FINAL REGULATIONS - CHAPTER P-7 - PASSES, PERMITS AND REGISTRATIONS

ARTICLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS AND FEES RELATING TO PASSES, PERMITS AND REGISTRATIONS

VEHICLE PASSES

# 700 - VEHICLE PASS

1. Except as otherwise provided in these regulations or by Colorado Revised Statutes, no motor vehicle shall be brought onto any Parks and Outdoor Recreation lands unless a valid pass issued by the Division is properly attached. Passes that are designed to be affixed to the windshield shall be attached to the extreme lower right-hand corner of the vehicle’s windshield in a position so that the pass may be observed and identified. For an annual vehicle pass, including an aspen leaf annual pass to be properly attached to a windshield it must be permanently affixed. Any vehicle without a windshield shall be treated as a special case, but evidence of a pass shall be required. Other types of passes, such as hang tag passes, shall be continuously displayed in the motor vehicle in the manner described on the pass while the motor vehicle is operated or parked on Division properties.

2. No vehicle pass shall be required for:
   a. Any snowmobile as defined in section 33-14-101, C.R.S.;
   b. Any off-highway vehicle as defined in section 33-14.5-101(3), C.R.S.;
   c. Any government-owned vehicle, emergency vehicle, or law enforcement vehicle on official business;
   d. Any commercial delivery vehicle delivering goods to the park or a park concessionaire when the goods are directly related to the operation of the park or concession;
   e. Any resident’s vehicle displaying a Colorado disabled veteran’s license plate pursuant to section 42-2-13134(53)(a), C.R.S., and as provided for in section 33-12-106(1), C.R.S.;
   f. Any vehicle bringing a qualified holder of a transferable Columbine or a Centennial annual pass into a park;
   g. Any vehicle that is not required to have a vehicle pass pursuant to the special activity regulation # 703;
   h. Any vehicle entering a park on Colorado day; or
   i. Any vehicle that is exclusively towed.
   j. Any vehicle occupied by a veteran or current or reserve or honorably discharged member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States military service, on the State observance of Veteran’s Day. At least one form of past or present military identification shall be presented at the Park entrance. Acceptable forms of military identification include:
      - DD214;
      - DD Form 2;
      - DD Form 2765;
      - Active, retired or veteran military identification cards;
      - A current Colorado Driver's License or state issued identification card with the word 'Veteran' printed on it as specified in 42-2-303 (5)(a), C.R.S.;
      - VA medical card;
      - The display of military license plates.
   k. Any vehicle occupied by a veteran, reserve, or active duty member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States, during the month of August. At least one form of past or present military identification shall be presented at any state park or Division office in
order to receive a free vehicle hang tag pass. Acceptable forms of military identification include:
- DD214;
- DD Form 2;
- DD Form 2765;
- Active, retired or veteran military identification cards;
- A current Colorado Driver's License or state issued identification card with the word 'Veteran' printed on it as specified in 42-2-303 (5)(a), C.R.S.;
- VA medical card.

(1) As referenced in this chapter, “veteran” means a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.

3. The types of annual vehicle passes available from the Division are as follows:
   a. An Aspen Leaf annual pass as provided for in section 33-12-103, C.R.S.; and
   b. An annual vehicle pass, which is available for any vehicle except passenger vans and buses operated by a commercial business.

   (1) Commercial passenger vans and buses are eligible to purchase daily, but not annual, vehicle passes.
   (2) School buses on official school outings, passenger vans and buses operated by a nonprofit corporation or organization as defined in 13-21-115.5 (3), C.R.S., and passenger vans and buses operated by any government agency are eligible for either daily or annual vehicle passes.

# 708 - PASS AND PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE

1. The fees for the types of vehicle passes issued by the Division are as follows.
   a. Aspen leaf annual pass.................................................................$60.00
   b. Annual vehicle pass............................................................................$70.00
   c. Annual vehicle passes purchased in large quantities during a single sale, transaction will be discounted as follows.
      (1) Twenty or more passes, but less than fifty.................................20% discount
      (2) Fifty or more passes, but less than one hundred....................25% discount
      (3) One hundred passes or more..................................................30% discount
   d.
      (1) Each additional annual vehicle pass for noncommercial vehicles........$35.00
      (2) Each additional Aspen Leaf vehicle pass for noncommercial vehicles.....$30.00
   e. Each replacement annual vehicle pass.............................................$5.00
f. Each daily vehicle pass (exceptions follow) .................................................................. $7.00

