



# America the Beautiful Military Pass Program

## No-cost admission dates

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day (third Monday in January)
- National Park Week (mid-April)
- Anniversary of the Great American Outdoors Act (Aug. 4)
- National Park Service birthday (Aug. 25)
- National Public Lands Day (fourth Saturday in September)
- Veterans Day (Nov. 11)

## Additional information

### Military Pass program for annual access

<https://home.nps.gov/planyourvisit/veterans-and-gold-star-families-free-access.htm>

### Get your pass in person each year — no fee

Visit one of these sites (<https://store.usgs.gov/s3fs-public/PassIssuanceList.pdf>) with proof of eligibility.

### Get your pass online each year — fee

Provide proof of eligibility online plus a \$10 process fee at <https://store.usgs.gov/MilitaryPass>.

## Background

The Department of the Interior, in partnership with the Department of Defense, has made a commitment to support the military community and expand their opportunities to engage in outdoor experiences in national parks by establishing the America the Beautiful Military Pass program. This program provides access, at no cost, to more than 2,000 federal recreation sites — all national parks and national wildlife refuges, national forests and grasslands, and lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation and the Army Corps of Engineers.

All active-duty, National Guard, reserve, Coast Guard, dependents of U.S. military members with DD Form 1173, U.S. military cadets, veterans and gold star family members are eligible each year to receive a no-cost annual America the Beautiful Military Pass.

## Highlights

The America the Beautiful Military Pass program and installation morale, welfare and recreation programs provide military families with outdoor opportunities to be active, learn and have fun together. They also promote the following key messages:

- Active living, positive self-esteem and the shared sense of pride and honor contribute to mission readiness.
- Feeling healthy and fit — physically and emotionally — helps build resilience and contributes to personal and professional success.
- National parks provide a variety of educational, recreational, cultural and conservation experiences in locations across the country.
- Park activities, such as hiking and camping, help families stay active and can strengthen family relationships.



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