

Keep Colorado Wild Pass



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Keep Colorado Wild Pass?

With the upcoming 2023 vehicle registrations, Colorado residents will see a \$29 Keep Colorado Wild Pass added to their annual vehicle registration through the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The \$29 pass fee is included in your vehicle registration price total unless you choose to opt out. This new annual pass gives all Coloradans easy access to all state parks and the added benefit of investing in our great outdoors and wildlife.

Learn more at:

cpw.info/keepcoloradowild and

cpw.info/keepcoloradowildpassspanish

Why buy a Keep Colorado Wild Pass?

Colorado's great outdoors and wildlife are among our most treasured resources. Your \$29 purchase gives you entry to Colorado state parks, protects wildlife, land and water, supports search and rescue teams and avalanche safety programs, funds new trails and outdoor educational programs for local communities.

What will the Keep Colorado Wild Pass look like?

When you hold a Keep Colorado Wild Pass, a Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) logo will be printed on your vehicle registration card from the DMV.

When can I buy a Keep Colorado Wild Pass for my vehicle(s)?

Colorado residents can buy the pass starting in 2023 when they register their passenger motor vehicle, light-weight truck (empty vehicle weight of 16,000 pounds or less), motorcycle or recreation vehicle with the state through the DMV.

How long is the Keep Colorado Wild Pass valid?

The pass is available beginning in January 2023 and is valid until the current vehicle registration expires. Colorado residents will have the option to buy or decline the pass every year during the vehicle registration process.

What outdoor activities are included with the Keep Colorado Wild Pass?

The pass provides car, bike and foot entry into all Colorado state parks. For information on outdoor recreation and to find a Colorado state parks map, visit cpw.state.co.us. This pass does not grant access to federal recreation areas, state wildlife areas or state trust lands.



How do I use the Keep Colorado Wild Pass?

A Colorado Parks and Wildlife logo will be printed on your vehicle registration card which gives you access to state parks. Simply show your vehicle registration card that shows your purchase to CPW staff when asked. If the entrance is not staffed, you may enter the park with the knowledge that you may be checked for proof of purchase anytime.

Can I use my Keep Colorado Wild Pass if I enter a state park on my bike or on foot?

Yes. Individuals who purchase a pass may also use it to access state parks and state recreation areas without a vehicle along with up to three additional visitors aged 16 and older (except Cameo Shooting and Education Complex and Boyd Lake, Chatfield, Cherry Creek, Cheyenne Mountain, Lake Pueblo and Lone Mesa state parks). Individuals younger than 16 years may access without a motor vehicle free of charge.

I have multiple vehicles. Do I have to buy a Keep Colorado Wild Pass when I register each vehicle?

Yes, if you plan to use that vehicle to access state parks. The Keep Colorado Wild Pass purchased during your annual vehicle registration with the DMV is linked to the specific vehicle being registered. The pass is not transferable between vehicles.

Can I get a Keep Colorado Wild Pass when I register my trailer?

No. Trailer plates are not eligible for getting a pass. Colorado residents can only get the pass when they register a motorcycle, recreation vehicle, motor vehicle and light truck.

What if I lose my vehicle registration card?

Contact your local DMV location for information on how to replace your lost vehicle registration card. When you get a new registration card, your previous pass purchase will show on your card.

What if my \$80-\$120 Annual State Park Pass is still valid when I'm eligible to buy a \$29 Keep Colorado Wild Pass during my 2023 vehicle registration?

Because vehicle registrations happen throughout the year, there will be situations where current CPW annual park pass customers will have overlapping annual passes. To address these issues,

CPW has approved refund options that will cover the time between when a current annual state park pass expires and when a vehicle registration is due.

The refunded amount of your state park pass will be based on a flat prorated refund structure. The prorated amount will be based on the price of the original pass divided by 12 months and rounded up to the nearest dollar. The refund amount is based on the number of remaining months with no refund for passes that had been used for nine months or more.

How do I request a refund for overlapping annual passes?

Annual pass refunds may be requested on an online platform managed by CPW, which will require creating or updating an account in the agency's integrated purchasing system. Customers will then be refunded to the card on file in the system used for online or phone purchases. All other pass refunds will be paid in the form of a CPW Shop gift certificate or a check. Checks may take up to 90 days for customers to receive.

