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Alaska State Parks waives parking fees for day after Thanksgiving

(Anchorage, AK) – Alaska State Parks will waive parking fees at all park facilities on Friday, Nov. 27, to encourage Alaskans to get outside during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

"While free parking is a holiday tradition with Alaska State Parks, I think helping Alaskans get a little more fresh air and sunshine might be more welcome this year than ever," said Ricky Gease, director of the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.

Alaska State Parks 2021 day-use parking decal stickers are available online at the division's website. They are also available in person in Anchorage at REI, The Hoarding Marmot, and Paramount Cycles, and in Fairbanks at REI, Beaver Sports, Outdoor Adventures, and the Alaska Public Lands Information Center. The decals are also sold at the Seward Chamber of Commerce and the Discover Kodiak Visitor Center.

Day-use parking decals are \$60 per vehicle, and boat launch decals are also available for \$150. The division is working on an online system for issuing disabled veterans camping passes, and will announce its arrival on its website and social media. The 2021 parking decals are good for parking at all state parks managed by Alaska State Parks from date of purchase until Dec. 31, 2021.

For information on buying decals in bulk, contact the Business Development office (see contact details below). Day-use decals are a great holiday gift option.

Gease encouraged park visitors to share their outdoor activities on social media this weekend and throughout the holiday season by using the hashtags #OptOutside, #alaskastateparks, and #akstateparks

For more information, go to http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/asp/fees.htm.

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