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Alaska State Parks waives parking fees for day after Thanksgiving

(Anchorage, AK) — Parking fees at all Alaska State Parks facilities on Friday, Nov. 29 will be waived to give Alaskans another reason to get outside during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend!

"Each year, Alaska State Parks offers free parking on this day in hopes that it encourages more Alaskans to experience our state's great outdoors with their families and friends," **said Ricky Gease, director of the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.** "On a day when many people tend to shop and spend money, getting outside costs us nothing yet pays dividends for our future in health benefits. This time of year also coincides with our launch of the annual Alaska State Parks parking pass."

Yearly parking decals make recreating in the <u>157 Alaska State Parks facilities</u> easier and more cost-effective all year long. Day-use parking passes are \$60 per vehicle, while boat launch annual decals are \$150.

Alaska State Parks 2025 Day-Use parking decal stickers are <u>available online</u>, and for in-person sales at locations throughout Alaska:

- DNR Public Information Center Anchorage
- REI Anchorage
- The Hoarding Marmot Anchorage
- Alaska Mountaineering & Hiking Anchorage
- Alaska Public Lands Information Center Fairbanks
- REI Fairbanks
- Beaver Sports Fairbanks
- Homer Chamber of Commerce (after mid-December)
- Seward Chamber of Commerce (after mid-December)
- Additional locations will be posted online as the passes arrive

The 2025 pass will be honored for the rest of 2024 as well.

For information and online decal sales, visit https://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/asp/fees.htm. For 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 Community Engagement office at 907-269-8738.

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