If I already own a specialty park pass or vehicle plate that gives me free entry into state parks, do I need to buy a Keep Colorado Wild Pass?

No, you can decline the pass. Your CPW-issued specialty park pass (Columbine, Centennial, Blue Spruce, Independence, Volunteer or Military pass) already authorizes you free or lower-cost entrance to Colorado state parks. Certain fee-exempt military plates and registration cards will include the pass with no additional fee.

Is there a discounted Keep Colorado Wild Pass for income-eligible residents?

The CPW Commission is currently finalizing regulations for a reduced-price pass option for income-eligible residents. More information about a discounted pass will be shared when available.

How will money from the Keep Colorado Wild Pass benefit Colorado residents?

The goal is to generate at least \$36 million annually. The first \$32.5 million will go toward state park maintenance and development, the next \$2.5 million will go toward search and rescue teams and \$1 million to the Colorado Avalanche Information Center. Any revenue beyond that will go to wildlife projects and



outdoor educational programs. Read the 10 pass funding goals at: cpw.info/keepcoloradowild and cpw.info/keepcoloradowildpassspanish

How will the pass support search and rescue programs?

With the Keep Colorado Wild Pass sales, there may be \$2.5 million in funds generated annually that will be used to better support the volunteer and equipment needs of search and rescue professionals across Colorado. Because of your support and the tremendous generosity of our search and rescue responders, Colorado will be a safer place to play.

How will the pass help wildlife?

The 50 percent of funds in excess needed for state parks and outdoor safety will be used to support the State Wildlife Action Plan, which helps fund wildlife and habitat conservation work for the 960 species that CPW manages.

I am not a Colorado resident, can I buy a Keep Colorado Wild Pass?

All regularly priced CPW daily or annual park passes are still available to customers ineligible to buy a Keep Colorado Wild Pass at: cpw.info/parkpasses.

Does the Keep Colorado Wild Pass replace my fishing or hunting license?

No. If you want to fish or hunt in Colorado, a fishing license and hunting license are still required.

How do I opt out of the Keep Colorado Wild Pass?

While we hope all Coloradans want to take advantage of the Keep Colorado Wild Pass and support the outdoor spaces we all cherish, we understand that our residents need purchasing options to make the best decision for their households. You can decline (opt-out) when you register your vehicle with the DMV online, through a kiosk, by mail or with a customer service representative. Details about the decline process are being finalized by the DMV at this time.

Same-day reversals can be done at any DMV office. After that, residents will have 60 days after the Keep Colorado Wild Pass purchase date to file for a refund.

If I accidentally opt out of purchasing the Keep Colorado Wild Pass when I renew in 2023, what are my options?

CPW and the DMV can not retroactively allow the purchase of the Keep Colorado Wild Pass. The next time the pass will be made available is the next time you renew or register a Colorado motor vehicle registration.

If I purchase the Keep Colorado Wild Pass, will my personal information be shared?

CPW and the DMV will not be sharing any data publicly.

Will I need to carry my vehicle registration card on me in a state park as proof I own a Keep Colorado Wild Pass?

Pass owners can leave their registration card in their vehicle unless using it to access a park without a motor vehicle. If accessing a park without a vehicle (by bike or foot) and the park requires a nonmotorized vehicle individual pass, the pass can be shown by the original registration card or a photocopy on your phone.

My vehicle registration expires in Dec. 2022. Am I eligible to get a Keep Colorado Wild Pass if I wait to pay for my registration in Jan. 2023?

Yes. Beginning January 2023, the DMV website programming will opt you in for the pass unless you choose to opt out. If you register your car in Dec. 2022, the pass will not be available on the DMV website, but it will be available to customers in Jan. 2023. Please note if your vehicle registration expires in Nov. 2022 but you wait to register your car until Jan. 2023 you will be charged a late fee for your late registration.

Will the Keep Colorado Wild Parks Pass include the Cherry Creek Water Basin stamp?

No, customers still need to purchase a Cherry Creek Water Basin stamp if they are visiting Cherry Creek State Park. The physical or digital version (MY CPW APP) of the Cherry Creek Water Basin stamp can be shown as proof of purchase.

