

# Forest Fees & Types of Pass to Buy

## ***Free Days- 2017***

A pass for federal lands will not be required on these two days:

- National Trails Day **June 3, 2016**
- National Public Lands Day **September 23, 2015**

## **NW Forest Pass – (Federal Forest Service trailheads)**

**Cost = \$30 Annual Pass** (good for one year from month of purchase)  
**\$5 Day Pass**

### **How-to Use**

For \$30 you may now buy a pass that's good at all Forest Service trailheads through out Oregon and Washington. The pass is valid for one year from the day you purchased it.

[The pass hangs from rearview mirror and is transferable to any car you place it in.](#)

### **Get a NWFP by volunteering on 2 trail work parties:**

NOTE: If you do not wish to pay the \$30, you may do two days of volunteer work on Forest Service trails with WTA. Your volunteer service will include a day pass for each work party, exchange 2 volunteer day passes at a ranger station and receive a free NWFP annual pass.

( [www.wta.org](http://www.wta.org) ), ([www.trailvolunteers.org](http://www.trailvolunteers.org))

## **America The Beautiful Inter-Agency Pass – (Federal Nat'l Parks, BLM, UFWS, Nat'l Monuments)**

**Costs = \$80 Annual Pass** (ATB covers all NWFP fee areas + all NP entrance fees, buy ATB OR NWFP & individual national park pass)

### **How-to Use**

Honored nationwide at all Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, US Fish and Wildlife Services, and US Army Corp of Engineers sites charging entrance or day use fees.

- Admits pass owner and any accompanying passengers in a private vehicle.
- At per-person sites, admits cardholder, spouse, children and parents.
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**Frequent visitors of multiple federal agency lands may save money by buying this pass.** Eighty percent of the purchase price is retained to support local recreation opportunities. Inter-Agency passes are nontransferable, and proof of ID may be required when using your pass.

Inter-Agency passes do NOT include overnight camping, developed boat launches and swimming sites, specialized interpretive services or concessionaire services.

Inter-Agency passes are NOT valid for fees related to:

- Facility (utility hookups for water/sewer/electricity)
- Equipment rental (cabins, lookouts, day/overnight group sites)
- Special conservation programs
- Specialized areas and trails (OHV, rifle ranges)
- Transportation systems
- Reservation services
- Permits of any kind

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## Mt Rainier National Park & Olympic National Park (Federal – by each park)

Free days: Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, April 15-16 & 22-23, June 3<sup>th</sup>, Aug 25, Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, Nov 11-12<sup>th</sup>

Entrance Fee Cost = \$50 Annual, \$25 per vehicle single visit

Details available online [here](#)

### Entrance Fee - Single Visit

\$25.00 - It covers all persons in a single, noncommercial vehicle and is valid for seven calendar days. The per person individual entry fee for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, or members of a non-commercial, organized group is \$10.00 each. There is no individual fee charged for persons with a disability, persons with a valid pass or persons under 16 years of age. [These fees provide the visitor with a 7-day entrance permit for Mount Rainier National Park.](#)

### Entrance Fee - Annual Pass for one national park

Available at all entrance stations, this pass admits the permit holder and all accompanying passengers in a single, private, noncommercial vehicle to the park/time period the pass is valid for. [It is valid for 12 months from date of purchase and covers entry fees only.](#) Where entry is not by private car, the Annual Pass admits the permit holder, spouse, children and parents. It also covers entrance fees for Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, and Whitman Mission National Historic Site. [Purchase your Annual Pass by mail, fax or phone.](#)

### Volunteering:

Get a [MRNP](#) or ONP annual pass by volunteering in the park ([More Info here](#)). [Mt. Rainier Park Associates](#) is a non-profit that organizes volunteer trail maintenance.

