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Free Parking at All Alaska State Parks on Friday

(Anchorage, AK) — The annual tradition continues in 2023! Alaska State Parks will waive parking fees at all park-managed facilities on Friday, Nov. 24 to encourage Alaskans to recreate outside during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

“The day after a Thanksgiving feast is the perfect time to get outside and appreciate some fresh air, rather than fight the crowds for holiday shopping,” said Ricky Gease, director of the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation. “Alaskans can instead enjoy Alaska State Parks for free on Friday, and gift a 2024 parking pass which are for sale online and at retail locations throughout the state.”

Annual parking passes make recreating in the state’s 157 unique facilities easier and more cost-effective all year long. Day-use parking decals will be \$75 beginning Jan. 1, 2024, but early birds who purchase in 2023 will pay just \$60 (the decals can also be used through the end of the year). Annual boat launch passes are \$150.

Beginning Wednesday, Nov. 22, the decals will be available in Anchorage at the DNR Public Information Center and REI, while in Fairbanks parking passes can be purchased at the DNR Public Information Center. In Kodiak, decals are available at Discover Kodiak. As other locations across the state receive the passes, they will be listed online.

For information and online parking pass or boat launch sales, see <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.

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