

Free State Park Permits for Tribal Members

Starting January 1st, 2022, American Indians who are members of federally recognized tribes within Minnesota's borders have free access to each of Minnesota's 75 state parks and recreation areas. The Minnesota DNR successfully worked with the Governor's office and the State Legislature to change a law so tribal members can obtain a state park vehicle permit at no charge. This ensures open access for tribal members to ancestral lands and recognizes the continued community importance in being able to access those lands.

To receive a state park vehicle permit, tribal members must show tribal identification at the park office. If the office is closed use the self-payment envelopes at the park entry and write "Tribal Permit" over the payment section (shown at right).

Official tribal identification cards are not the only way to get a state park permit. Fond du Lac members with a tribal license plate, for example, are identifiable as members of a federally recognized tribe. Other forms of identification accepted include a certificate of Indian blood from Fond du Lac or the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe or an 1854 Treaty Authority Window Cling or ID Card.

Additional information on Minnesota state park vehicle permits can be found [here](#).

VEHICLE PERMIT 12345

Detach and place on vehicle dashboard

One-day, (if self) Year-round

*Year-round permits will be mailed. Temporary permits should remain on display on vehicle until permanent permit arrives.

Vehicle license plate # / State _____

Today's date _____

If camping, site # _____

Must be filled out completely to be valid.

PLEASE SEAL ENVELOPE WHEN FINISHED

PAYMENT ENVELOPE MINNESOTA STATE PARKS 12345

Attention campers! Campsites must be booked online at mndnr.gov/reservations or by phone: 888-990-4322. Don't use this envelope to register. Checks payable to: MNDNR. Overpayment will be considered a donation.

One-day permit Year-round

Today's date _____

Vehicle license plate # / State _____ Payment amount _____ Phone _____

(For phone or online purchases) Confirmation # _____ Site # _____

(For year-round permit only)

Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Credit Card Payment Information

Signature _____

Name on Card **Tribal Permit**

Card # _____ Exp. _____

Type Visa American Express MasterCard Discover