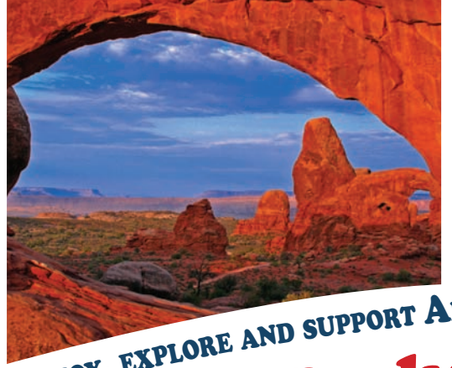


For visitors who want to enjoy, explore and support America's spectacular natural treasures, there's no better value than America the Beautiful

The National Parks And Federal Recreation Lands Pass

This convenient Pass is your ticket to more than 2,000 sites of incomparable wonder, from Mt. St. Helens and the Grand Canyon to Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge and Red Rocks National Conservation Area. It covers entrance fees at National Parks and National Wildlife Refuges, as well as standard amenity fees at National Forests and National Grasslands, and at lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Reclamation.

Best of all, your Pass contributes to the ongoing improvement of recreation areas, visitor facilities and interpretive services. Your fee stays right where it's collected to help enhance and maintain the site.

Annual Passes are $80 and good for 12 months. If you are 62 or older you can purchase a $10 Senior Pass that is good for a lifetime. Disabled citizens are eligible for a free Access Pass that has no expiration date.

Volunteers who contribute 250 hours or more may be eligible to receive a free annual Volunteer Pass. Contact a Federal recreation site to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

If you're visiting several areas, the America the Beautiful—the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass can save you money. There's no limit on the number of sites you can see, and each Pass covers entrance or standard amenity fees for a driver and all passengers in a personal vehicle at per-vehicle fee areas (or up to four adults at sites that charge per person).

Your Fees at Work

Vital funds from America the Beautiful—the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass are helping Federal agencies support high-quality experiences for visitors through projects like these:

- Repairs at historic Assateague Island Lighthouse at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, Virginia.
- Environmental education programs at Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, Olympia, Washington.
- Improved fee stations at New Melones Lake, California.
- New interpretive displays at Red Rock Recreation Area, Coconino National Forest, Arizona.
- Additional park guides at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Hawaii.
- Interpretive specialists at Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area, Oregon.

Caring for Our Recreation Lands

Since public lands were first established, dedicated volunteers across the nation have offered their skills and talents to enhance these resources. We need their help—one-third of all the land in the United States (about 650 million acres) is administered by the Federal government, and managing it is a big job. There are lots of ways you can contribute. Make a difference by working with a group that shares your interest, whether it's history, hiking, or horseback riding, or visit *www.volunteer.gov* to learn how you can lend a hand.

We also invite you to support the Congressionally-chartered foundations whose combined mission is to engage Americans in caring for our lands, conserving wildlife, and enhancing visitor education and outreach programs: the National Forest Foundation (*www.natlforests.org*), the National Park Foundation (*www.nationalparks.org*) and the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (*www.nfwf.org*).

Definitions of Terms

Here are terms you might hear in relation to a Pass or to the Fee Program in general

Concessionaire/Concessioner: An individual or a private company that is under permit or contract to operate a business on Federal land (e.g., campground, parking lot, ice cream stand, or boat launch). Not all concessionaires accept passes, based on the terms of their contracts.

Entrance Fee: Fees charged to access lands managed by National Park Service or Fish and Wildlife Service. Passes generally cover these fees.

Standard Amenity Fee: Fees charged for use of Bureau of Land Management, USDA Forest Service, and Bureau of Reclamation sites that have a combination of basic amenities—picnic tables, trash receptacles, toilets, developed parking, interpretive signing and security. Passes generally cover these fees.

Expanded Amenity Fee: Fees charged for "extras" that aren't basic entrance or standard amenity fees and aren't generally covered by the Passes. Examples include campgrounds, boat launches, cabins, and guided tours. Passes generally do not cover these fees; however, Senior and Access Passes may qualify Pass owners for some discounts.

