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California State Parks Explorer Annual Pass Available for Purchase With State Tax Refund

SACRAMENTO, Calif. –Californians have the opportunity to purchase a California State Parks “California Explorer Annual Pass” on their state income tax return. The pass costs \$195 and is good for vehicle use entry fees (up to nine passengers) at [more than 130 parks](#) including beaches, lakes, rivers, mountains and historic sites.

There is also an opportunity for the public to support state park maintenance needs through a tax-deductible contribution. Any additional donation over the \$195 cost of the pass is a tax-deductible contribution that will be allocated to the State Parks Protection Fund, where it will be used for state park maintenance needs.

Information on how to purchase a California Explorer Annual Pass on your state income tax return and the State Parks Protection Fund can be found on California State Park’s website at: <http://www.parks.ca.gov/annualpass>.

For a list of the department’s annual passes and participating parks, visit http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1049.

This is the third year of the California State Parks Annual Pass Program, which was created through the California State Park Stewardship Act of 2012.

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