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**America The Beautiful –  
National Parks and  
Federal Recreational  
Lands Pass – Annual Pass**  
Cost: \$80



Good for one year from date of purchase

This pass is available to the general public and provides access to, and use of, Federal recreation sites that charge an Entrance or Standard Amenity Fee for a year, beginning from the date of sale. The pass admits the pass holder and passengers in a non-commercial vehicle at per vehicle fee areas and pass holder + 3 adults, not to exceed 4 adults, at per person fee areas, (children under 16 are admitted free). The pass can be obtained in person at the park, by calling 1-888-ASK-USGS, Ext. 1, or via the Internet at <http://store.usgs.gov/pass>.

**America The Beautiful –  
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Lands Pass – Senior Pass**  
Cost: \$10



Lifetime Pass

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This is a lifetime pass for U. S. citizens or permanent residents with permanent disabilities. Documentation is required to obtain the pass. Acceptable documentation includes: statement by a licensed physician; document issued by Federal agency such as the Veteran’s Administration, Social Security Disability Income or Supplemental Security Income; or document issued by a State agency such as a vocational rehabilitation agency. The pass provides access to, and use of, Federal recreation sites that charge an Entrance or Standard Amenity. The pass admits the pass holder and passengers in a non-commercial vehicle at per vehicle fee areas and pass holder + 3 adults, not to exceed 4 adults, at per person fee areas, (children under 16 are admitted free). The pass can only be obtained in person at the park.

**America The Beautiful – National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass – Volunteer Pass**  
**Cost: Free**



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This pass is for volunteers acquiring 500 service hours on a cumulative basis. It provides access to, and use of, Federal recreation sites that charge an Entrance or Standard Amenity Fee for a year, beginning from the date of award. The pass admits the pass holder and passengers in a non-commercial vehicle at per vehicle fee areas and pass holder + 3 adults, not to exceed 4 adults, at per person fee areas, (children under 16 are admitted free).

*Former program passes:*

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**Golden Access Passport** – This pass has been discontinued and replaced by the *America the Beautiful – National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass – Access Pass*.

All valid National Parks Passes, Golden Eagle, Golden Eagle Hologram, Golden Access and Golden Age Passports will continue to be honored according to the provisions of the pass. Only *paper* Golden Age and Access Passports may be exchanged free-of-charge for new plastic passes.

For recreational opportunities offered by Federal agencies please see <http://www.recreation.gov/index.jsp>.

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