



Badlands NP, Cobb

Pass Image PHOTO CONTEST

Each year the Annual Pass features the Grand Prize winning image from the **Share the Experience** Photo Contest www.sharetheexperience.org. On your next vacation bring your camera and you could find your photo featured on an Annual Pass!

FEDERAL RECREATION LANDS



U.S. Forest Service (USDA FS)

www.fs.fed.us

Offers a variety of outdoor recreational opportunities and special areas on 193 million acres of national forests and grasslands. Approximately 18% of national forestland is Congressionally designated wilderness, providing opportunities for primitive recreation experiences and spectacular scenery.



Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

www.blm.gov

Oversees the Nation's largest Federal land mass – more than 262 million unbounded acres – with abundant outdoor recreational activities. These lands include Congressionally designated wild and scenic rivers, wilderness areas, and high deserts.



National Park Service (NPS)

www.nps.gov

Protects the Nation's natural, historical, and cultural resources, while providing opportunities for recreation. NPS manages more than 390 national parks, battlefields, seashores, monuments, and historic sites nationwide.



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

www.fws.gov

Manages 100 million acres of land and water consisting of more than 546 national wildlife refuges, 37 wetland management districts with waterfowl production areas, 46 administrative sites, and 69 national fish hatcheries. Many refuges are open to hunting and fishing.



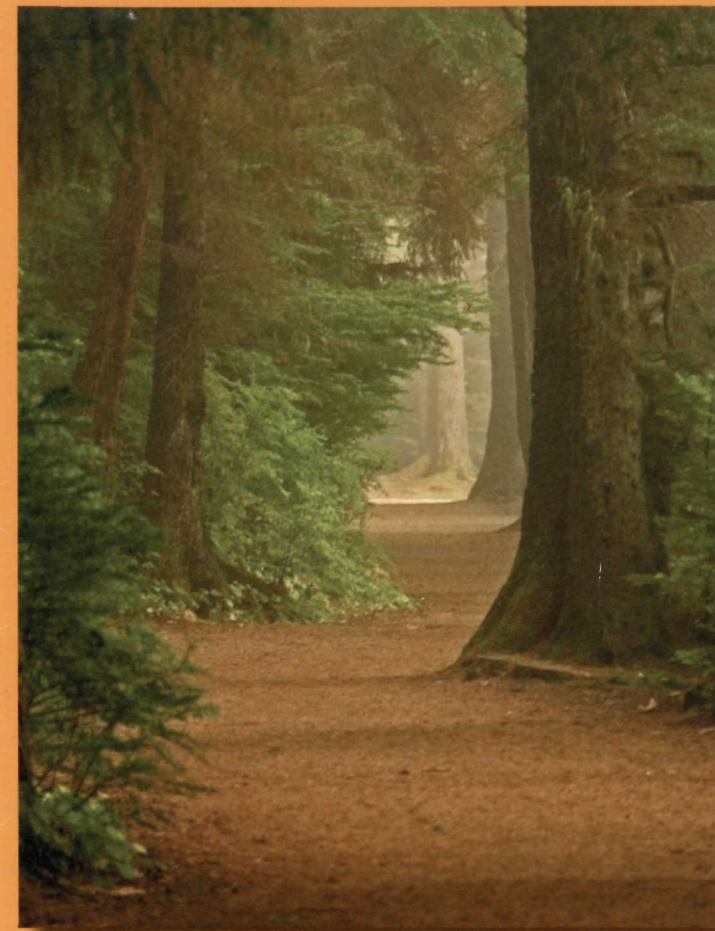
Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)

www.usbr.gov

Manages and develops water and related resources. There are more than 300 recreation areas on these water projects many of which are operated by other Federal agencies; state, county, and city governments.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Federal Recreational Lands - www.recreation.gov



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U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Singer

INTRODUCTION

Recreation Sites managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the National Park Service (NPS), the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), and the U.S. Forest Service (USDA FS) - are exciting places to visit daily, for a weekend, or for an entire vacation.

Your Annual Pass provides you with a full year of enjoyment at America's beautiful lakes, rivers and seashores, wildlife refuges, outstanding cultural and historic sites, and some of the world's most magnificent forests, parks and monuments.

Entrance Fee = Access to an FWS or NPS site.

Standard Amenity Fee = Use of BLM, USDAFS, and Reclamation sites that have a combination of basic amenities (picnic tables, trash receptacles, toilets, developed parking, interpretive signage, and security).

