

Park visitor fees

Questions & answers

A number of changes to park visitor fees came into effect on 1 September 2017.

1. Where do the fees collected in parks go – do they benefit the parks?

Yes, all fees collected are retained by the Department to assist in conservation and park management, including the improvement of visitor services and facilities. So the fees paid by the public directly benefit the parks and the visitors to those parks.

2. Has there been an increase in fees?

Yes. Entry fees have been adjusted in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Fees continue to be low relative to the fees charged at many other attractions and do not achieve full cost recovery for managing the parks. Visitor fees, which include entry and camping fees and fees for other facilities or activities, are reviewed annually in accordance with Department of Treasury and Finance requirements. However, due to the costs associated with implementing park fee increases such as changes to signs and published material, the changes generally occur on a three to four yearly basis.

3. Have entry fees for concession card holders changed?

Yes. The concession fee for park entry has increased from \$6.00 to \$7.00 and provides entry for a vehicle with up to 12 occupants for a day visit. The pass can also be used to enter any number of other parks on the day that it is purchased.

The Concession Annual All Parks Pass has increased from \$55 to \$58 and entitles eligible concession card holders to unlimited entry to all parks where fees apply throughout the State for one year. The criteria for eligible concessions have not changed. Special entry and attraction fees have increased marginally.

4. Are the Annual All Parks Pass and Holiday Pass still good value?

Prices of passes continue to reflect real value for money. The Annual All Parks Pass allows unlimited entry for an entire year to all fee paying parks in Western Australia. If you were to *pay as you go* it would cost \$429 to enter all of the parks, therefore the pass at \$92, represents a real saving. The Holiday Pass, at \$46, allows unlimited entry to all parks for four weeks.

5. Can I purchase an Annual Local Park Pass?

The Annual Local Park Pass provides unlimited entry to parks for residents and ratepayers in nearby local government areas. The areas are generous and many people are eligible to buy passes to more than one park or group of parks.

The Annual Local Park Pass has increased from \$22 to \$23. Basic identification such as a drivers' license or rates notice needs to be shown when purchasing the pass to demonstrate local resident or ratepayer status. Please see the list of local government areas specified for Annual Local Park Passes on the back of this page.

6. What is the best value for me on holidays?

Anyone visiting parks where fees apply may pay the day entry fee of only \$13 for a vehicle with up to 12 occupants. When camping, this \$13 is only payable on the first day, even if intending to camp for one or two weeks continuously although separate fees apply for camping. Alternatively, a Holiday Park Pass at \$46 allows unlimited entry to all fee paying parks for four weeks, or an Annual All Parks Pass, at \$92 continues to represent extremely good value for money.

Local government areas specified for Annual Local Park Passes

Parks and groups of parks	Local government areas
Albany group Fitzgerald River, Porongurup, Stirling Range, Torndirrup, Two Peoples Bay and West Cape Howe	Albany, Boyup Brook, Broomehill-Tambellup, Cranbrook, Denmark, Gnowangerup, Jerramungup, Katanning, Kent, Kojonup, Manjimup, Plantagenet
Avon Valley, John Forrest and Walyunga	Armadale, Bassendean, Bayswater, Belmont, Cambridge, Canning, Chittering, Claremont, Cockburn, Cottesloe, East Fremantle, Fremantle, Gosnells, Joondalup, Kalamunda, Kwinana, Melville, Mosman Park, Mundaring, Nedlands, Peppermint Grove, Perth, Rockingham, Serpentine-Jarrahdale, South Perth, Stirling, Subiaco, Swan, Toodyay, Victoria Park, Vincent, Wanneroo
Cape Range	Carnarvon, Exmouth
Esperance Group Cape Arid, Cape Le Grand, Fitzgerald River and Stokes	Coolgardie, Dundas, Esperance, Gnowangerup, Jerramungup, Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Kent, Kondinin, Kulin, Lake Grace, Ravensthorpe, Yilgarn
Francois Peron	Shark Bay
Kalbarri	Northampton
Karijini and Millstream Chichester	Ashburton, East Pilbara, Port Hedland, Roebourne
King Leopold Ranges, Tunnel Creek and Windjana Gorge	Broome, Derby-West Kimberley
Lesueur and Nambung	Carnamah, Coorow and Dandaragan
Mirima and Purnululu	Halls Creek, Wyndham-East Kimberley
Lane Poole and Serpentine	Armadale, Bassendean, Bayswater, Belmont, Boddington, Cambridge, Canning, Claremont, Cockburn, Collie, Cottesloe, East Fremantle, Fremantle, Gosnells, Harvey, Joondalup, Kalamunda, Kwinana, Mandurah, Melville, Mosman Park, Mundaring, Murray, Nedlands, Peppermint Grove, Perth, Rockingham, Serpentine-Jarrahdale, South Perth, Stirling, Subiaco, Swan, Victoria Park, Vincent, Wanneroo, Waroona
Warren group D'Entrecasteaux, Gloucester, Greater Beedelup, Shannon and Warren	Augusta-Margaret River, Boyup Brook, Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Broomehill-Tambellup, Busselton, Cranbrook, Denmark, Donnybrook-Balingup, Katanning, Kojonup, Manjimup, Nannup, Plantagenet, Woodanilling
Yanchep	Armadale, Bassendean, Bayswater, Belmont, Cambridge, Canning, Claremont, Cockburn, Cottesloe, East Fremantle, Fremantle, Gingin, Gosnells, Joondalup, Kalamunda, Kwinana, Melville, Mosman Park, Mundaring, Nedlands, Peppermint Grove, Perth, Rockingham, Serpentine-Jarrahdale, South Perth, Stirling, Subiaco, Swan, Victoria Park, Vincent, Wanneroo