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Alaska State Parks to Release 2026 Parking Pass *And, parking fees waived day after Thanksgiving*

(Anchorage, AK) – Alaska State Parks announces the 2026 Annual Parking Pass release and free parking at all park facilities on Friday, Nov. 28, to encourage Alaskans to get outside during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

"This season, we're not just offering free parking—we're opening the door to crisp air, quiet trails, and the kind of peace only Alaska's wild places can offer. It's our gift to every Alaskan looking to reconnect with nature for meaningful connection in preparation for the busy holiday season," **said Ricky Gease, Director of the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.**

Alaska State Parks 2026 Day-Use parking decal stickers will be available online Nov. 24 at the [division's website](#). The passes can be purchased in person in Anchorage at the DNR Public Information Center in the Atwood Building downtown, REI, and The Hoarding Marmot. Or in Fairbanks at REI, Beaver Sports, and the Alaska Public Lands Information Center. In Kodiak they will be available at the Discover Kodiak Visitor Center. More locations will be added and announced on the fee page referenced below and Alaska State Parks social media.

Day-use parking decals remain \$60 per vehicle, while boat launch decals are available again for \$150 online or at the Public Information Centers. The 2026 parking decals are good for parking at all state parks managed by Alaska State Parks from date of purchase until Dec. 31, 2027.

For information on buying decals in bulk, contact the Community Engagement Section (see below). **Day-use decals are a great holiday gift option!**

We encourage Alaskans to share outdoor activities on social media through the Thanksgiving weekend and throughout the holiday season by using the hashtags #OptOutside, #alaskastateparks, and #akstateparks

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

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