

2014 Local State Park Events

Don't miss this year's free days at all Washington state parks. No Discover Pass is required for the day-use areas on these dates.

Junior Rangers

Kids, the state parks need more junior rangers. When visiting the parks, stop by the office and ask for a free junior ranger activity bag and become a junior ranger. Also ask about the junior ranger badges.

"She Who Watches" Tours

Book your reservations now for the "She Who Watches" tours at Columbia Hills State Park. There are two scheduled tours per day on Fridays and Saturdays, at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. There is a limit of 20 people per tour, and a Discover Pass is required per vehicle. Call (509) 773-3141 to reserve.

Camping and Observatory Seasons Begin

Brooks Memorial and Columbia Hills state parks open their camping season Tuesday, April 1. The Goldendale Observatory also opens April 1 for its full season. Hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Check out the sun through our solar telescope or take an evening trip to experience our night sky tours—or both!

Trails Days

Look for the Columbia Hills Trails Days the first three Saturdays in May. Last year included a wildflower walk at The Dalles Mountain Ranch, an Ice Age flood tour at Horsethief Butte and a history tour at The Dalles Mountain Ranch. Keep watching for what this year brings. There is a limit of 20 people per tour, and tours start at 10 a.m. Call (509) 773-3141 to make a reservation.

New Trail Opens

Don't forget to visit the new Crawford Oaks Trail opening this year, about a half-mile down Highway 14 across from Horsethief Butte. This trail offers equestrian trails, mountain bike trails and hiking for all trail enthusiasts.

Campfire Talks

Kids, don't forget to check out the campfire talks at Maryhill State Park on Saturdays starting at 8 p.m. Meet your park ranger and learn something new with your free junior ranger activity bags. Make sure to ask lots of questions. Park rangers like that! ■

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FREE DAYS

The Discover Pass is not required to visit state parks on the following days in 2014:

- Jan. 19 and 20 – In honor of Martin Luther King Day
- March 19 – Washington State Parks birthday
- April 19 – A spring Saturday free day
- April 22 – Earth Day
- May 11 – A spring Sunday free day
- June 7 and 8 – National Trails Day and WDFW Free Fishing Weekend
- June 14 – National Get Outdoors Day
- Aug. 25 – National Park Service birthday
- Sept. 27 – National Public Lands Day
- Nov. 11 – Veterans Day

Please note:
Free days only apply
to state parks.



The Discover Pass is required on these dates to visit recreation lands managed by the Department of Fish and Wildlife and Department of Natural Resources.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March

- 3/1-2—Beachcombers' Fun Fair, Ocean Shores Convention Center; (800) 762-3224
- 3/1-2—Tri-Cities Great Outdoors Show (formerly the Outdoorsman Expo), TRAC Center, Pasco
- 3/2-3—Mid-Columbia honor band, Goldendale High School
- 3/5-9—Portland Metro RV Dealers presents the Spring RV Show of Shows, Portland Expo Center
- 3/6—Glenwood High School's vocal music spring concert, 7 p.m.
- 3/8—Extreme Rough Stock Showdown, Challenge of Champions, TRAC Center, Pasco
- 3/9—Daylight Saving Time begins
- 3/11—Klickitat PUD Board of Commissioners' meeting, 2 p.m., Goldendale
- 3/14—Goldendale swimming pool opens
- 3/14-15—Monster Trucks Checkered Flag Productions, TRAC Center, Pasco
- 3/14-15—Tri-Cities Antique Show, TRAC Center, Pasco
- 3/14-16—58th Annual Portland Roadster Show, Portland Expo Center
- 3/15-16—Rose City Gun and Knife Show, Portland Expo Center
- 3/16—Pirate carnival and silent auction, sponsored by Klickitat PTO, 2-5 p.m., Klickitat School gymnasium
- 3/17—St. Patrick's Day
- 3/19—Washington State Parks free day—Discover Pass not required
- 3/19—Queen of the West ship visits The Dalles, noon to 6 p.m.
- 3/21-23—Custer's Annual Spring Arts and Crafts Show, TRAC Center, Pasco
- 3/23—Klickitat County 4-H Beef Pre-Show, 1 p.m., Klickitat County Fairgrounds
- 3/25—Klickitat PUD Board of Commissioners' meeting, 2 p.m., Goldendale.
- 3/29—Wheatfield half marathon/8K/3K; registration from 8-8:45 a.m., Petersburg School, The Dalles

April

- 4/1—Jordan World Circus, TRAC Center, Pasco
- 4/4—Bickleton Museum opens
- 4/4-6—Spring break 4-H horse clinic, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
- 4/4-6—Annual Sandcup Barrel Racing, TRAC Center, Pasco
- 4/4-6—50th Annual Portland Swap Meet, Portland Expo Center
- 4/11—George Strait "The Cowboy Rides Away" concert, Moda Center, Portland