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New fees go into effect for Kodiak area state parks starting March 1

(Kodiak, AK) – Effective March 1, Alaska State Parks will implement a \$5 per vehicle day-use fee at Fort Abercrombie State Historical Park and Buskin River State Recreation Site. Starting May 1, the day-use fee will be instituted at Pasagshak River State Recreation Site along with an overnight camping fee of \$15 per night for up to eight people per site. The \$5 fee can be paid at one of the self-serve payment stations.

The day-use parking fee program for Alaska state parks began in 1994 and has been implemented at most road-accessible access points and trailheads, but until now, day-use fees have not been charged at the Kodiak area state parks. In lieu of paying the \$5 per vehicle per day fee, visitors may purchase a \$50 annual decal with an option to purchase a second decal for \$25 for an additional vehicle registered at the same residence. These decals may be used at any state park unit in Alaska. Decals can be purchased at the state park office at Fort Abercrombie, the Anchorage and Fairbanks DNR Public Information Centers (via mail or e-mail), or online at <https://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/Passes.cfm>.

Alaska State Parks has scheduled a public meeting for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 11, at the Kodiak state park district office at Fort Abercrombie to provide information about the new fees and answer questions. Annual decals will be available for purchase after the meeting.

Summary of new fees:

March 1, 2016 – Fort Abercrombie and Buskin River park units - \$5 per vehicle day-use fee, or annual decal
May 1, 2016 – Pasagshak River - \$5 per vehicle day-use or annual decal; \$15 per site overnight camping fee

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