



Fort Worden
State Park Conference Center

Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission

Fort Worden State Park and Conference Center The Dan Harpole Cistern

National Public Radio called the Cistern "the finest musical instrument in the state of Washington". In order to meet the requests of people with artistic performance intentions, we have agreed to allow access based on the "serious, legitimate artistic purposes only" standard. The Cistern will be opened for such purposes from April through October and during regular park hours.

The cistern is defined as a "confined space" by Washington State Department of Labor and Industries. It does not meet any of the safety requirements established by that agency. It does not have a "safe" access hatch, does not have a "safe" ladder, and to be legally correct the air quality (oxygen levels, etc.) must be tested before entry and then monitored during any occupation.

This presents a significant workload and liability issue for Washington State Parks and requires a two week minimum lead time for each request. In order to accommodate this we have a permit process that involves releasing the state and its employees from any liability and asks the permitted to provide a \$1 million general liability insurance document naming Washington State Parks as an "additional insured".

Throughout the years most who have accessed the Cistern have worked through Centrum, the Arts and Education non-profit organization that resides at Fort Worden. Centrum maintains a contract with us that includes the necessary insurance. Working through Centrum is not required but it often simplifies the process. Our permit has a \$50 cost and Centrum usually charges for their services also if they agree to work with you.

Cistern Permit

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, by and through the Manager of Fort Worden Area Parks, grants to _____ as permittee, the use of the two million reservoir known as the cistern at Fort Worden State Park for the following purpose:

The permission granted herein is subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The occupancy and use granted by this permit will commence at _____ (am/pm) on _____ and terminate at _____ (am/pm) on _____.
- 2) Permittee shall comply with all Park rules and regulations and conditions herein listed.
- 3) Permittee shall provide for safety of all persons using the cistern which safety shall include but not limited to providing a method to exit to the Cistern, insuring adequate fresh air exchange in the Cistern and lighting as necessary for safety.
- 4) Permittee shall assure that the Cistern and adjacent areas are left in a condition acceptable to the Park Area Manager.
- 5) Permittee agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Commission, the state of Washington, its officers, agents, employees, its successors and assigns against all claims for injuries or damages suffered or alleged to be suffered on the premises or arising out of any operation or activity authorized by this permit.
- 6) Permittee further agrees to carry or cause to be carried a policy of general liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$1 million. Such insurance policy shall name the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission as additional insured. A certificate evidencing such coverage shall be attached to and made part of this permit.
- 7) Permittee shall allow no more than six (6) persons in the Cistern at any one time.
- 8) This permit may not be modified, except by the mutual written agreement of the Park Area Manager and the Permittee.
- 9) This permit may be revoked by the Park Area Manager at any time for cause or in the event the Park Area Manager determines that there is a threat to public health, safety or welfare or to the Park staff or property.
- 10) Payment of the \$50 per day of use is due with this permit application.

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission acting by and through the Park Area Manager of Fort Worden State Park Conference Center, reserves the right to reject applications for use of the facilities when such use is considered not to be within the best interest of the Commission.

“All Washington State Parks are developed and maintained for the enjoyment of all persons, regardless of age, sex, creed, ethnic origin or physical limitation.”

I/We agree to all of the terms and conditions of this permit.

Name of Organization: _____

Print Name of Authorized Representative _____

Title of Authorized Representative: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone No.: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Signature of Authorized Representative: _____

Date Signed: _____

For Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission:

Approved: _____ Date: _____

By: _____

Fort Worden Area Park Manager

Signature: _____

For Centrum:

Approved: _____ Date: _____

By: _____

Centrum Director of Operations

Signature: _____