



# News Release

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## Buy Your State Parks Annual Pass on Your State Tax Return Form

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California’s outdoor recreationists can continue to purchase a California State Parks Annual Pass of their choice on their state income tax return. The process is quick and easy, and there are new passes to choose from.

The first \$150 of your contribution to the California State Parks Protection Fund buys the 150<sup>th</sup> Commemorative pass that will grant access to 115 state operated parks and recreation areas that charge a vehicle day use fee. Plus, if you make a contribution above the price of the 150<sup>th</sup> pass to the State Parks Protection Fund, your additional contributions are tax deductible on your 2013 state income taxes.

California State Parks Annual Park Pass Program includes a variety of options for visitors including, a 150<sup>th</sup> Commemorative pass, the Surf Explorer pass, the Off-Highway Vehicle pass, a Historian Passport pass and the California Park Experience day-use pass. All passes are available for a floating 12-month period. Therefore, park visitors will get a whole year of access regardless of when the pass is purchased.

For more information on this tax contribution, contact your income tax professional or the [California State Franchise Tax Board](#). You can also call the Franchise Tax Board Monday through Fridays (except holidays) at (800) 852-5711, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Please visit California State Park’s website for more information on the [Annual Pass Purchase and Tax Deductible Contribution Program](#) and to view specifics on the [Annual Park Pass Program](#).

### **California State Parks Mission**

*To provide for the health, inspiration and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state’s extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.*

California State Parks is 150 years old, [click here](#) for more information.

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