Non-Commercial Vehicle: A passenger car, van, pickup truck, converted school bus, recreational vehicle, etc., used to enter a Federal recreation site for non-commercial purposes.

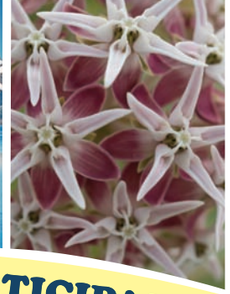
Picture This: Your Photo on the Annual Pass!

America's Federal recreation lands are special places where people come together to enjoy scenic vistas, diverse wildlife, historic landmarks and more. And they offer a wealth of opportunities for great photos.

Got a special image from your visit that you'd like to share? Submit your favorite shots to our Share the Experience Photo Contest. Your Grand Prize-winning photo could be the cover of the next Annual Pass! Contestants can earn other exciting prizes, such as trips to Federal recreation lands, Passes and more.

For details visit: *www.sharetheexperience.org.*

Cover Page: *Clockwise from top left*: Bosque del Apache NWR, Allen Maestas • Grand Staircase-Escalante NM, Chris Torstenson • Uinta NF, D. Brent Young • Arches NP, Ron Richins • San Isabel NF, Cynthia Long. **Pass Program Participants Page:** *Left to Right:* Umpqua NF, Lori Johnson • St. Marks NWR, Donna Irby • Grand Teton NP, Randy Baumhover • Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, Judith Clark-Upton • Merritt Island NWR, Cheryl Baltzer. **Inside Page:** *Left to Right:* Dry Tortugas NP, Keith Perry • Arches NP, Chris Fuge • Yellowstone NP, NPS file photo • Lake Clark NP&P, Thomas Dillon • Carrizo Plain NM, Julie Stayton • Kenai Fjords NP, Christopher Mautino



Pass Program Participants

National Park Service (NPS) *www.nps.gov*
The National Park Service preserves and protects national parks, monuments, memorials, lakeshores, seashores, historic sites, battlefields, and recreation areas for current and future generations.

U.S. Forest Service (USDA FS) *www.fs.fed.us*
The Forest Service manages National Forests and National Grasslands across the United States and Puerto Rico. Its large and ecologically diverse land base makes the Forest Service a leading provider of outdoor recreation.

Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) *www.fws.gov*
The US Fish & Wildlife Service administers National Wildlife Refuges, wetland management districts with waterfowl production areas, and national fish hatcheries. Many refuges are open to hunting and fishing.

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) *www.blm.gov*
The Bureau of Land Management oversees the nation's largest Federal land mass, with sites that range from rainforests and deserts to wild and scenic rivers and the Arctic.

Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) *www.usbr.gov*
The Bureau of Reclamation manages and develops water and related resources. More than 300 recreation areas are included in these water projects, many of which are operated by other Federal agencies and state, county and city governments.

Note: The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is not one of the Federal agencies participating in the Interagency Pass Program. However, the USACE does honor Senior and Access Passes at many of its locations for discounts on camping. For details, please inquire at specific USACE sites or visit *http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/visitors/*

Learn More Online
For more information on the Federal Lands and Recreation Passes and to make reservations for your next trip, visit *www.RECREATION.gov.*
To purchase detailed maps of National Parks and National Forests, visit http://store.usgs.gov and click on Maps

