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California State Parks Announces 150th Anniversary Annual Park Pass Program

SACRAMENTO, Calif. —Today, California State Parks is introducing a new Annual Park Pass Program to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of State Parks. The Pass Program will include a variety of options for visitors, including a 150th Commemorative Pass, the Surf Explorer pass, the Off-Highway Vehicle pass, a Historian Passport pass, and the California Park Experience day-use pass. The new passes will be available to purchase starting today.

“The 150th anniversary is an historic milestone for State Parks and California. We are pleased to offer a \$150 annual pass during the commemorative 150th year of California State Parks,” said Major General Anthony L. Jackson, USMC (Ret.), director of California State Parks. “California has the distinguished honor of having the oldest park system in the nation, and certainly the most diverse. We want people to connect with their parks, and we are doing that by offering better options and opportunities.”

As a special feature for the 150th anniversary, all purchasers of the 150th Commemorative Pass will also receive a new “Historian Passport” which provides free admission to many museums and historic sites. These museums and historic sites – including California’s state missions, Gold Rush and Native American sites, and others—generally charge per-person admission. The new Historian Passport will provide admission for a family of four. The Historian Passport will also be available separately for only \$50.

Southern California surfers and beach users will find another pass created just for them. The Surf Explorer annual pass is priced at \$195 and includes some of the best surfing breaks in Southern California. Vehicle day-use in much of the rest of the state is also included with this pass, though museum admissions are not.

Those looking for other options should consider the California Park Experience day-use pass, which is priced at only \$75 and includes over 70 outstanding Bay Area and Northern California parks along with some central and southern inland parks. The Off-Highway Vehicle day-use annual pass is also available for only \$50, unchanged from last year.

All of these passes are available for a floating 12-month period. Park visitors will get a whole year of access regardless of when the pass is purchased. Passes will be available at many state park locations where fees are collected and also available in our online store at <http://store.parks.ca.gov/park-passes/>.

For more information on the passes, and the locations where each will be honored, visit our Park Pass web page, http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1049.

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