



Campgrounds Perfect for Washington Winter Camping

For many of us, winter is a time for hibernation when we hunker down, watch old movies, read good books, and spend time looking out our windows. Those of us who aren't into snow sports may feel left with few winter outdoor options. This is particularly true when it comes to camping: it's just something reserved for summer... right?

Not at all!

We are lucky to have countless campgrounds that are actually open year-round. Listed are campgrounds in Washington that all feature heated yurts and cozy rustic cabins, making it easy to plan a long weekend and get out this winter.

Best of all, prices for staying at any of these locations can be as low as \$30 per night. All of these yurts and cabins feature electrical lighting, outlets, and heating, though packing a few extra amenities such as your own table lamps can make these rustic accommodations feel that much more comfortable.

Washington:

- [Bay View State Park Campground](#)
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- [Rasar State Park Campground](#)
- [Cape Disappointment Campgrounds](#)
- [Grayland Beach State Park Campground](#)
- [John MacDonald Memorial Campground](#)
- [Paradise Point State Park Campground](#)
- [Wallace Falls Campground](#)
- [The Lost Resort + Campground](#)
- [Columbia Hills Historical State Park Campground](#)

Happy Holidays!



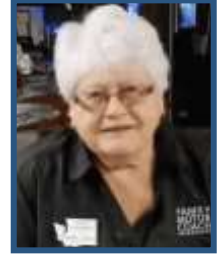
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Ramblin's From Roxanne

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Well, we made it through another year and hopefully everyone is looking forward to a better 2022. Have you started making your list of New Year's resolutions yet? I am not sure I want to make any because I normally never make it past the first month.

We have now been back in Arizona for just over 6 weeks and our weather went from high 80's and low 90's to mid-60's. Luckily, we have not had any rain and I hope everyone weathered your storms with no damage.

Slight changes happening here...we have a new neighbor, an ex-Army flight medic. So I know if anything happens to Mike, she will be able to help. We just got the pad poured for the RV and reservations are beginning to come in for visitors. First guests arrive the 16th of December and then family is coming for Christmas.

Let's spend the winter getting those RV's ready for spring. Brad has scheduled some wonderful places for next year and it would be great to have each one maxed out with reservations. Don't wait until the last minute. Get your reservations in as soon as possible.



Roxanne

"Don't make me flip my witch switch."



Puget Sounder News

It's Puget Sounder dues renewal time!

It's time to renew your dues. See Page 7 for more information.

Note for June 2022: The FMCA NW Area rally will be held in Coos Bay, OR, June 21-25.

Donna Barker has volunteered to be the Sunshine Person for the club. If you know of someone who we should acknowledge with a card or note, please contact Donna. Her email is bendonnabarker@yahoo.com or her cell number is 360-201-5670.

RALLY NOTES:

Remember: Call/text/email your wagon master when you make or cancel reservations.

Brad Older: 360-359-6712

bradolder@fairpoint.net

All parks require you to call individually, to make a reservation with your credit card.

Keep in mind when making your reservations that most attendees arrive at the parks on Thursday and stay till Monday, if they have the availability.

Generally sites will not be held past 30 days prior to the rally. We recommend that you make reservations early.

For members no longer traveling with an RV there are cabins available at select rally sites. More info to follow on which dates cabins are available.

Expect rallies to be open air (without clubhouse) weather permitting.

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Rally Recap: November 2021
Silver Cove RV Resort, Silver Lake, WA



Hosts:
Bob & Elsie Fite

Puddles, puddles, puddles.



We had a virtual obstacle course to get from our coaches to the clubhouse. In other words, we had a lot of rain. Who would have thought that we would have a lot of rain in November? There were four coaches who braved the cold and the rain: Bob & Elsie Fite, Bob & Holly Platz, Fred & Andrew Austin and Ken & Laurie Cameron.

Fortunately, we had a nice, warm clubhouse for our gatherings. Great dishes and desserts were served up on Friday and Saturday nights. Bob served his famous brisket that was delicious, of course.

The weather didn't encourage most of us to venture about so it was cards in the clubhouse Friday and Saturday.

The rain picked up again on Monday. As Ken and Laurie were leaving the lake was rising towards the road. Time to get home and put the RV away for few months.



Clubhouse (between rainstorms)





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RV Tips & Tricks

Tip to Make a Gas Oven Better:

One of the biggest problems with an RV gas oven is that it will often burn the bottom of whatever you are baking. Placing a pizza stone onto the bottom of the oven, but not directly onto the burner, will prevent this from happening as well as evening out the temperature.

Power Inverters:

An inverter takes 12 volts from the RV house battery and inverts it to run 120 volt appliances. Use a Pure Sine Wave Inverter so it will not interrupt some appliances like TVs and stereos.

Tips to Inspect a Used RV:

There are three options you can use to complete a used RV inspection. Hire an independent RV Inspection Service to complete the inspection for you. Find a certified inspector from the **NRVIA – National Recreational Vehicle Inspection Agency; www.nrvia.org** Enlist the help of a knowledgeable friend to go with you to do the RV Inspection. You can do it yourself, as long as you are confident, that you know what you are doing.

