

# Golden Eagle Golden Age Golden Access Passports

Federal Recreation Fee Program

Participating Agencies:  
Bureau of Land Management  
Water and Power Resources  
Service  
Corps of Engineers  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Forest Service  
National Park Service  
Tennessee Valley Authority

## Introduction

There are three congressionally authorized passes that may help you enjoy the parks and recreation areas managed by the federal government. These are the Golden Eagle Passport, the Golden Age Passport, and the Golden Access Passport. Passports were established as part of the Federal Recreation Fee Program under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended. The program authorizes the charging of fees for entrance, use, and special recreation permits. You can enter and use some federal parks or recreation areas and facilities free of charge. Other areas and facilities require payment of either "entrance" or "use" fees, or both. Use fees are charged for certain facilities such as campgrounds, boat launching equipment, and so on. A third category of fees—special recreation permit fees—may be charged for specialized uses, such as group activities, recreation events, and motorized recreation vehicles.

The money collected by the seven federal land-managing agencies that provide public outdoor recreation opportunities is placed in the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The money will be used for preserving, developing and assuring public recreational use of the unique land and water resources of our nation. The fund is used by the federal and state governments to acquire land for recreation purposes. It also provides money for state outdoor recreation plans and development of recreational lands and waters.

## Golden Eagle Passport For persons under 62

### What Is It?

The Golden Eagle Passport is an annual entrance permit to parks, monuments, and recreation areas administered by the federal government. It admits the permit holder and carload of accompanying people. Where entry is not by private car, the Golden Eagle Passport admits the permit holder and family group—parents, children, and spouse. The Golden Eagle Passport does not cover use fees, such as fees for camping or parking. It is valid for entrance fees only.

The Golden Eagle Passport costs \$10 and is not refundable nor transferable. It is good for one calendar year (January 1 through December 31). The Golden Eagle Passport may be used at designated areas of the National Park System charging entrance fees (list on pages 8 and 9).

Those who plan several visits to Park System areas that charge entrance fees may save by buying the Golden Eagle Passport for \$10 rather than paying individual entrance fees which range from about 50 cents per person to \$3 per car.

### How Do I Get One?

Golden Eagle Passports may be purchased in person or by mail for \$10 from the National Park Service or Forest Service headquarter offices in Washington, D.C., or one of their regional offices (addresses on page 8).

**Note:** The Golden Eagle Passport covers entrance fees for the permit holder and any persons accompanying him or her in a single, private noncommercial vehicle. A private noncommercial vehicle is defined as any passenger car, station wagon, pickup, camper truck, recreation vehicle, motorcycle, or other motor vehicle used for private recreation purposes.

## Golden Age Passport For persons 62 and older

### What Is It?

The Golden Age Passport is a free lifetime entrance permit to those parks, monuments, and recreation areas administered by the federal government which charge entrance fees. It is issued to citizens or permanent residents of the United States who are 62 or older. It also provides a 50 percent discount on federal use fees charged for facilities and services such as camping, boat launching, parking, and so on. The Golden Age Passport does not cover fees charged by private concessionaires.

The Golden Age Passport admits the permit holder and a carload of accompanying people. Where entry is not by private car, the passport admits the permit holder and his or her spouse, children and parents.

**Note:** The Golden Age Passport admits the permit holder and any accompanying persons in a single, private, noncommercial vehicle to a federal area. A private non-commercial vehicle is any passenger car, station wagon, pickup, camper truck, recreation vehicle, motorcycle, or other motor vehicle used for private recreation purposes. In some cases where use fees are charged, only the permit holder will be given the 50 percent reduction, for example, for cave tours or elevator services.

### How Do I Get One?

You may only obtain a Golden Age Passport in person. They are not available by mail. You must show proof of age in order to get a Golden Age Passport. This may be a state driver's license showing your birth date, a birth certificate, or Medicare card.

The Golden Age Passport is available at most federally operated recreation areas where it may be used. Thus, it may not be necessary to obtain the passport before beginning a vacation trip.

