



**DIRECTOR'S ORDER REGARDING
FEES FOR SPECIAL USE PERMITS**

Order Number 343

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Approved: _____
Ricky Gease, Director

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This order takes effect January 1, 2024, supersedes fees for special use permits approved under Director's Order #327 dated March 9, 2021.

Under authority of AS 41.21.026 (3), 11 AAC 05.170, and 11 AAC 18.010 (b) the following guidelines will be used to set Special Use Permit Fees.

- Permittee must pay all fees in full prior to issuance of the permit (excluding client fees).
- Permittee must abide by all stipulations attached to permit.
- All permits are revocable at will at any time by the state.
- All permits are signed by Region's Superintendent or Chief Ranger or as delegated by Director's office.

Application Fee Guidelines

11 AAC 05.170 (c)

Non-refundable application fee \$100

Additional permit processing fee if activity is under 72 hours from time of permit request. No guarantee expedited permits are available. \$200

Permit drafting and research time if more than the standard permit template is used. \$50/hr.

Amendment fee for permits with significant changes (does not include permittees providing updates to employee information or vehicle information). Amendment fee may apply for adding additional park units and/or facilities and adding additional activities to the permit. \$50

The following permits are issued from Regional Parks Offices:

11 AAC 18.010(a)(1)

An organized or promoted assembly of more than 20 persons
(Waive fee if reserving pavilion/facility on Reserve America)

Small Assembly: 20-50 persons	\$50
Medium Assembly: 50-100 persons	\$100
Large Assembly: 100 persons and up	\$225

11 AAC 18.010(a)(1), 11 AAC 21.120(a)(2)

Any promotional or entertainment event, including an organized athletic event, competitive recreational event, or spectator event

Small Organized Athletic Race: 20-50 participants	\$75 + (\$2 per participant)
Medium Organized Athletic Race: 50-100 participants	\$150 + (\$3 per participant)
Large Organized Athletic Race: 101 participants and up	\$250 + (\$4 per participant)
Backcountry Recreational Group Activity	\$100 + (\$2 per participant)
Event using registered commercial operators	Reflected in Commercial Use Permit D.O.

Schools and school districts shall not be required to pay more than \$400 per calendar year in fees for student athletic races, regardless of the number of races held in state parks.

11 AAC 18.010(a)(3)

Pre- Authorized camping within a developed campground for longer than the stay limits

Double the regular camping fee

11 AAC 18.010(a)(4)

Constructing or placing an improvement, structure, or property within a park (excludes utilities, telecom towers)

Boat storage/shore tie on park land	
Motorized vessel (over 16ft in length)	\$100 per vessel per year
Motorized vessel (under 16ft in length)	\$50 per vessel per year
Non-Motorized vessels (paddle craft)	\$10 per vessel per year
Airplane storage/shore tie of park land	\$100 per plane per year
Shoreline improvements	\$100 per year/ per site
Scientific Research Equipment (that does not meet fee waive criteria below)	\$1000 per year/ per site, \$5000 max.
Temporary structure	\$100 per permit per year
Floating Docks	\$0 per 5-year permit term (app. fee waived)
Storage Container - Up to 64 sq. ft.	\$300 per year
Storage Container - Up to 128 sq. ft.	\$600 per year
Net pens	\$1500 per month
Mooring buoy in Park water	\$100 per boat per year
Mooring/shore tie on park land or water	\$100 per airplane per year

11 AAC 18.010(a)(5)

Discharging explosives

\$500

11 AAC 18.010(a)(6)

Conducting exploration, scientific research, or information collection activities requiring authorization under 11 AAC 12.170 and 11 AAC 12.175 \$100

11 AAC 18.010(a)(8)

Using a state park for recurring or permanent motorized access, including aircraft landings and takeoffs across land or water closed to motorized use, to land not owned or controlled by the state
Park road access and gate keys as needed \$100 per year
Helicopter freight drops \$100 per day
Staging equipment \$100 per site per month of use

11 AAC 18.010(a)(10)

Uses limited or prohibited by the director under 11 AAC 20.397 \$250

The following permits are issued from the Director’s Office

11 AAC 18.010(a)(4)

Telecommunications facilities, utilities, and other non-recreational structures Based on the fair market value and costs to the state

11 AAC 18.010(a)(7)

Commercial activities described in 11 AAC 12.300 and 11 AAC 12.340 Listed in Commercial Use Permit D.O.

11 AAC 18.010(a)(10)

Uses limited or prohibited by the director under 11 AAC 12 or 11 AAC 20 (except 11 AAC 20.397)

Removal of firewood from Park Unit (as allowed by mgmt. plan) \$50

11 AAC 18.010(a)(11)

Any other incompatible use as defined by statute and regulation, or which does not otherwise have lawful recreation as its primary purpose \$250

Additional Fees:

Utilizing area that requires fees for overnight use Overnight Camping fee for park unit

Staff time for traffic control, crowd control, safety enforcement, event setup, resource oversight, field inspection, planning, research, monitoring, etc. Billed as actual costs

Extra impact on trash and toilet facilities; Billed as actual costs

Other resource impact mitigation measures

Billed as actual costs

Any activity not mentioned above can be charged at a rate similar to the rate charged by other divisions within DNR.

Fee Waivers

All or a portion of the permit fees may be waived if it is determined that the anticipated cost of activities directly related to the permit and the impacts on the park and other park users from the use under the permit are negligible.

Permit fees (application fee is still charged) may be waived if it is determined that the sole purpose of the activity related to the permit is a youth educational activity organized by a school, government agency, or non-profit. The permittee must be able to show that the educational activity is instructor led and curriculum based.

Fees may be waived or reduced only if the federal, state, or municipal agency demonstrates to the department's satisfaction that the waiver or reduction is in the public interest (i.e. scientific research, equipment placement, information collection, etc).

A fee is not waived if the federal, state, or municipal agency does not waive its fee for a similar document supplied to or application filed by the department.

Nothing in this guidance document prevents the Director from using discretion to determine when a fee waiver is or is not appropriate.