

## CHAPTER 85

## DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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**85.05 STATE PARK CAMP SITES.**

Subdivision 1. **Rules, fees.** The commissioner may make rules for the use of state parks, and charge appropriate fees for these uses and for related services and facilities, including but not limited to the following:

(1) Special parking space for automobile or other motor-driven vehicle in any state park or state recreation area;

(2) Special parking spurs and camp grounds for automobiles and sites for tent camping and special auto trailer coach parking spaces for the use of the individual charged for the space according to the daily rates which shall be determined and fixed by the commissioner consistent with the type of facility provided for the accommodation of guests in any particular park and with similar facilities offered for tourist camping in the area;

(3) Improve and maintain golf courses already established in state parks, and charge reasonable fees for the use thereof;

(4) Charge a fee for entrance to any pageant grounds which may be created in any state park for the purpose of having historical or other pageants conducted by the commissioner or any other authorized agency.

When deemed necessary the commissioner, for the purpose of better carrying out state park pageants, may stage the pageants in any municipal park or other lands near or adjoining any state park, and all receipts from the pageants shall be used in the same manner as though the pageants were carried on in a state park;

(5) Provide water, sewer, and electric service to trailer or tent camp sites and charge a reasonable fee therefor.

Any individual age 65 or over who is a resident of the state of Minnesota who furnishes satisfactory proof of age and residence, a physically handicapped person with a motor vehicle that has special plates issued under section 168.021, subdivision 1, or a physically handicapped person who possesses a certificate issued under section 169.345, subdivision 3, shall be exempt from payment of one-half of the fees set pursuant to clause 2 on Sunday through Thursday of each week. Fees paid pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the state park maintenance and operation account in the state treasury. Gross receipts derived from sales, rentals, or leases of natural resources within state parks, recreation areas, and waysides, other than those on trust fund lands, must be deposited in the state treasury and be credited to the state park maintenance and operation account.

Subd. 2. **Permits for motor vehicles.** (a) Except as provided in clauses (b), (c), (d) and (e), no motor vehicle shall enter or be permitted to enter any state park, state recreation area or state wayside over 50 acres in area unless it has affixed to its windshield in the lower right corner thereof a permit which is provided for hereinafter. The permit shall be totally affixed by its own adhesive to the windshield. The commissioner shall procure permits for each calendar year which by appropriate language shall grant permission to use any state park, state recreation area or state wayside over 50 acres in area. Permits for each calendar year shall be provided and placed on sale before November 1 next preceding, and may be affixed

and used on or at any time after that date until the end of the calendar year for which issued. Permits in each category shall be numbered consecutively for each year of issue. A fee of \$15 shall be charged for each vehicle permit issued, except for the following: (1) permits of appropriate special design may be sold individually at \$3 covering the use of state parks, state recreation areas or state waysides under such conditions as the commissioner may prescribe for a designated period of not more than two days, and (2) special daily vehicle permits for groups, as may be authorized by rule adopted by the commissioner at a fee prescribed by the commissioner. The fee collected shall be deposited in the state park maintenance and operation account in the state treasury. Appropriations from this account shall be for state park maintenance and operation. Permits shall be issued by employees of the division of parks and recreation as the commissioner of natural resources may designate in writing and as hereinbefore provided.

(b) The commissioner shall issue without charge an employee's motor vehicle permit to any state employee, peace officer, or contractor who, for the purpose of performing official duties, must enter places where park permits are required. The peace officer, employee, or contractor shall display the permit on the motor vehicle in the same manner as state park permits are displayed. A motor vehicle displaying only an employee's permit may not enter a place where park permits are required if the vehicle is used for purposes other than performing official duties.

(c) The commissioner shall issue for one-half of the fees provided in clause (a) a motor vehicle permit to any individual of the age of 65 years or over who furnishes satisfactory proof of age and who is a resident of the state of Minnesota, to a physically handicapped person with a motor vehicle that has special plates issued under section 168.021, subdivision 1, or a daily permit for a physically handicapped person who possesses a certificate issued under section 169.345, subdivision 3. The permit or the decal evidencing its issuance shall be valid only when displayed upon the vehicle owned and occupied by the person to whom issued.

(d) No state park permit is necessary for entry of a motor vehicle into a state park, state monument, state recreation area, or state wayside, on one day each calendar year which the commissioner may designate as state park open house day for the purpose of acquainting the public with state parks, recreation areas, and waysides, or two days each year, if the open house is held in conjunction with a special pageant as described in subdivision 1. The commissioner shall announce the date of state park open house day at least 30 days in advance of the open house.

(e) No state park permit is necessary, nor shall any fee, including a parking fee, be charged, for entry of a motor vehicle into that part of Fort Snelling State Park commonly known as Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Island.

**History:** *1Sp1985 c 13 s 197,198*

## 85.22 STATE PARKS WORKING CAPITAL FUND.

*[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1984]*

Subd. 2a. **Receipts, appropriation.** All receipts derived from the rental or sale of items in state parks shall be deposited in the state treasury and be credited to the state parks working capital fund, which fund is annually appropriated solely for the purchase and payment of expenses attributable to items for resale or rental. Annually, as of the close of business on June 30, the unencumbered balance in excess of \$100,000 shall be canceled into the state park maintenance and operation account.

*[For text of subd 3, see M.S.1984]*

**History:** *1Sp1985 c 13 s 199*

**85.43 DISPOSITION OF RECEIPTS; PURPOSE.**

Fees from cross country ski licenses and permits shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to a cross country ski account and may be expended only as appropriated by law for:

- (a) grants-in-aid for cross country ski trails sponsored by local units of government and special park districts as provided in section 85.44; and
- (b) maintenance, winter grooming, and associated administrative costs for cross country ski trails under the jurisdiction of the commissioner.

**History:** *1Sp1985 c 13 s 200*