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Alaska State Parks waives parking fees day after Thanksgiving

(Anchorage, AK) – Alaska State Parks will waive parking fees at all park facilities on Friday, Nov. 25 to give Alaskans one more reason to get outside during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend!

“Following Alaska State Parks tradition, and in the best interest of public health, we want to do our part to empower Alaskans to get outside and enjoy some fresh air on a day when many wake up early to get a jump on their holiday shopping,” said **Ricky Gease, director of the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation**. This time of year also coincides with our launch of the next years’ annual parking decal, which will be available online beginning Nov. 23.”

Annual day-use parking decals make recreating in the state’s 157 park units easier and more cost-effective all year long. Day-use parking decals are \$60 per vehicle, and boat launch decals are \$150.

Alaska State Parks 2023 Day-Use parking decal stickers will be available online at the division’s website on Nov. 23, 2022 and at locations throughout Alaska by mid-December. They can be purchased in-person in Anchorage at REI, The Hoarding Marmot, and Paramount Cycles, and in Fairbanks at REI, Beaver Sports, and the Alaska Public Lands Information Center. On the Kenai Peninsula: the Homer Chamber of Commerce, Soldotna Chamber of Commerce, and the Sportsman’s Warehouse in Soldotna. The decals are also sold at the Seward Chamber of Commerce and the Discover Kodiak Visitor Center.

For information and online decal sales: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/asp/fees.htm>. For information on 2023-2027 Disabled Veteran camping passes, contact the Anchorage Public Information Center at 907-269-8700.

Day-use decals are popular holiday gifts, and bulk sales may be arranged by calling the division’s Business Development office at 907-269-8738.

Gease encourages park visitors to share their outdoor activities on social media this weekend and throughout the holiday season by using the hashtags #OptOutside, #alaskastateparks, and #akstateparks.

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