The Golden Age Passport may be obtained in person at:

- All National Park Service and Forest Service headquarters and regional offices
- All Forest Service supervisor's offices
- Most Forest Service ranger station offices
- All National Park System areas where entrance fees are charged
- Bureau of Land Management state and district offices
- Tennessee Valley Authority—Land Between the Lakes and all recreation areas that charge fees
- All Fish and Wildlife Service regional offices and National Wildlife Refuges where Land and Water Conservation Fund use fees are in effect
- Water and Power Resources Service—Hoover Dam

## Golden Access Passport For blind and disabled persons

### What Is It?

The Golden Access Passport is a free lifetime entrance permit to those parks, monuments, and recreation areas administered by the federal government which charge entrance fees. It is issued to citizens or permanent residents of the United States who have been medically determined to be blind or permanently disabled and as a result, are eligible for receiving benefits under federal law. The passport also provides a 50 percent discount on federal use fees charged for facilities and services such as camping, boat launching, parking, and so forth. The Golden Access Passport does not cover fees charged by private concessions.

The Golden Access Passport admits the permit holder and a carload of accompanying people. Where entry is not by private car, the passport admits the permit holder and his or her spouse, children and parents.

The official regulations for issuing the Golden Access Passports are not final. In the interim, persons who are eligible will be allowed to enter the areas free of charge and pay only 50 percent of established use fees. For more specific information please contact the area that you plan to visit.

**Note:** The Golden Access Passport admits the permit holder and any accompanying persons in a single, private, noncommercial vehicle. A private noncommercial vehicle is any passenger car, station wagon, pickup, camper truck, recreation vehicle, motorcycle, or other motor vehicle used for private recreation purposes. In some cases where use fees are charged, only the permit holder will be given the 50 percent reduction, for example, for cave tours or elevator services.

## Federal Recreation Fees

Only those federal areas designated as fee areas or facilities may charge entrance or recreation use fees.

### Entrance Fees

Entrance fees will be charged at designated National Parks, Monuments, Recreation Areas, Seashores, and Historic and Memorial Parks and Sites administered by the National Park Service. Entrance fees may be paid on a single-visit basis or on an annual basis through purchase of the \$10 Golden Eagle Passport. Citizens or permanent residents of the United States who are eligible for the Golden Age or Golden Access Passport may obtain one of the free lifetime Passports, good for entrance fees.

### Use Fees and Special Recreation Permit Fees

All seven federal land-managing agencies are authorized to charge recreation use fees for specialized sites, facilities, equipment, or services furnished at federal expense and meeting certain criteria. Fees may also be charged for special recreation permits issued for uses such as group activities, recreation events, motorized recreation vehicles, and other specialized uses.

**Note:** No charges by private concessionaires or other contractors operating within federal recreation areas are covered by the Golden Eagle Passport, single visit entrance fees, recreation use fees, or special recreation permit fees.

## Information Services

### National Park Service

#### Headquarters:

Room 1013  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
18th and C Streets, NW  
Washington, DC 20240

#### Regional Offices:

North Atlantic Region  
15 State Street  
Boston, MA 02109

Mid-Atlantic Region  
143 South Third Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

National Capital Region  
1100 Ohio Drive, SW  
Washington, DC 20242

Southeast Region  
75 Spring Street SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303

Midwest Region  
1709 Jackson Street  
Omaha, NE 68102

Rocky Mountain Region  
655 Parfet Street  
P.O. Box 25287  
Lakewood, CO 80225

Southwest Region  
Old Sante Fe Trail  
P.O. Box 728  
Sante Fe, NM 87501

Alaska Region  
540 West Fifth Avenue  
Anchorage, AK 99501

Western Region  
450 Golden Gate Avenue  
P.O. Box 36063  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Pacific Northwest Region  
601 Fourth and Pike Building  
Seattle, WA 98101

