



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: 5/6/2026

Department: Public Works

Title: Approve the Amended Parks Fee Schedule

Management Update/Work Session Date: 3/31/2026 Audio/Visual aids

Time Required: 0 minutes Contact: Kevin Thompson Phone: x4158

Requested Action: Approve attached amendments to the Parks Program's fee schedule.

Issue, Description & Background: The Marion County Parks Program updated its Parks Fee Schedule a little over 12 months ago, at the January 22, 2025 Board Session (Board Order 25-017). Parks would like to make two additions to the current fee schedule. The first is to add a section about State Transient Lodging Tax (see section B of Exhibit A). This is a state tax the County is charged on our camping related revenue (campsites and associated booking fee). The proposed fee structure would pass these costs on to the customer when their reservation is made. The second is to add firewood sales under Campsite fees (see section C, number 3 of Exhibit A).

Financial Impacts: Passing on the State Transient Lodging Tax to the customer will result in a nominal reduction in the Parks Program's expenditures. Fees collected for firewood sales will go toward offsetting the significant Parks Program maintenance budget deficit.

Impacts to Department & External Agencies:

List of attachments: Board Order, Exhibit A

Presenter: Kevin Thompson

Department Head Signature: Brian Nicholas Digitally signed by Brian Nicholas Date: 2026.04.15 12:55:05 -07'00'

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON**

In the matter of amending            )  
the fee schedule for                    )  
Marion County Parks                    )

**ORDER No. \_\_\_\_\_**

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on May 6, 2026.

WHEREAS, Marion County Code (“MCC”) chapter 12.05 authorizes the board to adopt parks fees by board order; and

WHEREAS, the board desires to adopt park fees pursuant to Exhibit A. (attached); now, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that park fees be established pursuant to Exhibit A. (attached).

DATED at Salem, Oregon, this 6th day of May, 2026.

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Chair

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

# Exhibit A.

## Marion County Park fees

### DAY-USE PARKING FEES, PER MOTORIZED VEHICLE

Parking fees are in effect April 1st through October 31st. Outside of this time, visitors may park at no charge.

#### **A. North Fork, Bear Creek, Salmon Falls, North Santiam, Minto, Packsaddle, Niagara, Scott's Mills, Spong's Landing Parks and roadside parking along North Fork Road:**

1. Single day parking pass.....\$5
2. 12 month parking pass.....\$30

### FEES TO OCCUPY OR USE AN OVERNIGHT CAMP UNIT

Camping in all parks begins April 1st and ends October 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### **B. State Transient Lodging Tax:**

All overnight lodging fees are subject to the Oregon State Transient Lodging Tax pursuant to ORS 320.305 at a rate of 1.5% until December 31, 2026 and a rate of 2.75% starting January 1, 2027. The tax shall be calculated on the total lodging charge for occupancy including the site reservation fee and booking fee. The charge will be added at the time of reservation or payment.

#### **C. Campsite Fees:**

1. Campsite booking fee.....\$7
2. Fee for additional vehicle.....\$5/night
3. Firewood sales.....\$16/wheelbarrow
4. Camping cancellation fees:
  - a. Cancellations within 6 days of scheduled arrival will not receive a refund.
  - b. Cancellations made 7 days or more in advance of the scheduled arrival date will be refunded all but the booking fee.

#### **D. North Santiam Park:**

1. Walk-up tent site.....\$25/night

## **GROUP PICNIC SHELTER FEES AND DEPOSIT**

Picnic shelter fees are in effect April 1 through October 31<sup>st</sup>. Outside of this time,  
there is no charge for utilizing these facilities and is first come first served.

### **E. Picnic Shelter Fees:**

1. Picnic shelter booking fee.....\$7
2. Refundable deposit.....\$40/shelter
3. Picnic shelter cancellation fees:
  - a. Cancellations within 6 days of scheduled arrival will not receive a refund.
  - c. Cancellations made 7 days or more in advance of the scheduled arrival date will be refunded all but the booking fee.
4. Refunding deposit:
  - a. The full refund will be returned only if the facility is deemed clean and in the same condition as when it was received, as determined by park staff.
  - b. If the renter causes damage to the facility or any other county property, or fails to clean up their trash after the rental, the deposit will be forfeited.

### **F. Scott's Mills & Labish Village Parks**

1. Small picnic shelter.....\$50/each/day

### **G. Spong's Landing, Roger's Wayside and North Santiam Parks**

1. Large picnic shelter.....\$75/each/day