INTERAGENCY PASS PROGRAM

	Cost	Type	How to Get One	Coverage Includes	Admits
Annual Pass	$80	An annual pass valid 12 months from month of purchase. Two people can sign the pass. * Active Military see below.	Available at most staffed BLM, FWS, NPS, Reclamation, and USDA-FS recreation fee areas. Order online at http://store.usgs.gov/pass or 1-888-ASK-USGS (1-888-275-8747, ext. #1)	Access to and use of, BLM, FWS, NPS, Reclamation and USDA-FS sites that charge entrance or standard amenity fees.	Admits the pass owner and any accompanying passengers in a private vehicle. For areas that charge a per person fee, the pass admits the pass owner and 3 additional adults (16 and older).
Volunteer Pass	Free	An annual pass for those who volunteer 250 hours or more at Federal recreation sites. Valid 12 months from month of issue. One person can sign the pass.	Obtain through Volunteer Coordinators at Federal recreation sites.		
Senior Pass	$10	A lifetime pass for citizens or permanent residents of the U.S., age 62 or older. One person can sign the pass.	Obtain in person at staffed recreation fee areas, or by mail. Provide proof of age and residency. Go to http://store.usgs.gov/pass/senior.html for more information.	Access to and use of, BLM, FWS, NPS, Reclamation and USDA-FS sites that charge entrance or standard amenity fees. Also provides a 50% discount for pass owner on some expanded amenity fees such as camping (excluding hook-ups), boat launching, etc.	
Access Pass	Free	A lifetime pass for citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. who have a permanent disability, regardless of age. One person can sign the pass.	Obtain in person at staffed recreation fee areas, or by mail. Provide proof of medically determined permanent disability and residency. Go to http://store.usgs.gov/pass/access.html for more information.		

The Annual/Volunteer Passes do not include overnight camping, developed boat launches and swimming sites, parking fees, specialized interpretive services (tours), or concessioner services. (Based on terms of their current permits, concessioners may or may not honor the Senior/Access Passes). Interagency Passes may not be valid for facility or equipment rental fees; cabins; lookouts; day/overnight group sites; special conservation programs; managed off-highway vehicle areas; optional transportation systems; reservation services; specialized services such as hookups for water, elecricity, cable, sewer, or sanitary dump stations; or permits of any kind.

* All active military and their dependents qualify for a FREE Annual Pass. To learn more go to: http://www.recreation.gov/pass

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Where can I purchase a Pass?
A. Passes may be purchased at hundreds of locations across the country, including many Federal sites where they are accepted. Annual Passes are also available for purchase by phone (1-888-ASK-USGS, ext. 1) or online: *http://store.usgs.gov/pass*.

Q. Is a Pass accepted at all Federal recreation sites and does it cover all fees?
A. Some Federal recreation agencies don't accept the Passes (such as lands managed by the Army Corps of Engineers or the Tennessee Valley Authority), and many Federal recreation sites do not charge entrance fees. Also, some facilities and activities on Federal recreation lands are managed by private concessionaires who may not accept the Pass. Please check directly with a location if you have questions about their fees and passes.

Q. Is there a pass for members of the military?
A. Yes, all active military and their dependents qualify for a FREE Annual Pass. To learn more go to: http://www.recreation.gov/pass

Q. Are costs for ferries covered by Interagency Passes?
A. The passes cover entrance and standard amenity fees, ferries generally are not included.

Q. If I am a foreign citizen, may I obtain a Senior or Access Pass?
A. No. To obtain a Senior or Access Pass, you must be a permanent resident or citizen of the United States with a U.S. State-issued ID or driver's license, a U.S. Passport or a Permanent Resident Card (Green Card). However, anyone can purchase an Annual Pass.

Q. How do I qualify for the Access Pass?
A. To qualify for the Access Pass, permanently disabled citizens must present one of the following forms of documentation:

- A statement by a licensed physician;
- A document issued by a Federal agency, such as the Veteran's Administration or Social Security that verifies disability.
- A document issued by a State agency, such as a vocational rehabilitation agency.

Q. Can any two people sign an Annual Pass?
A. Yes, the signers don't have to be be related or married.

Q. I have more than four people in my car. How many Passes do I need?
A. One Pass covers the vehicle at sites that charge "per vehicle."

Q. We are a family traveling in two vehicles. Does one Pass cover two vehicles?
A. No. One Pass covers one vehicle; two vehicles require two Passes.

Q. What about motorcycle drivers who purchase a Pass?
A. Senior, Access and Volunteer Passes allow one motorcycle. An Annual Pass allows two motorcycles IF the two people who sign the pass arrive at the same time on two motorcycles, regardless of the number of people on each motorcycle.

