



MC&FP FACT SHEET

America the Beautiful Military Pass Program

No-cost admission dates

All military families, regardless of activation status, can enjoy access to national parks at no cost on key dates throughout the year:

- Jan. 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Feb. 15-17: Presidents Day weekend
- April 19-20: National Parks Week opening weekend
- Aug. 25: National Park Service birthday
- Sept. 27: National Public Lands Day
- Nov. 11: Veterans Day

Additional information

The National Park Service
<http://www.nps.gov/findapark/passes.htm>

Background

To support military families and engage them in participating in outdoor experiences in national parks, the Department of the Interior, in partnership with the Department of Defense, has made a commitment to providing expanded opportunities for families 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 at lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation. It is available to all active duty, National Guard and Reserve Component members of all military services to include the Coast Guard.

Highlights

The America the Beautiful military pass program and installation Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs provide military families with outdoor experiences where they can be active, learn and have fun together. They also promote the following key messages:

- Active living, positive self-esteem and esprit de corps 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 like hiking and camping help families stay active and can strengthen family relationships.