   (1) At Cherry Creek, Chatfield, and Boyd Lake State Recreation Areas, and Eldorado Canyon State Park .............. $8.00

g. Each daily vehicle pass for a passenger van or bus operated by a commercial business:

   (1) carrying up to fifteen passengers ................................................................. $10.00
   (2) carrying sixteen to thirty passengers ......................................................... $40.00
   (3) carrying more than thirty passengers ......................................................... $50.00

2. The fees for the types of individual passes issued by the Division are as follows. Eligibility requirements are stated in regulation # 701.

   a. Columbine or Centennial annual pass ......................................................... $14.00
   b. Each replacement Columbine or Centennial annual pass ....................... $5.00
   c. Individual daily passes (applies to persons sixteen years of age or older) for Eldorado Canyon, Colorado State Forest, Lory State Parks and Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area ........................................................................................................ $3.00

3. The fees associated with special activities, as provided for in regulation # 703 are:

   a. Special activity alternate individual fee (applies to groups of twenty or more people in size) .......................................................... $2.00
   b. Special activity application filing fee .............................................................. $20.00

4. The fees for the type of campground-use permits issued by the Division are as follows. Campground classes are defined in regulation # 704.

   a. Campground-use permit for "Full Hookup Campgrounds" ....................... $284.00/night
   b. Campground-use permit for "Electrical Campgrounds" .......................... $249.00/night
   c. Campground-use permit for "Basic Campgrounds" ................................. $186.00/night
   d. Campground-use permit for "Primitive Campgrounds" ......................... $10.00/night
   e. From May 1 through September 30 at Chatfield, Cherry Creek, Cheyenne Mountain, Golden Gate, Highline, Mueller, Pearl Lake, Rifle Falls, Ridgway, St. Vrain, Steamboat and Sylvan Lake the camping fees shall be:

      (1) Campground-use permit for "full hookup campgrounds" ................... $3026.00/night
      (2) Campground-use permit for "electrical campgrounds" ....................... $262.00/night
      (3) Campground-use permit for "basic campgrounds" .............................. $2048.00/night
      (4) Campground-use permit for "primitive campgrounds" ...................... $12.00/night
5. The fees for reduced rate Aspen Leaf and senior volunteer park pass campground-use permits issued by the Division are as follows. Eligibility requirements are stated in regulation # 701 and regulation # 705. Reduced rates are offered all days of the year when the campground is open, except weekends and holidays.

   a. Campground-use permit for "Full Hookup Campgrounds" ..................$254.00/night
   b. Campground-use permit for "Electrical Campgrounds" ..................$217.00/night
   c. Campground-use permit for "Basic Campgrounds" ..................$153.00/night
   d. Campground-use permit for "Primitive Campgrounds" ..................$7.00/night
   e. From May 1 through September 30 at Chatfield, Cherry Creek, Cheyenne Mountain, Golden Gate, Highline, Mueller, Pearl Lake, Rifle Falls, Ridgway, St. Vrain, Steamboat and Sylvan Lake the camping fees for reduced rate Aspen Leaf and senior volunteer pass campground-use permits shall be:

      (1) Campground-use permit for "full hookup campgrounds" ............$273.00/night
      (2) Campground-use permit for "electrical campgrounds" .............$239.00/night
      (3) Campground-use permit for "basic campgrounds" ...............$176.00/night
      (4) Campground-use permit for "primitive campgrounds" ............$9.00/night

6. The fees for types of campground-use areas are as follows. Campground classes are defined in regulation # 704.

   a. In group camp areas of “Full Hookup Campgrounds,” the fee shall be $284.00 per night per campsite assigned to such group area.
   b. In group camp areas of “Electrical Campgrounds,” the fee shall be $240.00 per night per campsite assigned to such group area.
   c. In group camp areas of “Basic Campgrounds,” the fee shall be $186.00 per night per campsite assigned to such group area.
   d. In group camp areas of “Primitive Campgrounds,” the fee shall be $10.00 per night per campsite assigned to such group area.
   e. From May 1 through September 30 at Chatfield, Cherry Creek, Cheyenne Mountain, Golden Gate, Highline, Mueller, Pearl Lake, Rifle Falls, Ridgway, St. Vrain, Steamboat and Sylvan Lake the camping fees for group camp areas shall be:

