

Camp Host Opportunities



Points of Interest

- Oregon Department of Forestry campgrounds are only a few hours drive from many major attractions from the bustling city of Portland to the picturesque Pacific coastline.
- Hosts enjoy meeting and greeting visitors from all over the state and country.
- Hosts have a unique opportunity to live in a forest setting unlike many in the world.

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In Search of Fun and Outgoing Host Volunteers

The Oregon Department of Forestry is looking for fun, outgoing folks to volunteer as camp hosts in a variety of campgrounds across the Clatsop, Santiam and Tillamook State Forests.

The Camp Host Program provides an opportunity for people from all walks of life to assist the Oregon Department of Forestry in providing a quality camping and recreation experience for the thousands of people who visit Oregon's State Forests each year.

The Department of Forestry operates traditional tent and RV campgrounds, equestrian campgrounds, and campgrounds for OHV enthusiasts. All of the camping facilities operated by the Oregon Department of Forestry provide a rustic setting of campsites with parking, picnic tables, and fire pits. Each campground is also adjacent or close to a trailhead or staging area.

Hosts provide information to help visitors navigate the miles of trail that traverse the State Forests. Each trail a unique journey through a natural setting for hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians, ATV enthusiasts, dirt bikers, and four-wheel drive operators.

All hosts are provided a campsite, firewood, and amenities such as power, water, sewage, and propane. During their stay, hosts help with light facility maintenance, visitor information services, and provide a point of contact for visitors in case of emergency.

Volunteers in the host program are expected to stay for the entire summer season at a campground, although shorter periods are also possible.



Adjacent to the Historic Hiking Trail Loop, University Falls is one of the most photographed scenic features in the Tillamook State Forest.

All hosts are expected to be on site 5 days a week and will need to be present Friday, Saturday, and Sundays. Although, overall schedules can be adjusted to fit the needs of individual host. To best serve the public, hosts generally need to be available 8 hours per day and during emergency situations.

Each year the Host Season runs from the weekend before Memorial Day to the middle of September. However, as weather allows, and as hosts are interested/available, seasons often extend into October.



Most campgrounds have a woodshed similar to this one at Gales Creek for storage of firewood and host supplies.

Gales Creek and Jones Creek Campgrounds are popular family-oriented facilities for campers with tents, trailers, and RVs.

Gales Creek Campground Tillamook State Forest

Hosting Season

- Mid-May through Early-October

Location

- Milepost 35, Hwy 6

Campground Features

- 19 Campsites
- Drinking Water
- Vault Toilets
- Garbage Service
- Day Use & Picnic Area
- Trailhead Parking Area
- Hiking & Mountain Bike Trails

Host Amenities

- Spacious Campsite with a fire pit, picnic table, and woodshed
- 30 amp Generator & Gas
- Drinking Water Tank
- Propane
- Sewage Service
- 2-Way Radios



The Gales Creek host site can accommodate even the largest of Recreational Vehicles. Bordered by Gales Creek, the site stays cool all summer long.

Jones Creek Campground Tillamook State Forest

Two Host Sites Available

Hosting Season

- Mid-May through Early-October

Location

- Milepost 22.5, Hwy 6

Campground Features

- 43 Campsites
- Drinking Water
- Vault Toilets
- Garbage Service
- River Adjacent
- Day Use & Picnic Area
- Trailhead Parking Area
- Hiking & Mountain Bike Trail Access
- Short hike to the Tillamook Forest Center

Host Amenities

- 2 Spacious Host Campsites, each with a fire pit and picnic table
- Full Hook-Ups or Comparable
- Propane
- 2-Way Radios
- Access to Laundry, Showers, and Phone



Jones Creek Campground has two camp host sites. Both are spacious and enjoy a lovely setting of large trees and lush understory vegetation.

Nehalem Falls Campground Tillamook State Forest

Hosting Season

- Mid-May through Early-October

Location

- 10 Miles East of Wheeler at Milepost 7 on Foss Road

Campground Features

- 21 Campsites
- Drinking Water
- Vault Toilets
- Garbage Service
- River Adjacent
Day Use & Picnic Area
- Hiking Trail Access

Host Amenities

- Spacious Campsite with a fire pit, picnic table, and woodshed
- Propane
- 2-Way Radios
- Full Hook-Ups or Comparable



The Nehalem Falls Host Site is nestled in a forest setting.

***Nehalem Falls and
Spruce Run
Campgrounds offer
anglers easy access
to salmon and
steelhead fishing.***

Spruce Run Campground Clatsop State Forest

Hosting Season

- Mid-May through Early-October

Location

- 5 Miles South of Hwy 26 on the Lower Nehalem River Road in Elsie, Oregon.

