

# Mount Rainier National Park








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## Wilderness and Climbing Permits 2025

This summer there are three ways to obtain a wilderness or climbing permit. The Early Access Lottery offers applicants the chance to secure an assigned time slot to a staggered reservation process. Applicants will be able to plan definitive trips and see real-time availability. The General On-Sale will be available online after the Early Access Lottery. Walk-Up permits will also be available at Wilderness Information Centers during the summer season.

 <b>Early-Access Lottery</b>	 <b>General On-Sale</b>	 <b>Walk-Up</b>
 <p>The Early-Access Lottery assigns successful applicants an access window, a specific date and time to attempt to reserve a permit prior to the General On-Sale date. It does not guarantee a permit.</p>	 <p>The General On-Sale opens 7am PT April 25, 2025. The Early-Access Lottery and General On-Sale account for approximately 70% of permits issued for the season. Walk-Up permits account for the remaining 30%.</p>	 <p>Walk-Up permits are available on a first-come, first-served basis in person at the Wilderness Information Center inside Mount Rainier National Park May 30-October 13, 2025.</p>
<p><b>Step 1:</b> Login to Recreation.gov and search for "Mount Rainier National Park Wilderness and Climbing Permits" to apply. Successful entries will be notified and awarded an Early-Access Period window.</p> <p><b>Step 2:</b> During their assigned Early Access Period window, the individual will login to Recreation.gov to view real-time available inventory, and make up to one reservation.</p> <p><b>Step 3:</b> After the reservation is complete, the day before or the day of the start of the trip, the permit holder must visit a Wilderness Information Center inside Mount Rainier National Park to register.</p>	<p><b>Step 1:</b> Login to Recreation.gov and search for "Mount Rainier National Park Wilderness and Climbing Permits".</p> <p><b>Step 2:</b> View campsite availability in real time and create an itinerary. After identifying a desired trip with availability, complete the permit reservation.</p> <p><b>Step 3:</b> After the reservation is complete, the day before or the day of the start of the trip, the permit holder must visit a Wilderness Information Center inside Mount Rainier National Park to register.</p>	<p><b>Step 1:</b> Optional-before arriving at Mount Rainier National Park, visit Recreation.gov and search for "Mount Rainier National Park Wilderness and Climbing Permits". Click "check availability" to see what sites are still available to help plan your itinerary.</p> <p><b>Step 2:</b> On the day before or the day of, visit a Wilderness Information Center where a ranger can issue a permit based on availability on a first-come-first-served basis. Visitors should pre-plan alternative trips as first choices may not be available.</p>
<p>The Early-Access Lottery opens 7 am Pacific time (PT) February 10, 2025 and closes 7 pm PT March 3, 2025. Awardees are notified by email on March 14 with their assigned Early Access Period window. The Early-Access Period begins March 21, 2025. Throughout that period there are six Early Access windows per day (7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM, 3 PM, 5 PM PT) with 10 early access applicants per window. Once the applicant's assigned window opens, they can reserve one reservation.</p>	<p>The General On-Sale is available starting 7 am PT April 25 for trips starting between late May and October 12. Reservations must be made at least two days in advance of desired trip start date.</p> <p>There is a \$6 non-refundable transaction fee plus an additional \$10 per person per night fee to complete the permit reservation. Credit/debit card only.</p>	<p>Walk-Up permits are available up to one day before a desired trip start date. Individuals with flexible trip destinations have a better chance of obtaining a permit.</p> <p>There is a \$6 non-refundable transaction fee in addition to a \$10 per person per night fee. Credit/debit card only.</p>
<p>There is a \$6 non-refundable fee to participate in the Early Access Lottery. There is an additional \$10 per person per night fee to complete the permit reservation.</p>	<p> <b>For current information, please visit <a href="http://www.nps.gov/mora">www.nps.gov/mora</a></b></p>	