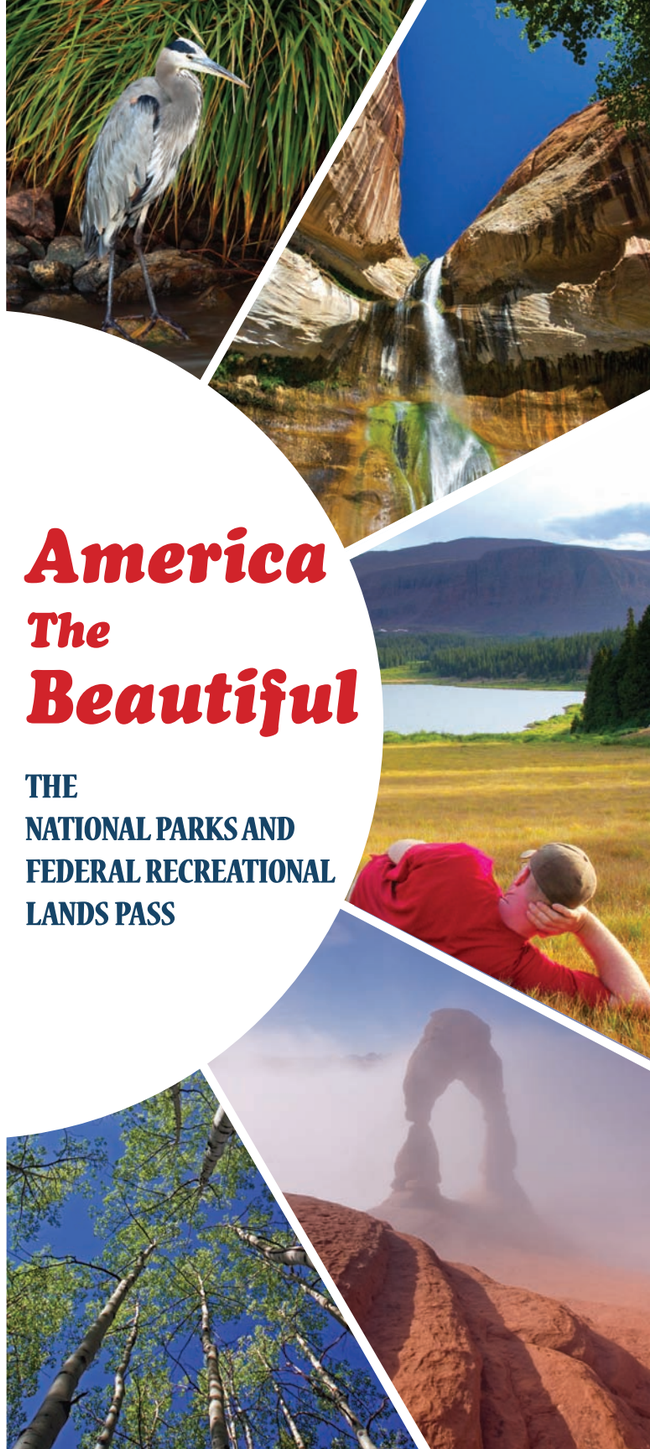
Q. How do I display my Pass at unstaffed Federal recreation sites?
A. A Pass can either be displayed on your rearview mirror using a free hangtag or on your dashboard with the signature side showing. Remember, the hangtag itself is only a way to display your Pass, and is not valid for entry unless it holds a valid Pass.

If you own an open-topped vehicle (jeep, motorcycle, etc.) you may obtain a decal to attach to your vehicle that will serve as proof of payment at unstaffed sites.

Q. Can lost or stolen Passes be replaced?
A. No. Due to privacy and logistical considerations, passes cannot be replaced if lost or stolen; a new Pass must be purchased.

Q. If my Pass is tattered and worn, can I get a replacement?
A. Generally, as long as a portion of the Pass is identifiable, it may be exchanged for a new one, with proof of identification (e.g., driver's license).

Q. If I forget to bring my Pass to a site and pay the entrance or use fee, can I mail in the receipt with a photocopy of my Pass and get a refund?
A. Refunds are not issued. Pass order confirmation letters, credit card receipts, and hangtags without Passes are not valid for entrance or use.



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