

Yakima Sportsman State Park

is situated in scenic central Washington, among a living, working wetland. The 266-acre park is an irrigated desert with various sized ponds, and native and domestic deciduous trees on the floodplain of the Yakima River.

In the day use area, the Cool Lake loop trail guides visitors into a natural wildlife area with abundant wildlife and birds. Nearby, a paved 400-foot wetland interpretive trail, accessible to those with disabilities, leads visitors to a pier that extends into the wetlands where young and old can learn about wetland eco-systems, flora, birds and wildlife. There are trails from the day use and campground that provide access to the levy-trail along the east bank of the Yakima River. There are trails from the day use and campground that provide access to the levy-trail along the east bank of the Yakima River.

From the interpretive trail, visitors may connect with other trails and enjoy views of lilies, iris, beavers, muskrats, fish, turtles, frogs and more. Fishing is available for adults along the Yakima River shoreline, which includes trout, bass, catfish and spring Chinook salmon fishing.

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• Annual pass: \$30 • One-day pass: \$10 (transaction and dealer fees may apply)

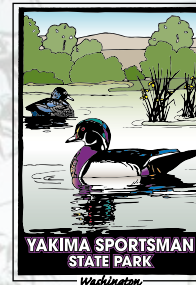
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Things to remember

- **Park hours** – 8:00 a.m. to dusk, (but campers may enter until 10 p.m.).
- **Winter schedule** – Closed November 1 - March 1. For a winter schedule and information about seasonal closures, visit www.parks.state.wa.us or call the information center at (360) 902-8844.
- Wildlife, plants and all park buildings, signs, tables and other structures are protected; removal or damage of any kind is prohibited. Hunting, feeding of wildlife and gathering firewood on state park property is prohibited.
- One camping party is allowed per site. Maximum of eight people per campsite.
- The park allows a maximum of two tents or one RV and one tent at campsites. This policy is strictly enforced.
- Campsites may not be held for other parties.
- Camping check-in time is 2:30 p.m., and check-out time is 1 p.m.
- Extra vehicle overnight - Campsite fees include parking for one vehicle at the site. There is a \$10 per night fee to park a second vehicle at the campsite (unless it is towed by an RV). Extra vehicles must be parked in designated campsites or extra vehicle parking spaces.



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Overnight accommodations

The park offers reservable overnight camping. There are 37 standard campsites and 37 full-hookup sites that accommodate RVs up to 60 feet long with 15, 30 and 50 amp electrical service, water and sewer. RV hookup sites numbered 1 through 16 are pull-through sites, and sites 17 through 36 are back-in sites. Two campsites (hookup site HC and standard site 52) are accessible to people with disabilities and feature concrete patios and fire pits.

Reservations for campsites may be made online at www.parks.wa.gov or by calling (888) CAMPOUT or (888) 226-7688.

Park history

Yakima Sportsman State Park is located within the traditional territory of the Yakama Nation. Historically, Yakama peoples had winter villages located along the Yakima River, which were used for fishing, hunting and gathering.

In the early 1940s, the Yakima Valley Sportsmen's Association began an effort to preserve and develop a public park for local citizens. Ultimately, land was acquired by Yakima County and then deeded to

the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission in 1945. The park was named Yakima Sportsman's State Park in 1950 and later shortened to its current name.

In the late 1940s, the Army Corps of Engineers built a system of dikes for flood control purposes within the park that are now also used as trails.

Park amenities and facilities

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- A group day-use kitchen shelter. Reservations may be made by calling (888) CAMPOUT or (888) 226-7688.
- Juan A. Alvarez Outdoor Living Classroom with 400 feet of interpretive trail.
- Two restrooms and six showers (all accessible to people with disabilities).
- Trailer dump station.
- Sand volleyball court.
- Grass volleyball court.
- Horseshoe pits.
- Children's playground equipment.
- Self-guided interpretive kiosk

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