



Gifford Pinchot National Forest | June 2023

Gifford Pinchot National Forest Approved Recreation Fee Changes

In 2022 the Gifford Pinchot National Forest solicited public feedback on proposed changes to recreation fees under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act. These changes included new fees, and fee increases, at multiple sites, and several special recreation permit fees (new and increase). The public comment period ended on October 07, 2022. Comments were collected and reviewed by U.S. Forest Service program managers and leadership.

Based on public feedback, some elements of the original Recreation Fee Proposal were modified. This modified proposal was brought forward to the current the [Resource Advisory Committee](#) (RAC) for recommendations March 9 and 10, 2023 to approve the proposed fee changes. The RAC members represent a broad array of recreation interest groups to help ensure that the Forest Service is proposing reasonable and publicly acceptable fee changes.

The Regional Forester reviewed and approved the final fee changes, listed below, which will now be implemented over the next few years. Learn more about this process at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/gp/fees>.

New Fees; Day Use/\$5 per day - (Implementation date)

- Crest Camp Trailhead – (Aug 1, 2023)
- Falls Creek Falls Trailhead – (Aug 1, 2023)
- Coldwater Lake Picnic and Boating – (2024)
- Cascade Peaks Interpretive Site – (Aug 1, 2023)
- Siouxon Trailhead – (2025)
- June Lake Trailhead – (2025)
- Middle Falls Trailhead – (2025)
- Snowgrass Trailhead – (2025)
- Hummocks Trailhead – (2025)
- Coldwater Science and Learning Visitor Center (winter only) – (2024)
- Chambers Lake Day Use – (2025)

New Fees; Campgrounds, Group Sites, Rec Rentals - (Implementation date)

- Chambers Lake Campground - \$15/single; \$30/double; \$5/extra vehicle - (2025)
- Twin Falls Group Campground - \$50/night - (2024)
- Orr Creek Group Campground - \$100/night - (2024)
- Wakepish Group Campground - \$100/night - (2024)
- Marble Mountain Group Picnic Site - \$100/day - (Aug 1, 2023)
- Gotchen Guard Station - \$85/night - (Aug 1, 2023)
- Nisqually (Big Creek) Guard Station - \$85/night - (2024)
- Burley Mtn Lookout - \$90/night - (2024)
- La Wis Wis Guard Station - \$150/night - (2024)

New Fees; Special Recreation Permit - (Implementation date)

- Mount Margaret Backcountry - \$7 per person/night - (2024)

Increased Fees; Campgrounds, Horse Camps, Rec Rentals - (Implementation date)

- Government Mineral Springs - \$10/night - (Jul 1, 2023)
- Tillicum - \$10/night Campground - (Jul 1, 2023)
- Forlorn Lakes Campground - \$15/single, \$30/double - (Jul 1, 2023)
- Trout Lake Creek Campground - \$15/night - (Jul 1, 2023)
- Cultus Creek Campground - \$15/night - (Jul 1, 2023)
- Lower Falls Campground - \$20/single, \$40/double, \$5/extra vehicle - (2024)
- Lewis River Horse Camp - \$15/night, \$5/extra vehicle - (Jul 1, 2023)
- Mt Adams Horse Camp - \$15/night, \$5/extra vehicle - (Jul 1, 2023)
- Government Mineral Springs Guard Station - \$100/night - (Fee change to \$85 on Aug 1, 2023; Fee change to \$100 on Aug 1, 2024)
- Peterson Prairie Cabin - \$100/night - (Fee change to \$75 on Aug 1, 2023; Fee change to \$100 on Aug 1, 2024)
- Johnston Ridge Observatory - \$12 per person/day - (2024)

Increased Fees; Special Recreation Permit - (Implementation date)

- Mount St Helens Climb - \$20/person/day - (2024)
- Mt Adams Climb - \$20/person - (2024)

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