



WASHINGTON STATE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

**Commercial Use Permit /  
Temporary Vendor Permit & Application**

**Office Use Only:**

Permit No. 2025-2574

☒ Annual ☐ Vendor

Vendor Dates:

A non-refundable \$50 permit fee and proof of insurance must accompany this application. Permit may take up to 30 days to process. Additional information such as itineraries, calendar of activities and maps should accompany this application. If these items are not included and staff must request them, this may delay approval of permit. *Business activity cannot take place until approved CUP is returned by State Parks and received by applicant.*

**Instructions:**

1. Fill out the application form including signature and date.
2. Attach your insurance certificate and proof of non-profit status (if applicable).
3. Include maps, itineraries, calendar of activities or other relevant information for your group/activity.
4. Enclose the application fee of \$50.00.
5. Mail everything to: Washington State Parks, P.O. Box 42650. Olympia, WA 98504-2650

**1. Business Information**

Business Name

The Mountaineers

Doing Business As (DBA)

UBI or Business License Number (Required)

603-027-424

**2. Contact Information**

Contact Person/Title

Becca Polglase/Director of Programs & Operations

Field Contact (if different)

Mailing Address

7700 Sand Point Way NE

City

Seattle

State

WA

Zip

98115

E-Mail Address

beccap@mountaineers.org

Business Phone Number

206-521-6001

Cell Phone Number

**3. Activities** Proposed dates and times may not be approved due to other authorized special activities. Additional terms apply.

Provide a detailed description of activities. If additional space is needed, please attach a separate page, planned itineraries, or other relevant information.

Climbing, canyoning, Cross-country skiing, day hiking, backpacking, pack rafting, sea kayaking, trail running, and wilderness skills training.

WASHINGTON STATE PARKS

CJ# 558

JAN 29 2025

\$ 50.00

NO FINANCIAL SERVICES

Times per year activity will take place?

~30-35 climbing trips, ~1-4 cross-country

Days of the week activities will take place?

Average size group?

15

**4. Parks/Location** Washington State Parks has the right to limit use or forbid certain activities from taking place at specific parks.

List each park name and proposed location within the park where the activity will take place. DO NOT write vague answers such as "same as last year" or "all San Juan parks." Attach maps and trail routes if known.

Beacon Rock State Park, Blake Island State Park, Bridle Trails State Park, Camano Island State Park, Cape Disappointment State Park, Columbia Hills Historical State Park, Crystal Spring Sno Park, Dash Point State Park, Deception Pass State Park, Flaming Geyser State Park, Forks of the Sky State Park, Hope Island State Park, Kitsap Memorial State Park, Lake Easton State Park, Lake Sammamish State Park, Lake Sylvia State Park, Lake Wenatchee State Park, Larrabee State Park, Millersylvania State Park, Moran State Park, Olallie State Park, Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail, Rasar State Park, Saint Edward State Park, Squak Mountain State Park, Tolmie State Park, Twanoh State Park, Wallace Falls State Park

Please see "2025 Activity Descriptions and Locations" document.

**Permittee Acknowledgment:** I attest that the information submitted on this form and any attachments are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. By signing this form, the permittee, its agents and employees agree to conduct the authorized activities under this permit in accordance with the attached terms and conditions and any special terms that are incorporated upon the issuance of this permit. Any violation of the terms and conditions or false information presented constitute grounds for revocation of this permit.

Signature of Permittee

Date

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☒ Approved ☐ Approved with Changes ☒ Additional Terms ☐ Denied

Signature of Authorized State Representative

Date

Accounting		
Date:	CJ# or CC#	Amount Paid:
1/19/25	558	50
End of Season:		

**GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- Term.** This permit is good for one calendar year (January – December).
- Fees – Annual Permit Holders.** For Profit Businesses: \$2 per person, per day, per park. Non-Profit Businesses: \$1 per person, per day, per park. Per person charge shall include staff and clients.
- Fees – Temporary Vendors.** No per person charge shall apply. Other fees may be charged depending on type of vendor/event. Permit and fee are good only for dates shown on the face of this permit. A new application and permit fee is required for each event vendor will participate in.
- End of Season Report.** Permittee shall document all usage on an End of Season Usage Report and submit to State Parks no later than one month after activities have ended for the season. An annual CUP will not be issued for subsequent years until State Parks receives the End of Season Usage Report and payment fees for prior years. This report is due whether you conducted activities in a state park or not. Temporary vendors are excluded from this term.
- Business Transactions.** This permit does not authorize the permittee to solicit business, advertise, collect fees, or sell any goods or services on property owned or managed by State Parks. This includes, but not limited to: receiving or exchanging money or compensation by barter, cash, credit card, or other financial instrument; entering into any contracts or rental agreements; soliciting for signatures, waivers, or hold harmless agreements from business customers. The Permittee shall make no representation to the public that said Permittee is authorized to transact business on State Parks property by virtue of this Permit. Temporary vendors are excluded from this term.
- Advertising.** The Permittee shall display no signs, banners, or other advertisements for the purpose of soliciting business on property owned or managed by Washington State Parks. Logos and signs painted or attached to vehicles are permissible, provided they are permanently affixed. The Permittee shall not distribute any brochures, flyers, or other promotional literature on property owned or managed by State Parks. Temporary vendors are excluded from this term.
- Non-Exclusive Use.** This permit shall not be construed as limiting the rights of State Parks to issue similar permits for the same or similar activities in the area covered by this permit. The Permittee shall have no exclusive rights, privileges, or possessory interest to use State Parks owned or managed property, including, but not limited to, parking spaces, staging areas, trail areas, picnic and kitchen shelters, campsites, docks, piers, floats, watercraft launching or water areas. Furthermore, the Permittee shall have no exclusive rights or privileges to conduct the given activity on State Parks owned or managed areas.
- Lawful Operations.** The permittee agrees to operate in accordance with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations. The issuance of this authorization does not alleviate the necessity of the permittee to obtain all required local, state, and federal licenses, tags, permits, registrations, and certifications that are applicable to the permittee's activities. Permittee shall ensure compliance by its employees, agents, contractors, subcontractors, licensees, or invitees.
- Protection of Public Health, Safety, and Welfare.** The permittee shall exercise diligence in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of clients and the general public. Washington State Parks may require the permittee to submit copies of applicable industry standards and require the permittee to adhere to those standards.



10. **Natural Hazards:** The permittee recognizes and understands that natural hazards are likely to exist within the area of his/her operation. The permittee agrees to take all reasonable precautions to make himself/herself aware of these hazards and to advise all clients of the hazards. The permittee is responsible for ensuring the safety of the clients under his/her supervision.
11. **Protection of Lands, Facilities, and Resources.** The commercial activity shall not damage, destroy, or diminish state property, natural amenities, or facilities except for normal wear and tear. No natural vegetation shall be cut, pruned, cleared, or altered and no soil disturbed without prior approval of State Parks. State Parks reserves the right to observe and inspect the area affected by the commercial activity and take whatever action it deems necessary to protect natural resources and people on the state property or to restore any damages to natural resources or state property at Permittee's cost and expense.
12. **Other Permits.** Permittee shall obtain and be in possession of all permits and licenses required for the permitted use including a copy of this approved Commercial Use Permit (or vehicle display CUP). Permittee and permittee's customers shall have a valid Discover Pass or day pass while parking on State Park owned or managed land. The permittee may also be required to obtain additional permits depending on the activity (Sno-Park Permit, Boat Launch Permit, photography permit).
13. **Insurance.** Permittee is required to have general liability insurance with coverage limits not less than \$1,000,000 (one million dollars). The liability insurance policy must also list Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission as the additional insured and provide State Parks with a copy of the insurance certificate. Insurance must be valid for the term of the commercial use permit.
14. **Indemnity.** Permittee shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the State, its officers, agents, and employees from liability of any nature or kind, including costs and expenses for or on account and any and all legal actions or claims of character whatsoever resulting from any actual or alleged claims, losses, or lawsuits directly or indirectly resulting from use of State Parks owned or managed land.
15. **Report of Damage.** The permittee shall be liable for the repair of any damages to lands, facilities, or resources resulting from the activities of the permittee, his/her agents, employees, or clients.
16. **Geographic Limit/Private Property.** This permit is applicable only for the use of the parks designated on the permit. This permit is not applicable to lands not owned or managed by Washington State Parks. Many state parks are bounded by private property and permission to use private property must be obtained in advance from the land owner. Use of private land without permission is trespassing.
17. **Report Abnormal Sightings.** The permittee agrees to notify park staff of any problems, abnormal conditions, or unusual conditions observed while operating on/over park lands.
18. **Strict Compliance Required.** Any failure by Permittee to comply with the General Terms and Conditions to State Parks' satisfaction constitutes grounds for immediate revocation of the permit, per Section 19 below, at the sole discretion of the State Parks Director or Director's designee.
19. **Revocation.** Notwithstanding the stated term (duration) of the permit, this permit may be revoked by State Parks for 1) failure to strictly comply with the General Terms and Conditions, or 2) any good cause, as determined at the sole discretion of the State Parks Director or Director's designee. Any revocation of this permit may result in denial of future permits by the same permittee. **PERMITTEE HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT REVOCATION OF THE PERMIT DOES NOT GIVE RISE TO ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, LEGAL OR ADMINISTRATION REMEDIES, ENTITLEMENT TO REFUND OR FINANCIAL COMPENSATION, AND PERMITTEE WAIVES ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AGAINST WASHINGTON STATE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.**

