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Alaska State Parks 2021 parking decals available as holiday gifts

(Anchorage, AK) – Alaska outdoors enthusiasts can now purchase their Alaska State Parks 2021 day-use parking decals, a thoughtful holiday gift option offering easy access to many of the state's best outdoor recreation facilities.

"Alaska State Parks includes more than 150 different park units across the state, and the 2021 parking decal makes these outstanding facilities available for convenient, easy and enjoyable access through the year," said Ricky Gease, director of the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation. "The day-use decals make a great holiday gift that recipients will enjoy all year long."

Day-use parking decals are \$60 per vehicle, and boat launch decals are also available for \$150. The 2021 parking decals are good for parking at all state parks managed by Alaska State Parks from date of purchase until Dec. 31, 2021. Parking decal fees help support park operations and maintenance, and represent an important source of revenue for the park system.

Decals are available online at the division's website. Online purchasers may print out their receipt, or hand-write the receipt number and date of purchase on a piece of paper, for display in their driver's side vehicle window until their decal is delivered.

Decals are also available for sale in person in Anchorage at REI, The Hoarding Marmot, and Paramount Cycles, and in Fairbanks at REI, Beaver Sports, Outdoor Adventures, and the Alaska Public Lands Information Center. The decals are also sold at the Seward Chamber of Commerce and the Discover Kodiak Visitor Center.

The division also issues free camping passes to qualified Alaska disabled veterans, and is working on a new system to make that process easier and more efficient. Meanwhile, disabled veteran camping decals issued for 2019-20 will continue to be honored into 2021. Information on those decals, and on the new system, will be issued via Alaska State Parks website, social media and press release in January.

For information on buying decals in bulk, contact the division's Business Development office at the number below. For information on disabled veteran decals, contact the Department of Natural Resources Public Information Center. For general information about parking decals, go to <u>http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/asp/fees.htm</u>.

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