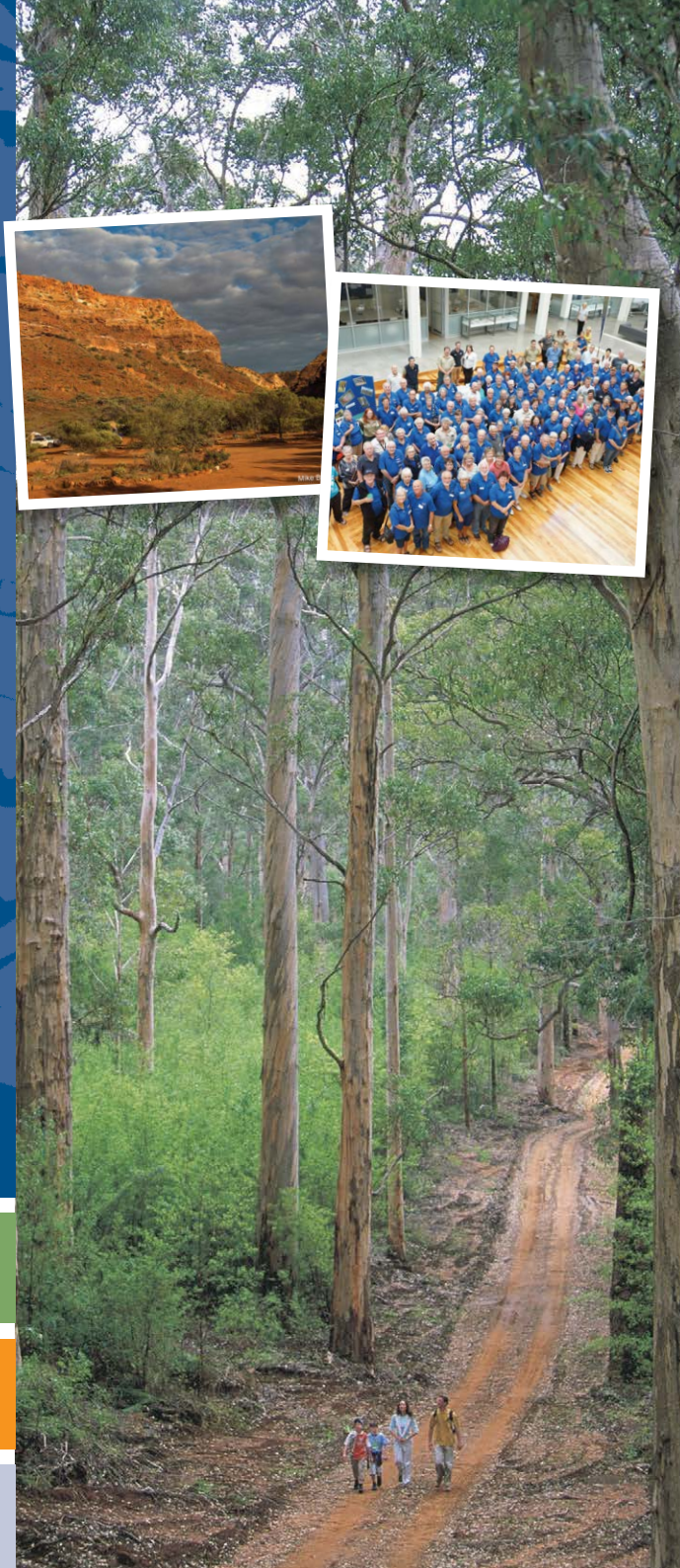


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Be a campground host with Parks and Wildlife



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Since it was launched in 1991, hundreds of people have taken part in the Department of Parks and Wildlife Campground Host program, volunteering their time in campgrounds in national parks and conservation areas around the State. They have spent time in some of Western Australia's most beautiful spots, met many fascinating people and formed memories that will last a lifetime.

Parks and Wildlife's Volunteers and Community Unit coordinates the program and provides campground hosts with training and support before and during their stays.

What are campground hosts?

Campground hosts are people who volunteer their time in national parks and conservation areas around the State to carry out a variety of roles associated with park and visitor management. Campground hosting is perfect for people who love camping and the great outdoors. They usually have a sense of adventure and have good health and fitness levels.

Hosts bring their own caravan or tent, which they set up to stay onsite at national parks around the State for varying lengths of time. In most cases as a volunteer you choose where you'd like to stay and for how long.

When is hosting available?

Hosting is available for most of the year. In particular, hosts are required during the summer period in the south-west, the dry season above the 26th parallel and especially during peak tourist periods including school holidays.

Where do campground hosts operate?

The Campground Host program operates throughout Western Australia at more than 60 sites. This includes visitor centres and conservation reserves where hosts look after homesteads and surrounding buildings providing minor building and grounds maintenance.

What services do campground hosts offer?

Campground hosts are often the first point of contact for visitors to a park or reserve. Hosts welcome visitors and may help them with allocating a camp site or provide them with information about local plants and animals. They also hand out and collect visitor survey forms, provide general information and answer enquiries. Campground hosts may also assist Parks and Wildlife staff with some light maintenance tasks.

Who benefits?

The Campground Host program benefits many people:

- Visitors to the area benefit from the hospitality shown by the hosts whether they are camping or just passing through. Campground hosts often have a wealth of information and are on hand to answer visitors' queries.
- Parks and Wildlife staff also benefit from knowing that visitors to the area are in good hands.
- As volunteers, hosts derive a great deal of pleasure from helping others enjoy their holiday. They meet new people and make new friendships with visitors and Parks and Wildlife staff.
- Hosts also receive the physical and mental health benefits that can be gained from spending time in the natural environment.

While hosting, Parks and Wildlife staff support volunteers either face to face or by radio. Parks and Wildlife's Volunteers and Community Unit staff are also on hand to provide assistance and training when it is required. Each November the hosts meet in Perth for a two-day forum involving information and training sessions related to the program.