Campground Features

- 37 Campsites
- Drinking Water
- Vault & Flush Toilets
- Garbage & Recycling
- River Adjacent
Day Use & Picnic Area

Host Amenities

- Spacious Campsite with a fire pit, picnic table, and woodshed
- Drinking Water
- Full Septic
- Propane
- Generator & Gas
- 2-Way Radio



Campsites at Spruce Run are set among large trees or are adjacent to the Nehalem River.



Camp Host sites are well marked and are usually located near the entrance to the campgrounds.

Reehers Camp Tillamook State Forest

Hosting Season

- Mid-May through Early-October

Location

- Milepost 2 on Cochran Road in Timber, OR

Campground Features

- 10 Campsites with 4-stall Corrals
- 6 Drive-In Campsites
- Drinking Water
- Vault Toilets
- Garbage Service
- Trailhead Parking Area
- Equestrian, Hiking & Mountain Bike Trails

Host Amenities

- Spacious Campsite with fire pit, picnic table, 4 stall corral, woodshed
- Drinking Water Tank
- 30 amp Generator & Gas
- Sewage Service

- Propane
- 2-Way Radios

Interested Parties do not have to own or have horse experience to apply.



Santiam Horse Camp Santiam State Forest

Hosting Season

- Mid-May through Early-October

Location

About 45 minutes from Salem, Oregon.

Campground Features

- 10 Campsites with Corrals
- 2 Walk-In Campsites
- Drinking Water
- Vault Toilets
- Trailhead Parking Area
- Equestrian, Hiking & Mountain Bike Trails

Host Amenities

- Spacious Campsite with fire pit, picnic table, 4 stall corral, woodshed
- Drinking Water Tank
- 30 amp Generator & Gas
- Sewage Service
- Propane
- 2-Way Radios



Interested Parties do not have to own or have horse experience to apply.

Rustic Camping in Oregon's State Forests

Oregon Department of Forestry campgrounds in the Tillamook, Clatsop and Santiam State Forests offer visitors a chance to escape today's "plugged-in" lifestyle.

While all facilities are within less than an hour's driving distance of cities or towns with shopping centers, cell phone service and Wi-Fi hotspots, the campgrounds themselves are largely off the grid giving folks a chance to enjoy nature without the constant interruptions of the communication age.

Each campsite is equipped with a tent pad, a fire pit and a picnic table and most of the drive-in sites have a parking pad large enough to accommodate a trailer, fifth-wheel, or RV.

However, aside from select volunteer camp host sites, there are no water, sewer or power hook-ups available.

Water is available from an old-fashioned hand pump well and bathrooms are provided in the form of simple concrete vault toilet buildings. It is really the "back to basics" experience for camping.

Campers have the opportunity to enjoy nature in some of the most scenic locations in the Pacific Northwest. There are trails for just about every type of enthusiast and easy access to nearby creeks and rivers for wading, swimming and fishing.



Department of Forestry Campgrounds are designed to be an escape from the hustle and bustle of today's "plugged-in" lifestyle.

Northrup Creek Horse Camp Clatsop State Forest

Hosting Season

- Mid-May through Early-October

Location

- 4 miles north of Hwy 22 on Northrup Creek Rd

Campground Features

- 8 Campsites with Corrals
- 3 Campsites for Campers without Horses
- Drinking Water
- Vault Toilets
- Trail Access

Host Amenities

- Spacious Campsite with a fire pit, picnic table and corral
- Generator & gas
- Propane
- 2-Way Radios

Interested Parties do not have to own or have horse experience to apply.





How to Apply for these Outstanding Hosting Opportunities

Interested in one of these great Camp Host opportunities?
Simply fill out an application online!

CAMP HOST APPLICATION

We're looking forward to hearing from you!

Browns Camp OHV Campground and Staging Area

Hosting Season

- April—October

Location

- Milepost 2 on Beaver Dam Road—Turn Into Forest at Milepost 33 on Highway 6

Campground Features

- 30 Campsites
- Drinking Water
- Vault Toilets
- Garbage & Recycling
- Trailhead Parking Area
- Day Use Picnic Tables
- Trail Access for ATVs, Dirt Bikes, and 4-Wheel Drives



Host Amenities

- Spacious Campsite with a fire pit, picnic table,
- 30 amp Generator & Gas
- Propane
- 2-Way Radio

Browns Camp is a busy place as it is a favorite campground and day use area for motorcyclists, quad riders, and 4x4 enthusiasts. Browns Camp provides easy access to OHV trails for all skill levels.

Applicants must have ATV or OHV experience.

Hosting stays at Browns Camp can be any length of time, however week long minimums are suggested