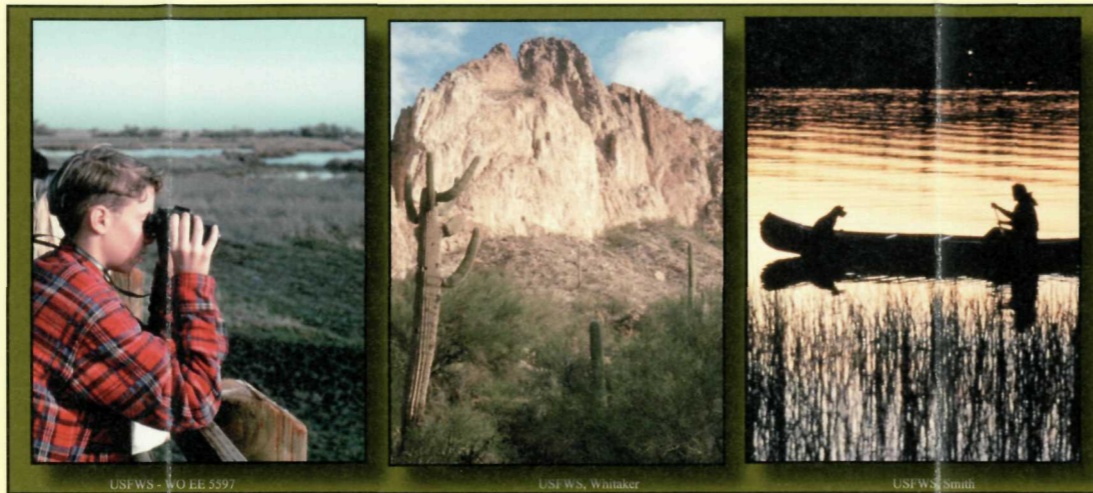
Expanded Amenity Fee = Camping, Boat Launching, Tours, etc. The Annual Pass generally does not cover these fees.

AMERICA *The Beautiful*

National Parks & Federal Recreational Lands Pass

HOW DOES THE PASS WORK?

- The Annual Pass covers Entrance Fees or Standard Amenity Fees at sites managed by NPS, USDA FS, USFWS, BLM and Reclamation.
- The Annual Pass is valid for one full year from month of purchase
- Where a per-vehicle fee is charged the Annual Pass covers the pass owner and accompanying passengers in a single, private, non-commercial vehicle.
- Where a per-person fee is charged the Annual Pass covers a pass owner/s and three (3) accompanying adults (4 total adults) age 16 and older. Children 15 and under are fee exempt.
- Photo identification may be required to verify ownership.
- Passes are: **NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-TRANSFERABLE**, and cannot be replaced if lost or stolen.
- Fees vary across the Federal Recreation sites. Please contact specific sites directly for information on what is covered.



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USFWS, Whitaker

USFWS Smith

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED WITH MY ANNUAL PASS?

Expanded Amenity Fees (camping, boat launching, tours, etc.) Based on specific site and agency guidelines, the pass may or may not include parking.

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR LANDS

America's public lands cover nearly one in every three acres across the Nation. With a bit of added support from each of us — through a donation or **VOLUNTEER** work — the preservation of our natural and cultural legacy can be ensured.

PHILANTHROPY builds and strengthens the bond between special places and their advocates. We invite you to support the Congressionally-chartered Foundations whose combined mission is to engage Americans in caring for our lands, conserve wildlife, and enhance education and outreach programs.

National Fish & Wildlife Foundation: <http://www.nfwf.org/>

National Forest Foundation: <http://www.natlforests.org/>

National Park Foundation: <http://www.nationalparks.org>

VOLUNTEERS make immeasurable contributions throughout the country. We invite you to lend your skills and talents to help improve our public lands.

For information visit: <http://www.volunteer.gov/gov/>

For volunteer opportunities with the BLM visit:

