

CHAPTER 16  
STATE PARK AND RECREATION AREA FEES

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**561—16.1(455A) Definitions.**

“*Commission*” means the natural resource commission.

“*Department*” means the department of natural resources.

“*Director*” means the director of the department of natural resources.

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**561—16.2(455A) Camping, rental facilities, vessel storage, and other special privileges—fees.**

**16.2(1) *Fee methodology.*** The director or the director’s designee shall fix and publish on the department’s website base fees for camping, the use of rental facilities, vessel storage and other special privileges at state parks and recreation areas under the jurisdiction of the department and the commission. The director or the director’s designee may increase, reduce, or waive the base fees on a case-by-case basis in order to take advantage of marketing opportunities so as to encourage maximum use of state facilities. The director or the director’s designee may consider the following factors when establishing and when adjusting base fees:

- a. The specific park’s or recreation area’s amenities.
- b. The size and features of a particular campsite or rental facility.
- c. Use of campsites, rental facilities, or other special privileges.
- d. Day of the week, season of the year, holidays, or other noteworthy occasions or special events.
- e. Cost of operations.
- f. Other considerations that the director or the director’s designee deems appropriate.

**16.2(2) *Fees honored.*** The fee to be charged shall be the fee currently in effect at the time the reservation is made and paid for. Any change to a reservation shall be subject to the fees applicable to the campsite or rental facility, along with any applicable reservation change fee, at the time the reservation is modified.

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**561—16.3(455A) Areas under management—varying fees.** Fees charged for like services in state-owned areas under management by political subdivisions may vary from those established pursuant to this chapter.

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