1423 Ward Road in Sequim. For more information visit www.olygamefarm.com



Kids Water Safety Camp

Did you know more children and teens drown in lakes, rivers, and oceans every year than in swimming pools? With so many waterways in our communities,

Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue wants to teach kids how to be safe while they play this summer.

Join Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue for one of their annual Kids Water Safety Day Camps that teaches kids awareness and safety skills while they are on the water. (This is NOT a camp to teach kids how to swim.)

July 9: Lake Tye, 14964 Fryland's Blvd. in Monroe. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

July 17: Lundeen Park, 10020 Lundeen Park Way in Lake Stevens. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Campers will need to pack

a lunch as only a small snack will be provided.

During the day kids will rotate through four hands-on stations, both in the water and on the beach. Life jackets will be provided for each camper to wear during camp. Campers can wear their own life jackets if they have them.

To register, visit www.srfr.org

If your children have taken this class in the past, Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue asks that you let other families have the chance for their children to learn water safety.

