

NEW NATIONAL PARK PASS REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-RESIDENTS OF THE USA

New fee requirements effective 1 January 2026 (this document is current as of 15 Jan 2026)

There is a fee change from the National Park Service, adding non-resident fees to some of the parks, as many countries do.

- **At the 11 most popular national parks (including *Grand Canyon*) non-U.S. residents will pay a \$100 surcharge per person per day, in addition to park entrance fees, *unless* they hold the new non-resident annual pass (\$250 USD – valid for 12 months from date of purchase). This pass covers the passholder and their vehicle occupants. This pass is for all national parks, monuments, forests and other lands, not just the 11 parks with the surcharges. For two people going to at least two parks, it will be less expensive to purchase the annual non-resident pass.**
 - **The 11 National Parks with the \$100 per person surcharge are: Grand Canyon (Arizona), Zion & Bryce Canyon (Utah), Rocky Mountain (Colorado), Grand Teton (Wyoming), Yellowstone (Wyoming & Montana), Glacier (Montana), Yosemite & Sequoia & Kings Canyon (California), Acadia (Maine) & Everglades (Florida)**
 - **The daily surcharge can be paid at the entrance station (no cash accepted), with the standard entrance fee. See below to purchase the new Non-Resident Annual Pass. The Grand Canyon National Park does not need reservations or timed entry like many of the other parks.**
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HOW TO PURCHASE THE NON-RESIDENT ANNUAL PASS

Online (Most common for international guests)

- You can buy the digital **America the Beautiful Annual Pass** (the new \$250 non-resident version) online at <https://www.recreation.gov/>. **There is a drop down menu and click passes. You will have to create an account. Purchase the non-resident annual pass (note, you will not need to provide ID but your name must match the ID you will use at the entrance station).** Recreation.gov sells **digital annual passes**, which you can use immediately on a mobile device.
- Once purchased, the pass is linked to your Recreation.gov account and can be **presented on your phone at park entrance stations**. Make sure to take a screenshot or save it in your phone's wallet in case of poor cell service at the entrance

Order a physical pass to your home address

- Order online from the **USGS Online Store** (store.usgs.gov) to receive the pass by mail (there's usually a small shipping fee).
- The physical pass is shipped before arrival so they have something to present at parks if they prefer a card.

This is handy if you won't have reliable mobile coverage or just prefer a card, but it can be lost

Buy in person

- Purchase your non-resident annual pass at most **national parks and federal recreation sites** that issue passes (entrance stations or visitor centers). Do this at the first park you are visiting.

YOU NEED TO KNOW – ID REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ *Do not* try to use your order receipt or purchase email as the pass — it won't work.
- ✓ Make sure to save your digital pass to a phone wallet or take a screen shot so you don't have to log in
- ✓ Bring your passport (or a government photo ID) every time you will use the pass. The ID name must exactly match the name on the annual pass.
- ✓ The pass then covers all single vehicle occupants.

TAKING A TOUR OR THE GRAND CANYON RAILWAY TRAIN TO THE GRAND CANYON

Many of our guests enter the Grand Canyon through a small commercial tour, many of them picking you up here at the Sheridan House. The surcharge will be an additional charge at the gate, but the non-resident annual pass will waive that for your party.

Many guests take the historic Grand Canyon Railway train to the Grand Canyon. As of the date of this document, the train passengers were not required to pay the surcharge or have the non-resident pass. That could certainly change in the future and we will update if we find there is a change.

<https://www.thetrain.com/>.