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West Forty RV Park & Campground --2023 FACT SHEET--

In 2022, West Forty RV Park and Campground had 663 individual campsite check-ins with an average of 2.1 campers per site or 1,371 total guests for the season. Iron Range Tourism Bureau recent economic impact numbers indicate each visitor to the area spent an average of \$144 per day with an average stay of three days for an estimated regional tourism impact of \$592,272 per year to Gilbert and surrounding community businesses.

Government and Community

- The campground spent more than \$26,000 with small business owners in the region and other local maintenance and operation suppliers.
- West Forty spent in excess of \$82,000 in construction with area contractors and local businesses to improve capacity and amenities for guests.
- The leading non-staff expense for the campground was \$8,548 paid to the City of Gilbert for water, sewer, electricity and garbage services.
- Local and state government received \$17,610 in the form of utilities purchased, property taxes paid and state and local sales taxes collected.
- In total, West Forty spent more than \$125,000 in direct support of the local Iron Range economy in 2022.

Campground expansion and improvements for 2023

West Forty is in the middle of its largest expansion ever which will add new campsites and amenities like Gilbert's first electric vehicle charging station and a new restroom/shower building to better serve guest needs. Key milestones of the project are:

- A new D section will open early in the season including campsites D1-D5 and D9-D10, which will be 75 by 40 feet, will open on June 1. These sites are 30 percent larger than state requirements and will include 50-amp electric service and full water/sewer hookups on each campsite.
- Site G1 will open mid-summer as a rustic, group tent site with capacity for up to four tents. This will be a 'walk-in' or 'ATV-in' site surrounded by trees and a small vehicle parking area at the head of the entrance trail for the site.
- Gilbert's first dedicated electric vehicle (EV) charging station will be operational on May 1 to accommodate for the increase in EV use throughout the area to both registered campers as well as non-campground guests. The EV station will also serve as a dedicated power source in our new 'repair zone' parking area and can be used by guests for repairs that require arc-welding.
- Electric service has been upgraded from 20-amp to 30-amp service on campsites A1-A5. Campsites A6-A13 will be upgraded to include 20-amp service this season so that all tent sites will have electricity.

More campground expansion and improvements coming in 2024

A global pandemic, supply chain delays and significant price increases for certain work has caused us to modify our expansion schedule, but we have several more construction milestones that we expect to hit in 2024 including:

- Construction continues on a new restroom/shower building. When complete, it will feature men's and women's restrooms plus an all-gender, family restroom. The family restroom/shower unit is being built to ADA-compliant standards to serve guests with different accessibility needs. The new building will also feature and three individual, private all-gender shower rooms.
- New overflow parking area is being constructed to accommodate parking for trailers and off-road vehicles and serve as a pre-ride line-up area.
- Sites D6-D8 will be 60 by 40 feet with 50-amp electric and full water/sewer hookups and are scheduled to be open for our 2024 season.

About West Forty RV Park and Campground

West Forty RV Park and Campground opened in May 2004 in conjunction with the opening of the nearby Iron Range Off-Road Vehicle Park. The campground has quickly become a popular lodging option for people traveling to Gilbert - Minnesota's Off-Road Capital. The campground is the only privately-owned campground in a 30-mile radius of the Gilbert, MN. Featuring the largest campsites in the area, a wide selection of full-hookup campsites and direct trail access to the Iron Range Off-Road Vehicle Park and Mesabi Trail, the campground is built for off-road adventure vacations for the entire family. West Forty offers many extra amenities including free air, ATV/OHV wash station, on-site propane tank exchanges, a campground store and other services.

West Forty RV Park and Campground has 29 drive-through full-hookup campsites, six back-in full-hookup sites, six dedicated tent/group tent sites, a two-camper group site which includes full use of the campground's pavilion and 14 back-in sites for smaller campers with a variety of electric and water/sewer options. West Forty's expansion plan will add 11 new sites by 2024 for a total of 62 making it the second largest campground on the eastern Iron Range and more drive-through, full-hookup options than any other campground in the area.

Reservations can be made online at www.WestFortyRVPark.com or by calling **218-248-7362**. The campground is open seasonally from May through the end of October.

The West Forty RV Park and Campground Newsroom is available at:
<https://www.westfortyrvpark.com/campground-news.html>