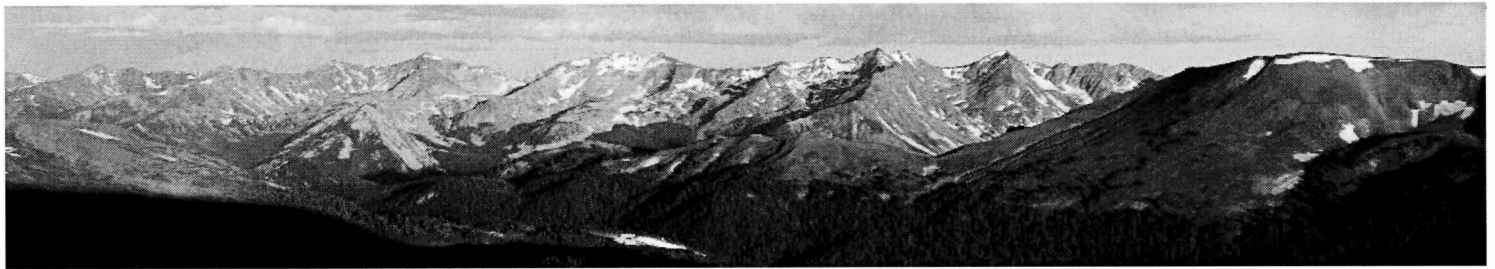


Timed Entry Permit Reservations

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In 2026, Rocky Mountain National Park will implement a timed entry reservation system during the summer season, beginning on May 22. This reservation system provides for day use visitor access in a way that protects resources while creating opportunities for high-quality visitor experiences. This system, established through the Day Use Visitor Access Plan finalized in May 2024, manages day use visitor access in a way that protects the park's resources, maintains positive visitor experiences, promotes safety, and supports the park's ability to maintain operations.

This system will be similar to the reservation system used in summer 2025. Visitors coming to RMNP will be able to choose between two different reservation options: **Timed Entry** or **Timed Entry+ Bear Lake Road**. For more details, visit the park's webpage at <https://go.nps.gov/romo/timedentry>

How does the reservation system work? To visit RMNP during the times of day when timed entry reservations are required, one person can make one timed entry reservation per vehicle, per day. Reservations can be made online using www.recreation.gov, via the Recreation.gov Mobile App, or by calling 1-877-444-6777.

When can reservations be made? Beginning at 8 a.m. MDT on May 1, timed entry reservations will be available for the dates of May 22-June 30. If planning for trips in July through mid-October, see the full release schedule at <https://go.nps.gov/romo/timedentry>

Timed entry reservations allow park visitors to enter RMNP within designated 2-hour blocks of time. This helps spread visitation out throughout the park and throughout day. Reservation holders must arrive within their designated 2-hour window of time. Once in the park, you are welcome to stay as long as you choose.

Timed Entry:

- Beginning on Friday, May 22, through October 12, **Timed Entry Reservations** will be required to enter RMNP (excluding access to the Bear Lake Road corridor) **between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.**
- This reservation option provides access to the majority of Rocky Mountain National Park, including Trail Ridge Road, East Inlet Trailhead, Grand Lake Entrance, Wild Basin, Lily Lake, Lumpy Ridge, Longs Peak, and more!
- Access to Bear Lake, Moraine Park, Sprague Lake, and other destinations along the Bear Lake Road Corridor are **not included**.
- If you exit RMNP and want to return later in the day, reentry is allowed anytime of day.
- Visitors who enter RMNP before 9 a.m. or after 2 p.m. do not need a Timed Entry reservation to enter the park. To access the Bear Lake Road Corridor and all destinations along Bear Lake Road, you will need a **Timed Entry+Bear Lake Road Reservation** between 5 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Timed Entry+ Bear Lake Road:

