



PROCEDURE

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Reference(s): WAC 352-32-010, Definitions, WAC 352-32-030(9),(12), Camping;
PRO 65-1012, Emergency Areas

PRO 65-8 Hiker/Biker Accommodations

Purpose

To define the manner by which hikers and cyclists without reservations may be accommodated within state parks.

Definitions

1. **Emergency Area** – An area in the park separate from the designated overnight camping sites, which may be used for camping when no alternative camping facilities are available within the park or within a reasonable distance from the park based on the visitor's mode of transportation.
2. **Hiker/Biker** – Individual that arrives at a park by foot or bicycle seeking overnight accommodations.
3. **Hiker/Biker Campsite** – A campsite that is to be used solely by visitors arriving at the park on foot or bicycle.

Procedure

1. **Accommodations of hiker/biker visitors without reservations**
 - 1.1 Area manager will ensure park maintains a list of potential sites that may accommodate overnight camping within a 10-15 minute walk/ride/drive from the park.
 - 1.2 Area manager will ensure staff is trained to provide accommodations to hiker/biker visitors in the manner described by this procedure and Procedure #65-1012, Emergency Areas.

- 1.3 Staff may offer any (all) available designated camping sites and charge the appropriate fee (see State Parks campsite fee schedule) for the site selected by the visitor.
 - 1.3.1 Offer a hiker/biker or other primitive campsite and charge applicable "primitive" fee.
 - 1.3.2 Offer space at any available group camp area and charge applicable "primitive" fee.
 - 1.3.3 Offer any available standard campsite at the applicable fee for the particular site.
 - 1.3.4 Offer any available utility campsite at the applicable fee for the particular site.
- 1.4 If all designated camping sites are unavailable, provide alternative accommodation recommendations outside the park that are within a 10-15 minute walk/ride, provided sufficient daylight remains for travel.
- 1.5 If no campsite options exist for accommodating a hiker/biker overnight, staff may allow visitors to stay in the emergency area pursuant to Procedure 65-1012, Emergency Areas.
- 1.6 Hiker/bikers are not required to accept a standard or utility campsite at the applicable fee before being afforded the opportunity to stay overnight in an emergency area pursuant to Procedure 65-1012, Emergency Areas.