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### Explore Alaska State Parks in 2026 App Passport Program

**(Anchorage, AK)** – The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation announces the launch of the Alaska State Parks Passport Challenge, a new interactive way for Alaskans and visitors to explore the breathtaking landscapes of Alaska's state parks. The Passport Challenge is powered by the free OuterSpatial mobile app and invites outdoor enthusiasts to visit and check-in at selected Alaska State Parks in each region to earn unique digital badges and track their outdoor adventures.

The Alaska State Parks Passport Challenge transforms each park visit into a personalized exploration journey. Participants simply download the **OuterSpatial** app on their iOS or Android device, select **Alaska** as their community, and begin checking in at Parks to collect digital badges and map their travels across the state.

Starting Jan. 1, 2026, each individual check-in logs a participant's visit on their OuterSpatial profile and unlocks a park-specific badge, creating a modern, digital "passport" of experiences. The app also provides downloadable offline maps and trail information, making it easier to explore your favorite park even in areas without cell service.

"The OuterSpatial Passport Challenge is all about making it simple and fun for Alaskans to experience a meaningful connection with their Parks. Whether you're heading out for a First Day Hike on New Year's Day or exploring throughout the year, the OuterSpatial app lets you check in, earn badges, and track the parks you've visited. It's a simple way to make everyday park visits more meaningful, encourage exploration across the state, and inspire Alaskans to build a lasting connection to Alaska's public lands," said **Community Engagement Manager Wendy Sailors**.

Download the latest OuterSpatial app at: [www.outerspatial.com](http://www.outerspatial.com) or follow the Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation on social media via Facebook and Instagram at @Alaska State Parks. For questions regarding OuterSpatial, contact the Community Engagement Team @ 907-269-8999.

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