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State Parks 2024 Parking Pass Available, Prices Go Up Jan. 1

Anchorage, Alaska – Alaska State Parks annual parking passes can be purchased beginning Nov. 15, and are good to the end of 2023 and throughout 2024. A price increase for the 2024 calendar year will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2024.

A Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) Director's Order beginning in January includes moderate fee increases to the annual parking pass, day-use parking, permits and some State Parks cabin throughout the state. The additional revenue will go to the division's budget to help maintain Alaska State Parks facilities and support outdoor recreation in Alaska.

"Since prices go up at the beginning of the new year, we expect to sell a lot of 2024 passes prior to that – so don't wait to get your pass," warned Director Ricky Gease of the Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation. "When you consider how many outdoor experiences you can squeeze into an entire year, the annual Alaska State Parks pass is quite a deal. It's also a great holiday gift!"

2024 Annual Parking Passes can be purchased for \$60 until Dec. 31, 2023 at:

- <https://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/passes>
- DNR Public Information Centers in Anchorage and Fairbanks
- Retailers throughout the state (including REI in Anchorage, one of the most popular places to get the pass) by Nov. 30

On Jan. 1, 2024, the cost of the pass will change to \$75. Beginning tomorrow, the 2024 passes will be honored at all DPOR-managed parking areas. Parking areas at Pillars Boat Launch, Arctic Valley, Eagle Rock Boat Launch and Eagle River Nature Center are not covered by the parking pass and fees must be paid directly to the managing organization.

2024 Boat Launch passes will also be available on Nov. 15, priced at \$150 each. Disabled veterans with appropriate documents can obtain a Disabled Veteran Camping Pass, good for five years, at no charge.

Annual passes make great holiday gifts! For information on group discounts for purchasing a large amount (25 or more), contact Wendy Sailors at 907-269-8738 or wendy.sailors@alaska.gov

The Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation's mission is to provide outdoor recreation opportunities and conserve and interpret natural, cultural, and historic resources for the use, enjoyment, and welfare of the people.

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