

Check Out Wisconsin State Parks At Your Library

Q&A with DNR Staff

Can each pass only be used once, or is a single pass able to be used by more than one patron?

Answer: Each daily admission pass is valid for a one-day, one-vehicle visit to a state park, forest, or recreation area. The passes are non-renewable and nonreusable.

What is the price per pass?

Answer: \$5.

Are the passes still being sold in set of 10?

Answer: Yes, passes are sold in sets of 10.

Is there any chance that libraries will receive a discount on these passes in the future?

Answer: The \$5 rate is a discounted rate available to libraries. At the gate, a patron would pay \$8-13 for a daily resident pass, depending on the property visited.

DAILY VEHICLE ADMISSION STICKERS

Daily vehicle admission stickers are valid for the date of issue.

Daily admission sticker rates	Daily*	Devil's Lake Daily	Peninsula & Willow River Daily
Vehicles with WI license plates	\$8	\$13	\$10
Vehicles with WI license plates, residents age 65 and older	\$3	\$3	\$3
Vehicles with out-of-state plates	\$11	\$16	\$13
Bus, with WI license plates	\$11	\$16	\$13
Bus, out-of-state plates	\$15	\$20	\$17

**Daily sticker rate applies to all properties except Devil's Lake, Peninsula and Willow River state parks.*

Would you be able to provide guidance on the number of passes for a library of our size?

Answer: We suggest starting with 10-20 passes to gauge interest among your library patrons and local community.

Passes are not required to be used within a specific year, so unused passes can be carried over and offered into the following year.

What happens if the library doesn't sell all the passes it paid for?

Answer: Libraries should not be exchanging money with library patrons for passes purchased through the Check Out Wisconsin State Parks At Your Library program.

Passes are to be made available to library card holders at no cost to meet the goal of reducing barriers and expanding access to the state park system for more citizens.

Under state statute, only authorized agents may collect fees for vehicle admission receipts.

Can the passes be returned, and a reimbursement made to the library?

At this time, passes that are purchased through this program are non-refundable.

Passes are not required to be used within a specific year, so unused passes can be carried over and offered into the following year.

Previously, a date was required to be written on the pass when its check-out to patrons. This was problematic for patrons who didn't yet have a date in mind. Do we have to continue to write a date on the pass?

Answer: Yes. By writing a date or 3-day date range for use on the passes, it prevents them from being used more than once. Our staff have been instructed to look for a pass that is filled out to be considered valid.

If a patron is not sure when they want to visit a Wisconsin State Park System property, the patron could choose a 3-day window (such as Friday, Saturday, Sunday) or choose to come back at a later time to check out a pass once they have a date in mind.

There aren't any parks near our library, should we still participate in this program?

Yes! Passes provide entry to 75 state parks, recreation areas and forests, plus over 500 boat access sites and thousands of miles of hiking, biking, and water trails. By offering even a few passes for check out at your library, you are helping to expand access to these natural areas. Respondents who took our patron feedback survey often wrote that checking out a pass through their library allowed them to experience a place they otherwise would not have been able to experience. If you would like information about properties that are in your area, let us know and we can help! Wisconsin is full of hidden gems just waiting to be discovered.

What is the benefit to my library by participating?

We hope that by offering passes to library patrons, this program helps to both bring new patrons into libraries and increase use of many services already offered by libraries. Many libraries around the state offer outdoor recreation and nature related materials for use by library patrons. From snowshoes and fishing gear to bird watching kits and paddle boards, by bringing attention to these great offerings, we encourage pass users to utilize these resources. Additionally, libraries and state parks play an essential role in health and wellness. The mental, physical and communal benefits that both libraries and parks offer have shown to be beneficial to our health. We aim to continue to make local community connections and build relationships between libraries and state parks through this program.

Other Questions?