California State Library Parks Pass FAQ

What is the California State Library Parks Pass and who can use it?

In partnership with the First Partner's Office and the California State Library, the California State Library Parks Pass program provides a free vehicle day use entry for one passenger vehicle with capacity of nine people or less or one highway licensed motorcycle at over 200 participating state park units to library card holders.

Is the pass valid at all 279 state parks?

No. The State Library Parks Pass is valid for vehicle use at over 200 participating state park units of the California State Park System operated by the State Parks. It is not valid at units operated by federal and local government, private agencies, or concessionaires. Also, the pass is not valid for per-person entry or tour fees (such as museums), boat use, camping, group use sites, special events, additional/extra vehicle fees, sanitation disposal use or for supplemental fees.

Does the pass cover camping fees?

No. The pass entitles the user to a free vehicle day use entry for one passenger vehicle with capacity of nine people or less or one highway licensed motorcycle at over 200 participating state park units. Also the pass is not valid for per-person entry or tour fees (such as museums), boat use, group use of sites, special events, additional/extra vehicle fees, sanitation disposal use or for supplemental fees.

Can more than one car or a bus use the pass?

No. Below you will find some details on the pass:

- Valid for entry of one passenger vehicle with capacity of nine people or less or one highway licensed motorcycle at participating state park units.
- Valid any day of the week, including holidays, if space is available. Pass does not guarantee parking space.
- Pass does not provide access to state vehicular recreation areas (off-highway vehicles parks).
- Not valid for per-person entry or tour fees (such as Hearst Simeon State Historical Monument, California State Railroad Museum, etc.), camping, boating use, group use or sites, special events, oversized vehicle fees, additional/extra vehicle fees, swimming pool fees, sanitation disposal use or for supplemental fees.

Can the pass be used for national parks or city parks?

No, the pass is only valid for participating state park units.

Will all the public libraries in the state have passes to check out?

Yes, passes were sent to the 1,184 public libraries in the state.

What happens is I lose the pass or the pass is stolen?

Please contact your library and let them know the pass was lost or stolen.