Carbon Monoxide:

Make sure to have a carbon monoxide detector and test it to confirm it is working. Change the batteries each RVing season.

Tip for Outside Porch Light:

For safety include a light fixture with a motion sensor. This will also reduce the need to remember to turn the light off and on by hand all the time.

Fire Extinguisher:

Good idea to check the charge of the existing fire extinguisher, and if there isn't one, best to have one on hand just in case. A rated ABC will handle most types of fires.

Backing into a Camp Site:

When pulling into or backing into a campsite don't only look around the RV for obstacles. Look up for tree branches that can hit the top of the RV too.

Awning Care:

When away from the RV, put up the awning. Strong winds and heavy rain can damage the awning.

Trick to Stop RV Toilet Bowl From Leaking:

RV toilet bowls usually use a rubber seal to keep the water in the bowl. If the seal dries out it can start to develop a slow leak draining out the water. For preventive maintenance a coating of Vaseline on the seal works wonders at keeping the seal from drying out and leak proof.

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Consider signing up for the upcoming FMCA International Convention & RV Expo
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MARCH 23-26, 2022
PIMA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
TUCSON, ARIZONA

TUCSON'S "SUNSETS + SAGUAROS"

Looking to get your 2022 travel season off to a sweet start? Then join thousands of RVers for FMCA's 104th International Convention & RV Expo. You'll discover activities throughout the four-day event that will have you grinning from ear to ear.

Exhibitor Hours

Wednesday, March 23, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, March 24, 25, & 26, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

How Can I Attend?

Full Access + RV Camping
On-Site - \$225/couple

4-Days Full Access with 5 Camping Nights

Includes access to RV Displays, Exhibits, Educational Seminars, Entertainment, Member gatherings, Chapter Events, Camping with Friends.

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Full Daily Passport
(No RV Parking) - \$185/couple

4-Days Full Access

Includes access to RV Displays, Exhibits, Educational Seminars, Entertainment, Member gatherings, Chapter Events.

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Public Gate
RV Displays & Indoor Exhibits - \$10/person

\$25 for family of 3 or more

Children 12 and under free. Active Military free.

Only sold at public gate.

Daily Passport
RV Displays, Indoor Exhibits, Seminars, Entertainment - \$50/person

Children 12 and under free.

Only sold at public gate.

Not a member of FMCA but you'd like to attend FMCA's "Sunsets and Saguaros" convention?

No problem. Just give us a call at (800) 543-3622 and we can get you registered for all the great activities and bushels of fun we have planned.

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On the Lighter Side



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2022 Rally Schedule

North Whidbey RV Park

Friday, April 15 — Sunday, April 17
565 Cornet Bay Rd., Oak Harbor, WA 98277
360-675-9597
northwhidbeyrvpark.com
Hosts: TBD

Stargazer (Reserve no later than April 20)

Friday, May 20 — Sunday, May 22
800 E Simcoe Dr., Goldendale, WA 98620
509-773-7827
Stargazersrvresort.com
Hosts: TBD

Olde Stone Village (Reserve by April 15)

Friday, June 17 — Sunday, June 19
4155 NE Three Mile Lane, McMinnville, OR 97128
503-472-4315
Oldestonevillage.com
Hosts: TBD

NW Regional Rally

Tuesday, June 21 — Friday, June 25
Coos Bay, OR
Registration opens in January

Howard Miller Steelhead Park—Tentative

Friday, July 22 — Sunday, July 24
52804 Rockport Park Rd., Rockport, WA 98283
360-853-8808
Hosts: TBD

Icicle River RV Park

Friday, August 19 — Sunday, August 21
7305 Icicle Rd, Leavenworth, WA 98826
509-548-5420
https://icicleriverrv.com/
Host: TBD

Columbia Riverfront RV Park

Friday, September 16 — Sunday, September 18
1881 Dike Rd, Woodland, WA 98674
360-225-2227
Host: TBD

Toutle River RV Resort—Tentative

Friday, October 21 — Sunday, October 23
150 Happy Trails, Castle Rock WA 98611
360-274-8373
www.greatrvresort.com/
Host: TBD

Midway RV

Friday, November 11 — Sunday, November 13
3200 Galvin Rd., Centralia, WA 98531
360-736-3200
Midwayrvparkwa.com

2022 Officers and Staff

President: Roxanne Parish
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National Director: Mike Parish
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Asst. Wagon Master: Bob Fite
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Newsletter/Historian: Laurie Cameron
Merchandise: Elsie Fite
Webmaster: Gene Kenney



Visit us on the web at
www.pugetsoundersrv.net



Secretary/Treasurer Reminder

Dues for the 2022 Rally season are \$20.00.

Please send your 2022 dues with a check made out to:

Puget Sounders
4931 Scott Rd. NW
Olympia, WA 98502

If you have any questions, please call me at 360-402-7956.

Thank you,

Elsie Fite