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.

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.
Gales Creek Campground
Tillamook State Forest

Hosting Season
• May — 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
• Drinking Water Tank
• Sewage Service
• 30 amp Generator & Gas
• Propane
• 2-Way Radios

Summer Season Lead:
Roger Warren
Roger.Warren@oregon.gov

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.

Jones Creek Campground
Tillamook State Forest

Hosting Season
• May — September

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 and Phone

Summer Season Lead:
Levi Smiley
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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 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
• May — September

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
• Full Hook-Ups
• Propane
• 2-Way Radios

Summer Season Lead:
Levi Smiley
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Spruce Run Campground
Clatsop State Forest

Hosting Season
• May — 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

Summer Season Lead:
Matthew Grantham
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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.

Campsites at Spruce Run are set among large trees or are adjacent to the Nehalem River.
Reehers Camp
Tillamook State Forest

Hosting Season
- May — September

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.

Summer Season Lead:
Roger Warren
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Santiam Horse Camp
Santiam State Forest

Hosting Season
- May — September

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.

Summer Season Lead:
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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.

Northrup Creek Horse Camp
Clatsop State Forest

**Hosting Season**
- May — 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

**Summer Season Lead:**
Matthew Grantham
Matthew.D.Grantham@oregon.gov

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

*Scheduling 1 month stays.*
How to Apply for these Outstanding Hosting Opportunities

Interested in one of these great Camp Host opportunities? Simply fill out an application and return it to:

Joe Offer
Recreation Operations Manager
(503) 359-7464
Joseph.h.offer@oregon.gov

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.

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