**Crumb Clean Commitment**

NEVER FEED WILDLIFE

HOW?

* Never leave food, coolers, or trash unattended, including pet food, paper plates, bags and wrappers, or candles.
* Store all food and smelly items in your car or in the metal food lockers even if you are away for only a short time.
* Properly dispose of all trash, even crumbs, bacon grease, and other food scraps. The fire ring or the bushes are not proper places to dispose of trash.

WHY?

* This park is home to the Marbled Murrelets, an endangered sea bird that needs these big trees to nest.
* Ravens and Jays eat Marbled Murrelet eggs and chicks.
* Human food left by park visitors causes a huge increase in the number of Ravens and Jays threatening the survival of Marbled Murrelets.
* Feeding wildlife or leaving food or trash unattended is against the law and can result in fines of up to $875.00.

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* If we don’t reduce the numbers of Jays and Ravens through being crumb clean, State Parks might have to close down the campgrounds to protect the Marbled Murrelet.

By signing this commitment, I am acknowledging that I have read and understand the rules regarding food storage and I will keep it Crumb Clean!

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Marbled Murrelet chick

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