- Bear Lake Road is located on the east side of RMNP and historically is the busiest section of the park.
- Beginning on Friday, May 22, through October 18, **Timed Entry+ Bear Lake Road Reservations** are required to access all destinations located along the Bear Lake Road Corridor (including Moraine Park, Sprague Lake, Park & Ride, and Bear Lake). **Reservations are required between the hours of 5 a.m. - 6 p.m.**
- In addition to Bear Lake Road, **Timed Entry+ Bear Lake Road Reservations** also include access to all other areas of RMNP.
- Once you enter the Bear Lake Road Corridor, if you exit and want to return later in the day, **reentry to the Bear Lake Road Corridor is only allowed after 2 p.m.** Reentry to other areas of RMNP is allowed at anytime of day.
- Visitors who enter the Bear Lake Road corridor before 5 a.m. or after 6 p.m. do not need a **Timed Entry+Bear Lake Road Reservation**. If you enter the Bear Lake Road corridor during a time of day when reservations are not in effect, you may stay all day. Reentry is not permitted.

How do I reserve a timed entry reservation to visit Rocky Mountain National Park?

To make a timed entry reservation online, visit www.recreation.gov. You can also use the Recreation.gov Mobile App or call 1-877-444-6777.

- Timed Entry reservations are only available through Recreation.gov; they are not available in person at the park's entrance stations or visitor centers.
- The cost for a timed entry permit is a \$2 Recreation.gov processing fee. **Timed entry reservations are non-transferrable and non-refundable.**

- After completing your reservation, print or save a full screenshot copy of your reservation confirmation.
- You must bring this reservation confirmation with you. Reservation holders are also required to show their valid photo ID to a park ranger upon arrival.
- In addition to a timed entry reservation, all visitors must purchase or show a valid park entrance pass. Entrance passes can be purchased upon arrival at any of RMNP's entrance stations.

If I already have a reservation for camping, wilderness backpacking camping, or horseback riding, do I also need a timed entry reservation?

Visitors with reservations for Aspenglen, Glacier Basin, Moraine Park, and Timber Creek Campgrounds, wilderness backpacking permits, or in-park horseback riding reservations **DO NOT** need a timed entry reservation for your vehicle. A timed entry reservation is included with your camping/service reservation. Access varies based on each reservation type.

Campers may enter RMNP with their campground reservation beginning at 1 p.m. on the first day of their camping reservation.

Visitors with reservations for Timber Creek Campground (located on the west side of the park) will have access to all areas of RMNP, except for the Bear Lake Road Corridor.

Visitors with reservations at Aspenglen, Moraine Park, and Glacier Basin Campgrounds (located on the east side of RMNP) will have access to the Bear Lake Road Corridor, as well as all other areas of the park.

Campground reservations must be made in advance - same day reservations are not available. Campers must bring a printed copy of their campground reservation confirmation with them or have a full screenshot of their reservation confirmation saved on a digital device.

Upon arrival at any of the park's entrance stations, campers will be asked to show their valid campground reservation. Cell phone connectivity or access to WiFi is limited.

Are timed entry reservations required to visit all areas of Rocky Mountain National Park?

Yes. During the times of day when timed entry reservations are in effect, a **Timed Entry** or **Timed Entry+ Bear Lake Road Reservation** is required to enter Rocky Mountain National Park.

Visitors will also need to purchase or show a valid park entrance pass.

This includes visiting all areas of Rocky Mountain National Park, including taking a scenic drive on Trail Ridge Road or Old Fall River Roads, exploring the Wild Basin Area, driving Bear Lake Road, and visiting all outlying areas of RMNP, like Lily Lake, Lumpy Ridge, Longs Peak, and the North and East Inlet Trailheads.

How can I make a last minute reservation?

If you are unable to make a timed entry reservation in advance, a number of additional reservations are released on Recreation.gov the night before a desired arrival date.

These reservations will be released beginning at **7 p.m. MDT** and are valid to enter RMNP the following day.

It is best to plan ahead if possible, as these reservations do sell out quickly.

If you are unable to make a reservation, that's ok! You can plan to enter RMNP during a time of day when reservations are not required.

How can I learn more?

To learn more about Rocky Mountain National Park, visit <https://go.nps.gov/romo>, visit us on the NPS mobile app, or call the park Information Office at 970-586-1206.

To see a list of frequently asked questions and answers, visit <https://go.nps.gov/romo/timedentry>