

Volunteer Opportunities with the Kootenai National Forest

Position: Campground Host

Yaak River Campground, Three Rivers Ranger District, near Troy Montana

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Dates: May 21, 2015 – September 8, 2015

Difficulty: Average

Opportunity Description:

The campground hosts lives on-site at Yaak River Campground and greets and welcomes campers, gives directions, explains rules and regulations and answers questions about the campground and surrounding area. The campground host will also perform minor maintenance on campground structures and signs and will clean and stock restrooms. Duties will also include painting and posting bulletin boards, cleaning fire rings, keeping records of visitation, etc. The host must be physically able to perform cleaning, some raking, shoveling and sweeping. The host is required to be on-site five days per week, especially on weekends and heavy use holidays.

Yaak River is a fairly large fee campground with 44 sites. Visitors are primarily local and from the neighboring state of Idaho. The campground is full only on major holidays generally it runs half full most days of the week. The campground rests at the confluence of the Yaak and Kootenai rivers. Yaak River Campground is located approximately 8 miles northwest of Troy on Highway 2.

Housing: A host site with electrical, water and sewer hookups suitable for an RV is provided for housing. Local phone service is provided, cell phone service is spotty.

Reimbursement: Volunteer is reimbursed \$75/week per couple, mileage to nearest town one time week and propane for RV.

A description of the Yaak River Campground can be found at the following link:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/kootenai/recreation>

Click on Camping & Cabins, then Campground Camping, Bull Lake Area and finally Yaak River Campground

