

## Federal, state and local annual park passes: Which one should I use?

As public agencies face additional budget cuts and rely more on user fees to pay for operations and maintenance of park, wildlife, recreation and natural resource areas, many different annual park passes are now being required to use these areas.

In an effort to minimize confusion, this fact sheet briefly explains which passes to use at which parks and recreation areas in Clark County. Please visit each agency’s website to learn more about exemptions, exceptions, veteran/senior/volunteer discounts and where/how to purchase. Each agency may have unique rules and requirements and you are urged to visit them online and “know before you go.”

	<p>\$40/year</p> <p>Calendar year</p>	<p><b>Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation - Regional Park/Boat Launch Pass</b>  <a href="http://www.cityofvancouver.us/parks-recreation/parks_trails/fees.asp">www.cityofvancouver.us/parks-recreation/parks_trails/fees.asp</a></p> <p>Valid at six county-owned regional parks and boat launches that charge parking fees (Frenchman’s Bar, Vancouver Lake, Lewisville, Salmon Creek/Kliline Pond, Haapa Boat Launch and Lower Daybreak Boat launch). This pass cannot be used at any federal or state-owned parks or recreation facilities.</p>
	<p>\$40/year</p> <p>Calendar year</p>	<p><b>Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation - Marine Park Boat Launch Pass</b>  <a href="http://www.cityofvancouver.us/parks-recreation/parks_trails/fees.asp">www.cityofvancouver.us/parks-recreation/parks_trails/fees.asp</a></p> <p>Valid only at the Marine Park boat launch in Vancouver.</p>
	<p>\$40/year + applicable transaction fee</p> <p>Calendar year</p>	<p><b>State of Washington - Discover Pass</b>  <a href="http://www.discoverpass.wa.gov">www.discoverpass.wa.gov</a></p> <p>Valid at all state-owned and managed properties, including state parks, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife areas, boat launches and Department of Natural Resources land, including Battle Ground Lake State Park, Paradise Point State Park and campgrounds located in the Yacolt Burn forest. This pass cannot be used at any federal, county or city-owned parks or recreation areas.</p>

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	<p>\$30/year</p> <p>From date of purchase</p>	<p><b>U.S. Forest Service - Northwest Forest Pass</b>  <a href="http://bit.ly/omOrSL">http://bit.ly/omOrSL</a></p> <p>Valid at all U.S. Forest Service-owned and operated recreation sites in Washington and Oregon where a day use fee is required, including the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.</p>
	<p>\$15/year</p> <p>From date of purchase</p>	<p><b>U.S. Fish and Wildlife - Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge Annual Entrance Pass</b>  <a href="http://www.fws.gov/ridgefieldrefuges/ridgefield/recreation/entance%20fees.html">www.fws.gov/ridgefieldrefuges/ridgefield/recreation/entance%20fees.html</a></p> <p>Valid at the Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge only.</p>
	<p>\$80/year</p> <p>From date of purchase</p>	<p><b>America the Beautiful Interagency Annual Pass, Golden Age Passport and Golden Access Passport</b>  <a href="http://www.nps.gov/findapark/passes.htm">www.nps.gov/findapark/passes.htm</a></p> <p>Valid at national parks, national wildlife refuges, national forests and grasslands, and at lands managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. This includes the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site and the Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge. This pass cannot be used at any state, county or city-owned parks or recreation areas.</p>