



Wisconsin State Park System

12-Month Vehicle Admission FAQ

When do 12-month Wisconsin state park and forest vehicle admission passes go on-sale?

12-month vehicle admission passes to Wisconsin state parks and forests go on sale beginning Monday, Dec. 2, 2024.

How long is the 12-month vehicle admission pass valid?

The vehicle admission pass to Wisconsin state parks and forests is valid for 12 months from the time of purchase (example: a pass purchased in March 2025, is valid through March 2026).

How do I know when my vehicle admission pass will expire?

When a 12-month vehicle admission pass is purchased, it will be marked to indicate the month/year it will expire. The pass will remain valid until the final day of the month/year in which it is marked (example: a pass marked to expire March 2026, will be valid through March 31, 2026).

Will a vehicle admission pass be prorated if I purchase it late in the month?

No, vehicle admission passes are not prorated. The expiration month is determined by the month of purchase, regardless of the specific purchase date within that month.

Can I purchase vehicle admission passes online? Will my pass still be valid for 12 months?

Yes, 12-month vehicle admission passes will be available online and will be pre-marked with the expiration month/year. Online purchases will be marked according to the date of purchase. Customers will still receive an email receipt/confirmation number for their online order.

Are reduced-rate vehicle admission passes still available for members of the same household?

Yes, 12-month reduced-rate vehicle admission passes are available for additional vehicles registered to the same address; those passes expire the same month/year as the household's full-price pass. Reduced-rate passes must be purchased at the same time as the full price pass or at a later date with proof of purchase of the full-price vehicle pass.

Will daily vehicle admission passes still be available?

Yes, daily vehicle admission passes will still be available for purchase.

Has the price of 12-month vehicle admission passes changed?

No, there has been no price change for the 12-month State Park and Forest Vehicle Admission Pass.

Will there be any changes to the appearance of the vehicle admission pass?

All vehicle admission passes (resident, resident reduced rate, resident senior, non-resident, non-resident reduced rate and conservation patron passes) will have the same design and color. The vehicle admission passes will be marked to indicate the month/year in which they expire.

I am a conservation patron. How does the new pass format work for patrons?

Conservation patron state park vehicle admission passes will be the same design as other vehicle admission passes. The validity period for conservation patron passholders is not changing. A conservation patron pass will always be marked for the month of March, regardless of when it was redeemed.



Image: New 12-Month Vehicle Pass Format

When do annual state trail passes expire?

Annual state trail passes (for bicycling, cross-country skiing, horseback riding and in-line skating) are different from vehicle admission. The annual state trail pass is valid for the calendar year. A 2025 annual state trail pass will expire Dec. 31, 2025 regardless of when it was purchased.