California State Parks
Golden Bear Pass

Terms and Conditions

California’s State Park System is the largest in the country, offering some of the world’s most varied natural wonders. No matter where you are headed, there are exciting activities to choose from. We hope you enjoy your upcoming visits and that your adventures help you “Discover the many states of California.”

California State Parks has rules and regulations to protect park areas for the enjoyment of future generations as well as for the convenience and safety of the park visitors. To ensure your visit is a pleasant one, please observe the terms and conditions listed below that apply to this pass and its use. Violation of the terms and conditions could result in pass revocation.

- The pass must be renewed each calendar year and is valid for the use of the pass owner and spouse or registered domestic partner only. Once pass is received, you may use passcard for applicable benefits; requests for retroactive refunds will not be honored.
- Pass is issued as a personal benefit to the pass holder and spouse or registered domestic partner only (applicable only if spouse or registered domestic partner is named on passcard). Pass owner may only hold one “calendar year” discount pass issued by California State Parks. The pass holder may not lend, loan, reassign, or resell their pass or the privileges allowed by this pass to anyone else, including family members.
- Pass holder and spouse or registered domestic partner (if applicable) must abide by any rules and regulations applicable to California State Parks or to the use of this pass, as amended from time to time.
- The pass is valid for vehicle day use at most units of the California State Park System operated by the California Department of Parks and Recreation. It is not valid at units operated by federal or local government, private agencies or concessionaires. You may use the pass any day of the week, including holidays, if space is available. No priority will be given to you as a pass holder. You are not assured of space – use of facilities is on a “first-come, first-served” basis when space is available.
- Pass is not valid for per-person entry or tour fees (such as museums), boat use, camping, group use or sites, special events, additional/extra vehicle fees, sanitation disposal use or for supplemental fees.
- Pass is not valid for resale or commercial use, industrial or business operations, including, but not limited to, fleet use or pooling. Pass shall not be assigned for profit and is void if misused.
- Pass is valid unless revoked. This pass cannot be used in conjunction with any other pass and/or discount, nor can it be copied or altered in any way. Pass will be cancelled if the pass holder is found not to meet the pass qualifications. All sales are final. No refunds, replacement or exchanges will be made for any reason including, but not limited to: loss, theft, park closures or environmental conditions such as low water levels, fire, or inclement weather.

Required Identification

- The pass holder is required to present the Golden Bear Pass (photocopies not accepted) and your valid state-issued driver license or other suitable photo identification (interim/temporary not accepted), and pay any supplemental fees upon entrance to the park unit.
Day Use

- The pass may be used for one passenger vehicle or highway licensed motorcycle with a capacity of nine persons or less where a vehicle day use fee is collected. Oversized Vehicle fees will not be assessed; however, not all parks can accommodate oversized vehicles. To receive pass benefits at self-pay locations, clearly display the pass and self-payment receipt on your vehicle’s dashboard where it is visible through the windshield.

Replacement of Lost or Damaged Pass

- Upon suitable proof, a lost or damaged pass may be replaced through reapplication.

If you have any questions about the Golden Bear Pass Program, please contact the California State Parks Pass Sales Office at passinfo@parks.ca.gov.

Our Mission

The mission of the California Department of Parks and Recreation is 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.