



Parking Pass Program

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why is the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department implementing the Parking Pass Program?

A 2019 analysis of state park facilities and infrastructure found that, for years, funding levels have been well below the amount needed to adequately maintain our state parks at a level that would ensure the safe and enjoyable use of our parklands. In response, the agency developed a multi-pronged strategy to streamline processes, reduce operational costs and increase revenue in order to adequately fund capital reinvestment in our parks. Funding generated by the Parking Pass Program will provide much-needed resources to return park facilities and infrastructure to an acceptable standard and maintain them at that standard.

2. When will the Parking Pass Program begin?

The program will begin mid-June 2020.

3. Which state parks are participating in the program?

- Arrowhead Area at Lake Eufaula State Park
- Beavers Bend State Park
- Boiling Springs State Park
- Cherokee Landing State Park
- Fort Cobb State Park
- Foss State Park
- Honey Creek Area at Grand Lake State Park
- Great Plains State Park
- Great Salt Plains State Park
- Greenleaf State Park
- Keystone State Park
- Lake Eufaula State Park
- Lake Murray State Park
- Lake Texoma State Park
- Lake Thunderbird State Park
- Lake Wister State Park
- Natural Falls State Park
- Osage Hills State Park
- Robbers Cave State Park
- Sequoyah State Park
- Tenkiller State Park
- Twin Bridges Area at Grand Lake State Park

4. What areas of the parks will require a parking pass?

With some exceptions, all areas of participating parks will require visitors to purchase a parking pass. Exceptions include golf courses and some concessionaire areas, as identified by park management and approved by the Parks Director. Signage will be placed at park entrances and in parking areas to notify visitors of parking pass requirements.



5. Are there any state parks or areas of state parks that visitors can use without the parking pass requirement?

Yes, in addition to the previously mentioned areas approved by the Parks Director, the following state parks will not require parking passes:

- Alabaster Caverns State Park
- Black Mesa State Park
- Bernice Area at Grand Lake State Park
- Cherokee Area at Grand Lake State Park
- Spavinaw Area at Grand Lake State Park
- Little Sahara State Park
- McGee Creek State Park
- Roman Nose State Park
- Sequoyah Bay State Park
- Talimena State Park

6. What is the cost of a parking pass?

Parking pass rates are per vehicle, according to the following chart. Vehicles with an Oklahoma or Oklahoma tribal license plate will receive a 20% discount on rates. When purchasing passes, visitors will select the dates and time they want their pass to begin and end. The annual pass is valid for all Oklahoma State Parks; other passes are valid for the individual park selected during the purchase process.

Pass Type	Rate (all vehicles except buses)	Discounted Rate
One Day	\$10.00	\$8.00
Three Day	\$25.00	\$20.00
One Week	\$35.00	\$28.00
Annual	\$75.00	\$60.00
Buses (per day)	\$25.00	n/a

7. How will visitors purchase parking passes?

There are several ways to purchase a parking pass:

- **TravelOK.com**- Each state park page on TravelOK.com contains a link that visitors can use to pre-purchase passes in advance of their visit.
- **TextPay**- Upon arrival to the park, instructional parking lot signage will direct visitors to text a park-specific code to 504504, which will take them to a website to purchase a pass. The text message also provides visitors the opportunity to download a mobile app. <https://www.premiumparking.com/text-pay>
- **Mobile App**- Visitors may download the Premium Parking app from the app store, or at <https://www.premiumparking.com/mobile-parking>.



- **Pay Machines-** Pay machines are located at park offices and other locations within participating parks.

8. Will visitors that have reserved lodging or campsites be required to purchase a parking pass?

While all passenger vehicles visiting participating state parks will be required to purchase a parking pass, each paid lodging and campsite reservation will include a parking pass for one passenger vehicle that will cover the duration of the reservation.

9. Are discounts available for parking passes?

Yes, the following groups will receive a discount:

- State of Oklahoma and Oklahoma tribal license plates: 20% discount on parking passes automatically applied during the purchase process.
- Honorably discharged veterans: 100% discount with eligibility verification by Oklahoma State Parks.
- Oklahoma residents 62 years of age or older, and their spouses: 100% discount with eligibility verification by Oklahoma State Parks.
- Individuals who have been certified as totally disabled under state or federal law, and their spouses: 50% discount with eligibility verification by Oklahoma State Parks.

Discounts cannot be combined. For example, a totally disabled Oklahoma resident would not receive both a 20% discount and a 50% discount (70%) but would receive the 50% discount.

10. Will patrons of in-park restaurants be required to purchase a parking pass if they are only visiting the park in order to have a meal?

Restaurants and other concessionaires may offer validations to patrons upon approval of the park manager and Parks Director. Validations are provided via a promo code.

11. What about patrons who have rented boat slips at a marina?

Park managers, in partnership with marina concessionaires, may offer one annual parking pass per year to each slip renter. The annual pass may only be used for one vehicle.

12. What happens if a vehicle does not have a valid parking pass?

The parking pass requirement is enforced 24/7 by park staff and park rangers. Vehicles without valid passes may be subject to warnings, violation notices, towing and/or other enforcement measures.

13. What if there is a problem with the pay machine or a visitor has a problem with their payment?

Contact our program partner, Premium Parking, for customer service and support, (844) 236-2011.