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Who benefits?

Visitors

Campground Hosts often have a wealth of information to share and are on hand to assist visitors with any queries they may have.

DBCA Staff

Staff appreciate knowing that visitors to the area will be provided with information and assistance when needed and that the campsites are kept clean and maintained.

Campground Hosts

Volunteer hosts derive a great deal of pleasure from helping others, meeting new people, and forging friendships that can last a lifetime. There are also physical and mental health benefits that can be gained from spending time in some of WA's amazing national parks.

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Campground hosting Parks and Wildlife Service



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What are Campground Hosts?

Campground hosts are community members who enjoy interacting with a variety of people, enjoy the natural environment and are interested in its conservation.

Hosts are the 'public face' of national park camping in WA. They are often the first point of contact for visitors to the parks and link between rangers and campers. They are required to be physically fit and in good health to carry out a variety of roles associated with the park and visitor management of national park campgrounds throughout WA.

The first record of a volunteer campground host in WA was in 1989, at the Lane Poole Reserve near Dwellingup. It was acknowledged that campground hosts enhanced the department's national park services, while also benefitting campers. By 1997, 15 national parks throughout WA were supported by 29 volunteer campground hosts. Since the program started three decades ago, campground hosts support more than 60 locations throughout WA.

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.



What duties are required?

Duties can include:

- Meeting and greeting campers.
- Checking online booking receipts and assisting campers to find their allocated campsite.
- Providing general information on the park and surrounding area.
- Outlining campground rules, facilities, campfire safety and activities.
- Assisting rangers with campground maintenance and presentation – cleaning of ablutions and facilities, distribution of rubbish bags and removal of rubbish to name a few.
- Duties can vary at each site.



More Information

For information on joining the Campground Host Program, contact the Volunteer Coordination Unit at PWSVolunteers@dbca.wa.gov.au or (08) 9219 9000.