WAC 352-32-330 – Commercial Recreation Providers – PERMITS

- 1) Commercial Recreation Providers are required to register and possess a commercial recreation provider permit in order to engage in commercial recreation use of state parks. Registration for commercial recreation provider permits requires completion of application forms, providing proof of insurance and paying the appropriate fees.
- 2) Except as provided in WAC 352-32-310, any violation of this section is an infraction under chapter 8.84 RCW.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Signature

*Andy Woo*

Andy Woo, AAG

Date

12/29/2021





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### ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS for The Mountaineers

#### All Washington State Parks

1. Activities should remain on existing trails and within the developed use areas.
2. Activities that result in vegetation clearing or creation of informal trails are not allowed.
3. Do not cut or pick vegetation.
4. Special care must be taken not to remove or damage historic or archaeological objects.
5. Do not remove any natural objects from their location. If removed, the object must be returned to the location in which it was found.
6. Do not approach or harass wildlife. If you see wildlife, please enjoy from a safe distance and refrain from disturbing the animal. Do not feed animals.
7. No touching or removal of plants or animals is allowed in the Rosario tidepools. All visitors to the tidepools must remain on the tidepool trail which is identified by metal wire.
8. Avoid approaching any marine mammals hauled out or present on shore. Photographing yourself with seals and sea lions is considered "harassment" under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (1972) and is not allowed. While in the water or on shore, observe dolphins, porpoises, seals, sea lions and sea turtles from a safe distance of at least 50 yards. When observing tidal organisms, do not harm or remove organisms from the beach. Replace all stones and organisms to their original locations. Avoid disturbing marine birds on rocky outcrops during the breeding season (March-August).
9. Observe whales from a safe distance of at least 100 yards (the length of a football field). For Southern Resident killer whales (Orcas) you must stay 1,000 yards away (per RCW 77.15.740. If you find yourself in close proximity to Orca whales, attempt to paddle out of their path and distance yourself as much as possible.

#### **Climbing/Canyoning Specific Terms**

- Climbing routes must be accessed from existing trails and roads. Creation of new trails is prohibited.
- All climbing activities must stick to established trail routes and all "gardening" (removal or alteration of vegetation) is prohibited, including mosses and lichens.
- The proposed activities must remain on existing trails and within developed areas of the park. No off-trail use is allowed under this permit. When possible, walk/hike along the edge of the shore so as not to disturb shore in-stream habitat.
- Clean all gear, including running shoes, hiking boots prior to event to prevent the continued spread of invasive plants. Ensure any watersport equipment, such as kayaks and paddleboards, are properly cleaned to prevent the transport of aquatic invasive species. Here is a link to the Washington Invasive Species Council Guidance:  
<https://invasivespecies.wa.gov/campaigns/clean-drain-dry/>.
- Any construction of shelters must be done with materials you bring in. No natural materials from the park may be used. Also, please refer to terms 2 & 3 above.

- **Teach the Leave No Trace 7 Principles**

Commercial climbing guides are responsible for ensuring that new climbers to the sport learn how to climb in a safe and conscience manner. While participant safety is paramount, we hope that guides are also teaching clients how to minimize their impact to protect the wild and beautiful lands that host this amazing sport. The Leave No Trace 7 Principles are quick and easy to incorporate into any climbing curriculum. For more information, please visit

<https://lnt.org/why/7-principles/>

## **Park Specific Terms:**

### **Beacon Rock:**

Hamilton Ridge: Be sure to stay on official trails. There are numerous eroded social trails which degrade the sensitive bald habitats. No picking or collecting wildflowers. No off-trail use including picnicking within the balds. There are rare plants even on the rocky areas near the trail, which are often trampled by visitors. Poison Oak also grows in the area.

### **Columbia Hills**

This permit does not allow use behind the gate to the She Who Watches Trail. You are welcome to view all of the other petroglyphs and the Temani Pesh Wa display which is open at all times while the park is open.

### **Flaming Geyser**

Parks gates can close early depending on day of the week and weather conditions. Weekends are particularly full and difficult to find parking during summer months. If parks are closed because of capacity issues, we do not permit drop off/pick up. Parking in designated spaces only (No parking on shoulders or in the grass). Clients may have to walk some distance to put-in locations depending on parking availability

There is no potable running water at Flaming Geyser, visitors should bring their own. Bathrooms are available but no sinks to wash up.

