

## Living Forest Oceanside Campground & RV Park

## WiFi signal strength map

- The darkest red circles are locations of 'paid service' WiFi transmitters.
- The two blue shaded circles are 'open', free wifi zones at the office/clubhouse and at the outdoor cafe'.
- The darker the circle is on the map, the stronger the connection signal is for that location, BUT...
- ...your device performance will depend on the data usage of all the people connected at the same time!
  - -- Campsites closest to the transmitter locations will have the strongest connection, but your device performance will still be slower at peak times (like a full park at mid morning or early evening).
  - -- obstacles and distance affect signal strength -- RV's, trees, vehicles, hills-- anything between your device and the transmitter will degrade performance in that location- obstacles change day to day!
- Remember, the number of signal bars showing on your device only shows how strong the connection is from the transmitter to your device, but that DOESN'T tell you how much bandwidth and data speed the system has available to deliver to you at any given moment!

For instance, your device screen could show that you have a fairly weak WiFi signal due to obstacles or your distance to the transmitter-- BUT if there's not many folks connected and watching videos at that particular moment, the system will still deliver good performance to your device.

On the other hand, you could be right next to a transmitter with your device showing a very strong signal, but still get slow performance! That means there's lots of other connected devices using up most of the available bandwidth. The 'pipe' from our service provider (Shaw) is as big as we can get, but it still has limitations. It's like sharing one WiFi connection at home and everybody is trying to watch movies at the same time—it slows down! Or picture having a bunch of bathrooms in your house and everyone decides to have a shower at the same time. So even though there's nothing wrong with your water connection, there's only one big pipe connected to the house, so there's not as much water pressure as everyone would like!

- Living Forest is committed in trying to deliver to our guests an affordable way to stay connected--but be aware that streaming videos might not be possible! Servicing a huge park with slopes and obstacles is a much greater challenge than in a home or hotel environment, where installations are easy and low cost. Our latest upgrade represents a \$60,000 investment, and with delivery of the largest data package Shaw has, there's a huge monthly cost as well. Our WiFi pricing is based on cost recovery-- not as a profit center!
- And as always, there is free WiFi provided at both the office/clubhouse and the Living Forest Cafe.