Yakima Sportsman State Park is situated in scenic central Washington, among a living, working wetland. The 247-acre park is an irrigated desert with various sized ponds, and native and domestic deciduous trees on the floodplain of the Yakima River.

Five miles of trails guide visitors into a natural wildlife area with abundant wildlife and birds. Visitors may hike the levy-trail along the east bank of the Yakima River, to the river loop trails and island trails (4.5 miles) accessed by a footbridge that is popular for fishing. A paved, 400-foot wetland interpretive trail, accessible to those with disabilities, leads visitors to a pier that extends into the wetlands where young and old can learn about wetland eco-systems, flora, birds and wildlife.

From the interpretive trail, visitors may connect with the youth fishing pond loop trail and enjoy views of lilies, iris, beavers, muskrats, fish, turtles, frogs and more. Cool Lake, a youth fishing pond, is stocked with trout for youth ages 14 and younger. Fishing is available for adults along the Yakima River shoreline, which includes trout, bass, catfish and spring Chinook salmon fishing.

The Discover Pass is required for day visits to state parks and access to other state-managed recreation lands. The pass provides access to millions of acres of parks, wildlife areas, trails, natural areas and water-access sites. The annual pass is transferable between two vehicles.

- Annual pass: $30
- One-day pass: $10 (transaction and dealer fees may apply)

The Discover Pass can be purchased online, by phone or in person. For details, visit www.discoverpass.wa.gov or call (866) 320-9933.

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Welcome to Yakima Sportsman

Overnight accommodations
The park offers reservable overnight camping. There are 33 standard campsites and 37 utility campsites that accommodate RVs up to 60 feet long with 15, 30 and 50 amp electrical service, water and sewer. RV utility sites numbered 1 through 16 are pull-through sites, and sites 17 through 36 are back-in sites. Two campsites [utility site HC and standard site 52] are accessible to people with disabilities and feature concrete patios and fire pits.

Reservations for campsites may be made online at www.parks.state.wa.us or by calling [888] CAMPOUT or [888] 226-7688.

Park history
Yakima Sportsman State Park is located within the traditional territory of the Yakama Nation. Historically, Yakama peoples had winter villages located along the Yakima River, which were used for fishing, hunting and gathering.

In the early 1940s, the Yakima Valley Sportsmen’s Association began an effort to preserve and develop a public park for local citizens. Ultimately, land was acquired by Yakima County and then deeded to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission in 1946. The park was named Yakima Sportsman’s State Park in 1950 and later shortened to its current name.

In the late 1940s, the Army Corps of Engineers built a system of dikes for flood control purposes within the park that are now also used as trails.

Park amenities and facilities
Yakima Sportsman State Park offers several amenities and facilities to make your visit more enjoyable, including:

- A group day-use kitchen shelter with electricity and 120 unsheltered picnic tables accommodating 200 guests. Reservation may be made by calling [888] CAMPOUT or [888] 226-7688.
- Juan A. Alvarez Outdoor Living Classroom with 400 feet of interpretive trail.
- 5 miles of hiking, biking and equestrian trails.
- Youth fishing pond for children 14 years old and younger.
- Two restrooms and six showers (all accessible to people with disabilities).
- Trail dump station.
- Sand volleyball court.
- Grass volleyball court.
- Horseshoe pits.
- Children’s playground equipment.
- Self-guided interpretive kiosk.

Revenue from Discover Pass replaces general fund tax funding no longer available to cover the cost of operations.

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