### Forest Service

#### Headquarters:

U.S. Department of Agriculture  
14th and Independence Avenue  
South Agriculture Building  
Washington, DC 20250

#### Regional Offices

Northern Region  
Federal Building  
Missoula, MT 59807

Rocky Mountain Region  
11177 West Eighth Avenue  
Box 25127  
Lakewood, CO 80225

Southwestern Region  
Federal Building  
517 Gold Avenue, SW  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Intermountain Region  
324 25th Street  
Ogden, UT 84401

California Region  
630 Sansome Street  
San Francisco, CA 94111

Pacific Northwest Region  
319 S.W. Pine Street  
P.O. Box 3623  
Portland, OR 97208

### Other Federal Agencies

For more information about use fees and special recreation permit fees write to the appropriate regional National Park Service or Forest Service office, or one of the appropriate federal agencies listed below.

Director  
Bureau of Land Management  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Washington, DC 20240

Director  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Washington, DC 20240

Office, Chief of Engineers  
DAEN-CWO-R  
Department of the Army  
Washington, DC 20314

Commissioner  
Water and Power Resources Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Washington, DC 20240

Tennessee Valley Authority  
Forestry Building  
Norris, TN 37828

Southern Region  
1720 Peachtree Road, NW  
Atlanta, GA 30309

Eastern Region  
633 West Wisconsin Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53203

Alaska Region  
Federal Office Building  
Box 1628  
Juneau, AK 99802

## Federal Entrance Fee Areas

You can obtain any of the three passports at the following recreation areas requiring an entrance fee. The list does not include areas that charge only recreation use fees and/or special recreation permit fees.

- **Arizona**  
Casa Grande Ruins National Monument  
Chiricahua National Monument  
Grand Canyon National Park  
Montezuma Castle National Monument  
Petrified Forest National Park  
Pipe Spring National Monument  
Saguaro National Monument  
Tonto National Monument  
Tumacacori National Monument  
Tuzigoot National Monument  
Walnut Canyon National Monument
- **California**  
John Muir National Historic Site  
Lassen Volcanic National Park  
Pinnacles National Monument  
Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks  
Yosemite National Park
- **Colorado**  
Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument  
Colorado National Monument  
Great Sand Dunes National Monument  
Mesa Verde National Park  
Rocky Mountain National Park
- **Florida**  
Castillo de San Marcos National Monument  
Everglades National Park  
Gulf Island National Seashore
- **Georgia**  
Fort Pulaski National Monument
- **Idaho**  
Craters of the Moon National Monument
- **Massachusetts**  
Adams National Historic Site  
Cape Cod National Seashore  
John F. Kennedy National Historic Site  
Longfellow National Historic Park  
Minute Man National Historic Site  
Salem Maritime National Historic Site
- **Montana**  
Glacier National Park

- **Nebraska**  
Scotts Bluff National Monument
- **New Hampshire**  
Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site
- **New Jersey**  
Edison National Historic Site  
Morristown National Historical Park
- **New Mexico**  
Aztec Ruins National Monument  
Bandelier National Monument  
Capulin Mountain National Monument  
Carlsbad Caverns National Park  
El Morro National Monument  
White Sands National Monument
- **New York**  
Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Sites  
Sagamore Hill National Historic Site  
Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace National Historic Site
- **North Dakota**  
Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park
- **Oregon**  
Crater Lake National Park
- **South Dakota**  
Badlands National Monument
- **Tennessee**  
Andrew Johnson National Historic Site  
Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Military Park
- **Texas**  
Fort Davis National Historic Park
- **Utah**  
Arches National Park  
Bryce Canyon National Park  
Natural Bridges National Monument  
Zion National Park
- **Virginia**  
Appomattox Court House National Historical Park  
Colonial National Historic Park  
Shenandoah National Park
- **Washington**  
Mount Rainier National Park
- **Wyoming**  
Devil's Tower National Monument  
Grand Teton National Park (joint fee with Yellowstone)  
Yellowstone National Park