

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Budget Fact Sheet

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What Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission does:

- Stewardship of natural, cultural and historical resources.
- Maintains access to more than 120 parks for recreation, health, enjoyment and learning.
- Provides visitor services, interpretation and special programs such as boating safety and winter recreation.

	Operating	Transportation
2007-09 Operating Budget	\$148.4 million	\$1.0 million
2009-11 Maintenance Level	\$151.2 million	\$1.0 million
2009-11 Operating Budget	\$152.0 million	\$1.0 million

Reductions and actions we are taking:

- Downsizing from four to three region offices and deferring equipment replacement.
- Eliminating non-core programs and business services, including halting payment on subsidies for concession operations (swimming pool at Saint Edwards State Park and food service at Fort Worden), lifeguard services and marketing activities.
- Increasing fees and concession charges to the public. As a result, public may notice fewer staff in parks, fewer facility hours and changes in custodial services. Some state parks may be transferred to other operators.

Programs and services we will continue to deliver:

- Parks will remain open if donation collections through vehicle license tab renewal program are at expected levels.
- Well-maintained parks and recreation opportunities.

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