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Mount Rainier National Park to Offer Free Admission for 16 Days in 2016

The National Park Service turns 100 years old in 2016 and wants everyone to celebrate! All national parks, including Mount Rainier National Park, will waive entrance fees on 16 special days in 2016.

The 16 entrance [fee-free days](#) for 2016 will be:

- January 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- April 16-24 – National Park Week
- August 25-28 – National Park Service Birthday Weekend
- September 24 – National Public Lands Day
- November 11 – Veterans Day

“The NPS Centennial celebrates the nation’s incredible system of parks that have been established over the past 100 years, and contemplates the need to engage current and future generations in their stewardship. Fee free days support these goals by encouraging people to visit, explore, enjoy, and ultimately care for their parks. We look forward to welcoming all visitors to Mount Rainier in 2016!” stated Superintendent King.

Whether you seek an exhilarating hike through the wilderness, or prefer relaxed strolls through a meadow of wildflowers, there are plenty of ways to enjoy some of the wide range of national park experiences that Mount Rainier has been providing since 1899. Centennial activities and events will be posted online to the park’s calendar throughout 2016. Keep updated on park happenings, discover things to do, and learn more about the park’s many resources by visiting nps.gov/mora.

Mount Rainier’s current entrance fee is \$20 per vehicle for a seven day access pass. This fee will be raised to \$25 on May 27, 2016. The park’s annual pass is twice the cost of a seven-day pass and provides an entire year of unlimited visits. Entrance and camping fees are used to maintain facilities

and provide services that directly benefit visitors, and are a critical source of funding at Mount Rainier and other parks. The entrance waiver on fee-free days does not cover the costs of camping site fees, Special Use Permits, or Climbing Passes. Mount Rainier also offers park annual passes for \$40, which provides an entire year of park access to the pass holder. Other available passes also cover entrance fees at national parks and other federal recreational lands throughout the country. Find more information about the range of options at [nps.gov/findapark/passes.htm](https://www.nps.gov/findapark/passes.htm), or pick up a pass of your own at the park's entrance booths.

Last year, Mount Rainier National Park welcomed nearly 1.3 million recreation visitors. Those visitors spent approximately \$45.5 million in local communities, helping to support 595 jobs in the local area. These local communities provide great getaway experiences throughout the year. More information on the range of services available in and around the Mount Rainier area can be found on their websites: www.visitrainier.com, www.mt-rainier.com, www.mtrainierguestservices.com, www.minerallake.com, www.staycrystal.com, www.discoverlewiscounty.com, www.destinationpackwood.com.

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Park information, announcements, and the Mount Rainier webcams are posted on the park's official website, nps.gov/mora.

- Get additional information and updates by joining the Mount Rainier community on Facebook: facebook.com/MountRainierNPS
- Find out breaking news and road status updates through Mount Rainier's Twitter feed: twitter.com/MountRainierNPS
- Explore the park and behind-the-scenes operations with our videos on YouTube: youtube.com/MountRainierNPS
- Share your own photos of Mount Rainier with other visitors in the Mount Rainier Flickr group: flickr.com/groups/MountRainierNPS

About the National Park Service- More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 409 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities.