

**GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION  
FINALIZATION**

**PARK LICENSE AND TRAIL USE PASS**

Chapter 41:03:03

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Feb 28-Mar 1, 2019</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>April 4, 2019</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>April 4-5, 2019</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Reconsideration</b>	<b>May 23, 2019</b>	<b>Pierre</b>

**COMMISSION PROPOSAL**

**41:03:03:03.01. Park entrance license exemptions.** Park entrance license exemptions are as follows:

(1) A person who enters a state park or state recreation area in volunteer service to the park or as a volunteer worker with an assigned role at an event requiring a special permit pursuant to § 41:03:01:04 is exempt from payment of the daily park entrance license fee if the person has received a special free park entrance license from the secretary;

(2) A park entrance license is not required at Custer State Park on the day of the fall buffalo roundup and on the day of the annual buffalo auction;

(3) A recreational motorhome towing one other vehicle is considered one unit and must purchase only one park entrance license. The second vehicle will be issued a free park entrance license that is dated to expire on the last day of the visitor's stay.

(4) A South Dakota resident who is entitled to a free lifetime park entrance license as provided in SDCL 41-17-13.4 shall fill out a form provided by the Division of Parks and Recreation and mail it to the Pierre office with a photocopy of the veteran's "K" award or a letter from the Veteran's Administration indicating that the veteran receives an allotment for total disability which is deemed a service connected injury or that the veteran was held as a prisoner of war. The lifetime park entrance license allows the licensee and any passengers accompanying the licensee in the vehicle to enter any South Dakota state park, state recreation area, or lakeside use area that requires a valid park entrance license.

**(5) Any enrolled Crow Creek tribal member and their family are not required to have a park entrance license for West Bend Recreational Area.**

**41:03:03:04. Time limits on daily license.** A park entrance license for which a daily fee is paid expires on the day of purchase at 11:00 p.m. from ~~May 1 to September 30, inclusive, and at 9:00 p.m. from October 1 to April 30, inclusive.~~ A license purchased by registered overnight campers and lodge patrons expires at 4:00 p.m. the following day in all state parks and recreation areas.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

Recommended change from proposal: None

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

**Crow Creek exemption**

West Bend Recreation Area is a unit of South Dakota's state park system and is located in Hughes County on the shore of Lake Sharpe and immediately adjacent to the Crow Creek Sioux Indian Reservation. Last year, the recreation area served 43,392 visitors and hosted 9,142 camping units.

**APPROVE** \_\_\_\_\_ **MODIFY** \_\_\_\_\_ **REJECT** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO ACTION** \_\_\_\_\_

West Bend is the most heavily used fishing access site on Lake Sharpe. Outdoor recreational opportunities such as those offered at West Bend, are limited on the Crow Creek reservation. The department also intends to focus on programming options at West Bend that can provide additional opportunities to tribal youth. Our hope is that these incentives to use the recreation area can benefit the quality of life for tribal members.

Potable water is the greatest challenge that Game, Fish and Parks faces in managing West Bend. The on-site well provides a poor quality and inadequate supply of water. The local rural water system pipeline is located 8 miles north of the recreation area. Permission from the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe is needed to cross tribal land with a pipe to supply the recreation area with rural water. The enhanced recreational opportunities made possible by the park license exemption and youth focused programming, may lead to an agreement that will facilitate a dependable water source for all users at West Bend Recreation Area.

**Time limits on Daily Park Entrance License**

Currently, a daily park entrance license is no longer valid after 9:00 pm during the months of October through April. This change will allow holders of daily licenses to use the park until 11:00 pm year round.

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