



White Sands and Federal Recreation Passes and Fees



W elcome to White Sands National Monument, one of the greatest wonders of the Southwest. There is so much to do and see here—from photography of countless beautiful views to sledding down the shimmering white dunes. There are also ranger-guided activities, which include tent talks, patio talks, and sunset strolls. To learn more about the history of White Sands, stop by the visitor center and gift shop to pick up park memorabilia, sleds, snacks, and information on special events.

White Sands National Monument Fees

White Sands National Monument protects and preserves the largest gypsum dunefield in the world. The Dunes Drive may be entered on a self-guided basis from 7am until sunset, except during missile-testing closures. All vehicles must exit the monument by one hour after sunset. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, the Dunes Drive is open from 7 am until 9 pm, and all vehicles must exit by 10 pm. Times vary the rest of the year. Please check our website for hours. Entrance fees are \$3 per adult (16 and older). These fees are used to protect and preserve the park for future generations to enjoy.

For visitor safety, the monument may close due to missile testing on the adjacent White Sands Missile Range. The visitor center and gift shop remain

open during missile testing. Closures are posted on our website.

For more information:
Call (575) 479-6124, ext. 236
or visit www.nps.gov/whsa



White Sands National Monument Annual Pass

Would you like to enter the monument and have fun in the sand for a whole year? The White Sands National Monument pass covers the entrance fees to the monument for one year for only \$20. It is available to the general public and must be purchased in person at the entrance station to the Dunes Drive.

The pass will give access to the card holder plus three adults (16 and older) in the same vehicle. It is valid 12 months from the month of purchase.





Annual Pass

The Annual Pass is for the general public. For just \$80, it will cover entrance fees to any national park or federal recreation site throughout the U.S. that charges an entrance fee and is valid for 12 months from the month of purchase.

To buy this pass, visit the entrance station at White Sands National Monument, call 1-888-ASK-USGS, or visit <http://store.usgs.gov/pass>

The Annual Pass gives access to any National Park Service, Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Bureau of Reclamation site that charges entrance fees. For areas that charge a per-person fee, the pass admits the pass holder plus three adults (16 and older). In areas that charge a per-vehicle fee, the pass admits the pass holder and up to three passengers in a non-commercial vehicle.



Senior Pass

The Senior Pass is for U.S. citizens or permanent residents who are age 62 or older. For just \$10, this lifetime pass will cover the entrance fees to any national park or federal recreation site.

This card may only be purchased in person at any federal recreation site. Be sure to bring identification or documentation that verifies your age and residency.

The Senior Pass gives access to any National Park Service, Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Bureau of Reclamation site that charges entrance fees. For areas that charge a per-person fee, the pass admits the pass holder plus three adults (16 and older). In areas that charge a per-vehicle fee, the pass admits the pass holder and up to three passengers in a noncommercial vehicle.



Access Pass

The Access Pass is a free pass for U.S. citizens or permanent residents who are permanently disabled. This lifetime pass covers the entrance fees to any national park or federal recreation site.

To obtain this pass, please provide documentation of permanent disability in person at any federal recreation site. Acceptable documentation includes: statement by a licensed physician, document issued by a federal or state agency, such as a vocational rehabilitation agency.

The Access Pass gives access to any National Park Service, Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Bureau of Reclamation site that charges entrance fees. For areas that charge a per-person fee, the pass admits the pass holder plus three adults (16 and older). In areas that charge a per-vehicle fee, the pass admits the pass holder and up to three passengers in a noncommercial vehicle.



Volunteer Pass

The Volunteer Pass is an annual pass for those who have volunteered in public lands for at least five hundred cumulative hours beginning January 1, 2007. This pass covers the entrance fees to any national park or federal recreation site. Valid 12 months from month of issue.

If you would like to volunteer at White Sands National Monument, ask a ranger in the visitor center for information. If you would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities near you, visit:

<http://www.nps.gov/volunteer>.

The Volunteer Pass gives access to any National Park Service, Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Bureau of Reclamation sites that charges entrance fees. For areas that charge a per-person fee, the pass admits the pass holder plus three adults (16 and older). In areas that charge a per-vehicle fee, the pass admits the pass holder and up to three passengers in a noncommercial vehicle.