### Family Camping

A fee of \$10 - \$15 is charged per night for [camping](#) in the auto campgrounds in the Mt Rainier park. Reservations are recommended for Cougar Rock and Ohanapecosh Campgrounds between late June and Labor Day. At other times campsites are first come, first served. To make reservations for Cougar Rock or Ohanapecosh, call 1-800-365-CAMP or reserve online at <http://reservations.nps.gov> up to five months in advance.

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## Discover Pass – (WA State only: state parks, WDFW, DNR )

<http://www.discoverpass.wa.gov/>

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**Cost = \$30 + \$\$transaction/dlr fee = \$35 Annual Pass** (good for one year from month of purchase)  
**\$10 + \$\$transaction/dlr fee Day Pass**

### How-to Use

This pass is the only one that can be used for 2 cars only, the license #'s have to be written on the pass, i.e. one Discover Pass can be used for two vehicles.

**Volunteering:** Volunteers who work 24 hours on agency-approved projects can earn a complimentary annual pass. Each agency must provide vouchers to volunteers, recording the number of hours they worked on each project. Volunteers can redeem the voucher for the annual Discover Pass.

The penalty for using a state recreation area w/o a pass is \$99. This penalty is reduced to \$59 if an individual provides proof of purchase of the Discover Pass to the court within 15 days after the notice of violation.

If you haven't purchased a Discover Pass yet, you have a number of options to buy one: [Purchase online](#) when you buy a fishing or hunting license.

1. Purchase from one of nearly 600 recreation license vendors where state fishing and hunting licenses are sold.
2. Purchase by phone at: 866-320-9933.
3. When you renew your Washington State vehicle license through the Department of Licensing.
4. At State Parks headquarters and region offices, and at some state parks when staff is available.

Following are the 2017 State Parks “free days”: click [HERE](#) for the calendar

- March 19 – In honor of Washington State Parks’ 104th birthday
- April 15 – Spring Day
- April 22 – Earth Day
- **June 3** – National Trails Day
- **June 10** – National Get Outdoors Day and Department of Fish and Wildlife Free Fishing weekend
- **Aug. 25** – Peak season free day
- **Sept. 30** – National Public Lands Day
- **Nov. 11** – Veteran’s Day
- **Nov. 24** – Autumn Day

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## **HISTORY OF FEES SYSTEMS**

In 1996 the federal government began a 10 year fee demonstration program to test the willingness of citizens to pay a fee for using (i.e parking) developed trail and wilderness areas. The reasoning was based upon smaller and smaller allocations to national parks and natural resource agencies to maintain these areas and facing either closing off access or finding a new revenue to support recreation on national lands. The demo program would run through December 31, 2005 and allow those fees to be retained and spent where they are collected

In 2004 President Bush signed the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA). The Act permits federal land management agencies to continue charging modest fees at campgrounds, rental cabins, high-impact recreation areas and at day-use sites that have certain facilities. The Act defined the following fee categories:

### **Standard Amenity (Entrance/Parking) Fees**

*Examples:* Picnic areas, developed trailheads, destination visitor centers, high impact recreation areas.

As a result of the Congressional order, in the Northwest Region (Region 6) of the USFS, we now have the Northwest Forest Pass program.

*Explanation:* Typically, standard amenity fees are day use fees, often covered by a day or annual pass. High impact recreation areas are contiguous areas that support concentrated recreation use. Each site or area must contain six "amenities," which are picnic tables, trash, toilet, parking, interpretive signing and security.

### **Expanded Fees**

*Examples:* Campgrounds, highly developed boat launches and swimming areas, cabin or lookout rentals. Services like hookups, dump stations, special tours, transportation systems and reservation services.

*Explanation:* Provides direct benefits to individuals or groups.

### **Special Recreation Permits (example: Enchantment Lakes trails)**

*Examples:* Wilderness areas, shooting ranges, specialized trail systems

*Explanation:* Permits are issued when extra measures are required for natural and cultural resource protection, or the health and safety of visitors. They may also be used to disperse recreation use or help ensure that the number of visitors does not exceed the capacity of the land.