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This summer there are three ways to obtain a wilderness or climbing permit. The new Early Access Lottery pilot program offers applicants the chance to secure an assigned time slot to a staggered reservation process. Applicants will be able to plan definitive trips and see real-time availability. The General On-Sale will also be available online after the Early Access Lottery. Walk-Up permits will be available at Wilderness Information Centers during the season.

 <b>Early Access Lottery</b>	 <b>General On-Sale</b>	 <b>Walk-Up</b>
 The Early Access Lottery assigns successful applicants an access window; a specific date and time for the applicant to attempt to reserve a permit prior to the General On-Sale date. It does not guarantee a permit.	 The General On-Sale opens April 27, 2021. The Early Access Lottery and General On-Sale account for approximately 70% of permits issued for the season. Walk-Up availability accounts for the remaining 30%.	 Walk-Up permits are available on a first-come first-served basis in person at a Wilderness Information Center May 28-October 11, 2021.
<p><b>Step 1:</b> Login to Recreation.gov and search for "Mount Rainier National Park Wilderness and Climbing Permits" to apply. Successful entries will be notified and awarded an Early Access Period window.</p> <p> <b>Step 2:</b> During their assigned Early Access Period window, the individual will login to Recreation.gov to view real-time available inventory, and make up to one reservation.</p> <p><b>Step 3:</b> After the reservation is complete, the day before or the day of the start of the trip, the permit holder must visit a Wilderness Information Center to register.</p>	<p><b>Step 1:</b> Login to Recreation.gov and search for "Mount Rainier National Park Wilderness and Climbing Permits".</p> <p> <b>Step 2:</b> View campsite availability in real time and create an itinerary. After identifying a desired trip with availability, complete the permit reservation.</p> <p><b>Step 3:</b> After the reservation is complete, on the day before or the day of the start of the trip, the individual must visit a Wilderness Information Center to register.</p>	<p><b>Step 1:</b> Optional-before arriving at Mount Rainier National Park, visit Recreation.gov and search for "Mount Rainier National Park Wilderness and Climbing Permits". Click "check availability" to see what destinations still have space.</p> <p> <b>Step 2:</b> One day before or the day of the desired trip, visit a Wilderness Information Center where a ranger can issue a permit based on availability on a first-come first-served basis. Visitors should pre-plan alternative trips as first choices may not be available.</p>
 The Early Access Lottery opens 7 am Pacific time (PT) March 2, 2021 and closes 9 pm March 14, 2021. Awardees are notified by email on March 17 with their assigned Early Access Period window. The Early Access Period lasts March 22-April 21. Throughout that period there are four early access windows per day (7 am, 10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm PT) with 15 early access applicants per window. Once the applicant's assigned window opens, they can reserve one permit anytime before 9 pm April 21.	 The General On-Sale is available starting 7 am PT April 27 for trips falling between June 1 and September 30. Reservations must be made at least two days in advance of desired trip start date.	 Walk-Up permits are available up to one day before a desired trip start date. Individuals with flexible trip destinations have a better chance of obtaining a permit.
 There is a \$6 non-refundable fee to participate in the Lottery. There is an additional \$20 fee to complete the permit reservation.	 There is a \$6 non-refundable transaction fee. There is an additional \$20 fee to complete a permit reservation.	 \$6 reservation fee. Credit/debit card only.
 <b>For current information and to check Wilderness Information Center hours, visit the park website at <a href="https://go.usa.gov/xsaRe">https://go.usa.gov/xsaRe</a></b>		