PROCEDURE

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PRO 65-8 Hiker/Biker Accommodations

Purpose

To define the manner by which hikers and cyclists without reservations may be accommodated within state parks.

Definitions

1. **Emergency Area** – An area in the park separate from the designated overnight camping sites, which may be used for camping when no alternative camping facilities are available within the park or within a reasonable distance from the park based on the visitor's mode of transportation.

2. **Hiker/Biker** – Individual that arrives at a park by foot or bicycle seeking overnight accommodations.

3. **Hiker/Biker Campsite** – A campsite that is to be used solely by visitors arriving at the park on foot or bicycle.

Procedure

1. **Accommodations of hiker/biker visitors without reservations**
   
   1.1 Area manager will ensure park maintains a list of potential sites that may accommodate overnight camping within a 10-15 minute walk/ride/drive from the park.

   1.2 Area manager will ensure staff is trained to provide accommodations to hiker/biker visitors in the manner described by this procedure and Procedure #65-1012, Emergency Areas.

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1.3 Staff may offer any (all) available designated camping sites and charge the appropriate fee (see State Parks campsite fee schedule) for the site selected by the visitor.

1.3.1 Offer a hiker/biker or other primitive campsite and charge applicable “primitive” fee.

1.3.2 Offer space at any available group camp area and charge applicable “primitive” fee.

1.3.3 Offer any available standard campsite at the applicable fee for the particular site.

1.3.4 Offer any available utility campsite at the applicable fee for the particular site.

1.4 If all designated camping sites are unavailable, provide alternative accommodation recommendations outside the park that are within a 10-15 minute walk/ride, provided sufficient daylight remains for travel.

1.5 If no campsite options exist for accommodating a hiker/biker overnight, staff may allow visitors to stay in the emergency area pursuant to Procedure 65-1012, Emergency Areas.

1.6 Hiker/bikers are not required to accept a standard or utility campsite at the applicable fee before being afforded the opportunity to stay overnight in an emergency area pursuant to Procedure 65-1012, Emergency Areas.