<http://www.blm.gov/volunteer/opportunities/index.html>

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

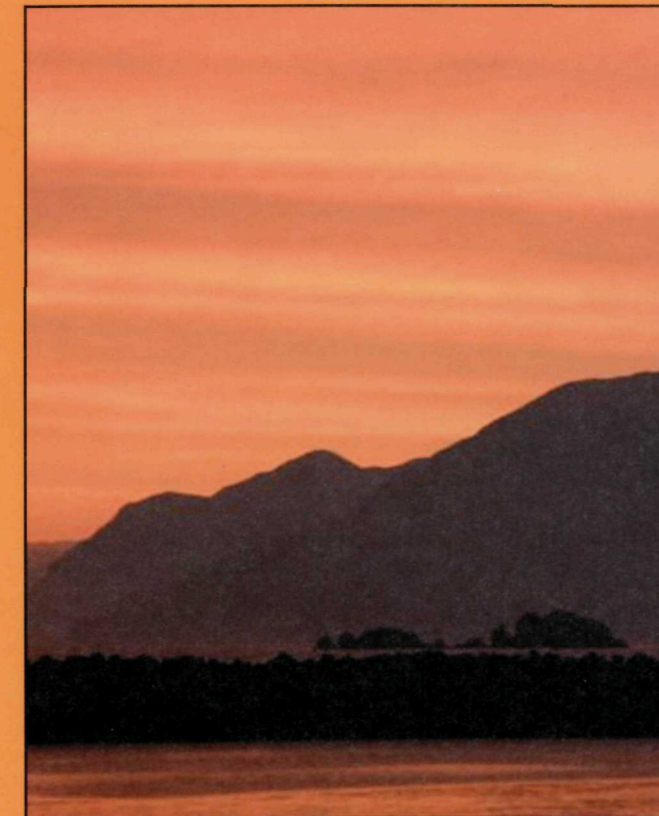
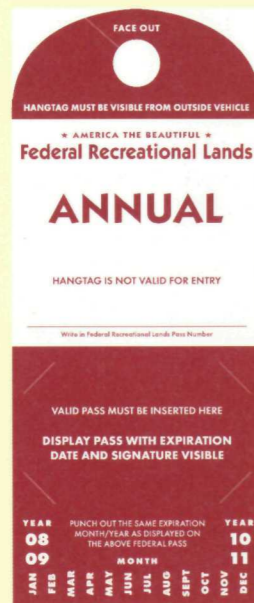
- Q.** My family is traveling in two cars; will the Annual Pass let all of us into the site?
- A.** Only the vehicle with the pass is covered. The second vehicle is subject to an entrance fee, or must be carrying a second pass.
- Q.** What is the decal; what is it for?
- A.** Many agency sites are not regularly staffed. A decal shows proof of payment without leaving your pass unsecured in an open top vehicle. The decal alone will not be sufficient for entry at any staffed locations; the annual pass must be shown.
- Q.** My Pass was lost/stolen – can you send me a new one?
- A.** Passes cannot be replaced.
- Q.** What is the Hangtag; what is it for; how do I get one?
- A.** Many agency sites are not regularly staffed. At these locations, pass holders must display their passes in the window of their vehicle. The hangtag enables passes to be clearly displayed. Free hangtags are available at most Federal recreation sites.
- Q.** Does my Annual Pass get me any discounts in the Federal recreation sites?
- A.** No, the pass only covers entrance and standard amenity fees.
- Q.** My spouse and I are each riding our own motorcycle or scooter; will one Annual Pass cover both our entries?
- A.** Yes, at sites with per vehicle fees the two people who have signed the Annual Pass may enter on separate motorcycles or scooters.
- Q.** Does my Annual Pass cover parking at Mount Rushmore?
- A.** No, parking is provided by the concessionaire. Generally, concessionaires do not accept the Annual Pass.
- Q.** Can I use my Annual Pass at State Parks or local recreation areas?
- A.** The Annual Pass is only accepted at Federal recreation sites that charge an entrance or standard amenity fee.

UNSTAFFED RECREATION SITES:

BLM and USDA FS Standard Amenity Fee sites require visitors to display proof of payment in their vehicle. Your Annual Pass can be used at these sites by placing your pass in the hangtag.

If you own an open-topped vehicle (jeep, motorcycle, etc.) you may purchase a decal to attach to your vehicle. This will serve as proof of payment at unstaffed sites.

Hangtags and Decals are available at most recreation sites where Passes are sold. Please be aware: The decal is **ONLY** valid at unstaffed sites and **ONLY** with open-topped vehicles. The Decal is not valid for entry at staffed recreation sites.



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Bell

FEES AT WORK

Federal Recreation Fees Support Our National Heritage

Eighty to one hundred percent of all money collected from Annual Pass sales remains at the local site to be used for service and facility improvements such as:

- Restoration and maintenance of the Bertrand Museum, DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge, Nebraska and Iowa (FWS)
- Developing a well to provide safe, reliable drinking water at the Starr Springs Campground and Picnic Area, Henry Mountains/Sevier River Project Area, Utah (BLM)
- Rehabilitation of the Canyon Visitor Center and creation of new exhibits on the geology of the park, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming (NPS)
- Building an accessible boardwalk that allows persons with disabilities to view the wildlife in the marsh area without impacting the wetland. Medicine Bow-Rout National Forest, Colorado and Wyoming (USDA FS)