      (1) Campground-use permit for “Full Hookup Campgrounds” ......$3026.00/night
      (2) Campground-use permit for “Electrical Campgrounds” ......$262.00/night
      (3) Campground-use permit for “Basic Campgrounds” ......$2048.00/night
      (4) Campground-use permit for “Primitive Campgrounds” ......$12.00/night

7. The fees for types of cabins and yurts are as follows:
a. For small cabins and yurts that may accommodate a maximum of six people:

(1) Standard.................................................................$8070.00/night
(2) Premium...............................................................$1100.00/night

b. For large cabins and yurts that may accommodate seven or more people:

(1) Standard.................................................................$1190.00/night
(2) Premium two bedroom..............................................$1430.00/night
(3) Premium three bedroom............................................$1870.00/night
(4) Premium four bedroom.............................................$2430.00/night
(5) Each additional premium bedroom over four bedrooms...........$60.00/night

c. For Mueller State Park Cabins and Harmsen Ranch at Golden Gate Canyon State Park:

(1) Premium two bedroom..............................................$1540.00/night
(2) Premium three bedroom............................................$2160.00/night
(3) Premium four bedroom.............................................$2760.00/night

d. The maximum occupancy shall be posted in each cabin and yurt.

e. There shall be an additional fee of $10.00/night for pets where pets are allowed. For barn and corral facilities, there shall be a boarding fee of $10.00/animal/night.

f. Premium facilities contain showers and flush toilets.

g. Notwithstanding the established campground, cabin and yurt fees, the Regional Manager may reduce the fees for use of all campsites, cabins and yurts when determined necessary to encourage occupancy and otherwise increase use, subject to the following limitations:

(1) From May 1 through October 31, weekday (Monday to Thursday, excluding holidays) fees may be reduced up to 50 percent.
(2) From November 1 through April 30, fees may be reduced up to 50 percent.
(3) Reduced fees, if any, and the time periods for such reductions will be established by March 1 annually and posted at the park and on the Division website. Reservations made prior to the March 1st posting shall not be subject to any such fee reduction.
Basis and Purpose:

**Free Entrance in August for Veterans and Active Duty Military Personnel**

The Parks and Wildlife Commission passed an emergency regulation in July of 2015 to ensure compliance with state law §33-12-106, C.R.S, which was recently amended by HB15-1045. The purpose of HB15-1045 was to provide free entrance for veterans and active duty military personnel to state parks during the month of August. This constitutes adoption of the final regulation in compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

Active duty military personnel and veterans can obtain a free hangtag pass from any state park or CPW office which is valid for free entrance to state parks during the entire month of August. The pass is for free entrance only and does not provide any discount for camping, annual passes, or other services. The hangtag pass also does not guarantee access if a park is already at capacity.

Acceptable proof of service documents are also specified in the regulation for obtaining the free month pass. Slight modifications to the Veterans Day regulation were also made to keep the two opportunities as consistent as possible. Per statute, this new program will continue in subsequent years as long as the required general funds are appropriated to the agency to cover the potential loss to state parks revenue.

**Increase in Campsite, Yurt and Cabin Fees**

Camping is a significant revenue stream for the Parks Cash fund within CPW with approximately 200,000 camping nights occurring in state parks every year. This increase in camping fees on all campsites (except primitive campsites), yurts and cabins will increase revenue for the agency and help CPW keep up with the rising costs of utilities. Camping fees on state parks have not been increased since 2010. State parks camping amenities remain competitively priced in comparison to other camping opportunities around the state.

Additionally, the flexibility previously afforded to Regional Managers to effectively reduce prices for yurts and cabins to increase occupancy during slow periods, has been expanded to include reduction of campsite prices as well.

The primary statutory authority for these regulations can be found in § 24-4-103, C.R.S., and the state Parks Act, §§ 33-10-101 to 33-33-113, C.R.S., and specifically including, but not limited to: §§ 33-10-106 and 33-10-107, C.R.S.

EFFECTIVE DATE - THESE REGULATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2015 AND SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL REPEALED, AMENDED OR SUPERSEDED.


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