No alcohol permitted at Flaming Geyser

### **Forks of the Sky**

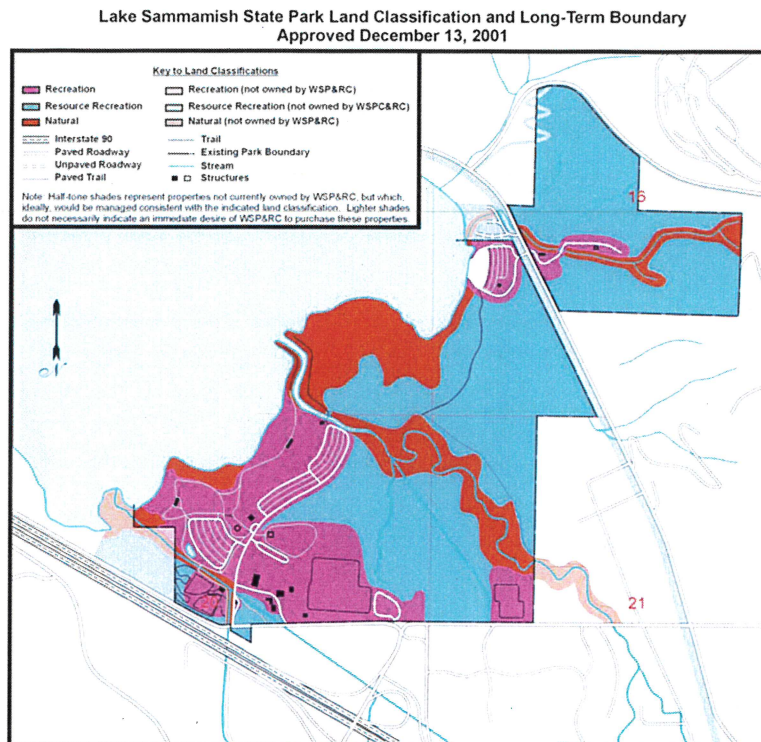
Please read and follow guidance in the Forks of the Sky State Park Index Town Walls Technical Rock Climbing Management Plan, 2017. For any questions regarding this area, please contact Ranger Kevin Lease at (360) 631-6080 or [Kevin.lease@parks.wa.gov](mailto:Kevin.lease@parks.wa.gov).

The cliffs surrounding the Forks of the Sky area are excellent habitat for mountain goats, peregrine falcons, and other wildlife. This area has the potential for temporary closures in the spring/early summer due to nesting peregrine falcons. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife biologists will confirm and notify State Parks of this, and State Parks will post closure notices. Closures will be brief and generally affect the climbing areas on the east end of the wall.



## Lake Sammamish

At Lake Sammamish State Park, kayaking groups must utilize public beaches/launches (Tibbetts Beach/Sunset Beach/boat launch) for lake access and avoid natural shoreline areas (designated in orange in the map below).







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### ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS for Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail

Please ensure that all employees leading groups under this permit are aware of the additional terms and lead by example.

1. Activities should remain on existing trails and within the developed use areas.
2. Activities that result in vegetation clearing or creation of informal trails are not allowed.
3. Do not cut or pick vegetation.
4. Special care must be taken not to remove historic or archaeological objects.
5. Do not remove any natural objects. Including rocks and woody debris, from their location. If removed, the object must be returned to the location in which it was found.
6. Do not approach or harass wildlife. If you see wildlife, please enjoy from a safe distance and refrain from disturbing the animal. Do not feed animals.
7. Clean all gear, including bike tires, shoes, hiking boots prior to event to prevent the continued spread of invasive plants. Here is a link to the Washington Invasive Species Council Guidance:  
<https://invasivespecies.wa.gov/campaigns/clean-drain-dry/>.
8. Bike use is limited to approved biking trails.

### Palouse to Cascades Trail

- All vehicles are required to have a Discover pass or day pass. Participants that do not have a Discover Pass are subject to a \$99 citation. Here are some options for purchasing a Discover Pass:
  - Online: [www.discoverpass.wa.gov/](http://www.discoverpass.wa.gov/)
  - By phone: 866-320-9933
  - Day or annual passes can be purchased at the Hyak Trailhead automated Discover Pass dispenser machine located in front of the restroom.
  - Outside vendor: [www.discoverpass.wa.gov/133/Where-to-Buy](http://www.discoverpass.wa.gov/133/Where-to-Buy)
- Participants are aware and follow the rules of the Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail including the following:
  - Bicyclists and skaters yield to pedestrians.
  - Maximum of two bicycle riders abreast at any time.
    - If pedestrians are present, only single-file riding allowed.
  - Observe all trail signs (including traffic control and detour signs).
  - Do not disturb plants or animals.
  - Pets must be under control and on a six foot or shorter leash at all times.
  - No alcoholic beverages on the trail.
- The Palouse to Cascades Trail is popular for several races and large events throughout the year. To ensure all are able to use the trail, please contact Billie Meacham at 509-968-5298 or [Billie.Meacham@parks.wa.gov](mailto:Billie.Meacham@parks.wa.gov) at least two weeks prior to your activity. Billie will be able to let you know if your dates coincide with any large events.

