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Alaska State Parks to waive parking fees on day after Thanksgiving

(Anchorage, AK) – Alaska State Parks will waive parking fees at all 156 park facilities on Friday, Nov. 29, to encourage Alaskans to get outside during the Thanksgiving Day holiday weekend.

In Anchorage on Nov. 29, Alaska State Parks will host an #OptOutside event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Glen Alps trailhead with State Parks Ambassador Erin Kirkland, publisher of AKontheGO, a resource for Alaska family travel and outdoor recreation.

Complimentary coffee and hot chocolate will be provided by Kaladi Brothers Coffee, and Alaska State Parks will be selling 2020 day-use parking passes ($50/vehicle, credit card purchase only). Parking passes and day-use fees help keep state parks maintained and accessible throughout the year.

Park visitors are encouraged to share their outdoor activities on social media this weekend and throughout the holiday season by using the hashtag #OptOutside, #alaskastateparks, and #akstateparks.

Friday’s free parking does not extend to four state facilities managed by other entities: the Little Susitna Public-use Facility, the Pillars Boat Launch, the Arctic Valley ski area and the Eagle River Nature Center.

For more information about park fees, go to http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/asp/fees.htm

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