

## CHAPTER 85

## DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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**85.015 STATE TRAILS.**

*[For text of subs 1 to 4, see M.S.2004]*

Subd. 5. **Glacial Lakes Trail, Kandiyohi, Pope, and Douglas Counties.** (a) The trail shall originate at Kandiyohi County Park on the north shore of Green Lake in Kandiyohi County and thence extend northwesterly to Sibley State Park, thence northwesterly to Glacial Lakes State Park in Pope County, thence northeasterly to Lake Carlos State Park in Douglas County, and there terminate.

(b) Trails may be established that extend the Glacial Lakes Trail system from New London to Cold Spring.

(c) The trail shall be developed primarily for riding and hiking.

*[For text of subs 6 to 24, see M.S.2004]*

**History:** 1Sp2005 c 1 art 2 s 49

**85.019 LOCAL RECREATION GRANTS.**

*[For text of subd 1, see M.S.2004]*

Subd. 2. **Parks and outdoor recreation areas.** The commissioner shall administer a program to provide grants to units of government for up to 50 percent of the costs of acquisition and betterment of public land and improvements needed for parks and other outdoor recreation areas and facilities, including costs to create veterans memorial gardens and parks.

*[For text of subs 4a to 5, see M.S.2004]*

**History:** 2005 c 20 art 1 s 31

**85.052 USES OF STATE PARKS; FEES.**

*[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.2004]*

Subd. 3. **Fee for certain parking and campsite use.** (a) An individual using spaces in state parks under subdivision 1, clause (2), shall be charged daily rates determined and set by the commissioner in a manner and amount consistent with the type of facility provided for the accommodation of guests in a particular park and with similar facilities offered for tourist camping and similar use in the area.

(b) The fee for special parking spurs, campgrounds for automobiles, sites for tent camping, and special auto trailer coach parking spaces is one-half of the fee set in paragraph (a) on Sunday through Thursday of each week for a physically disabled person:

(1) with a motor vehicle that has disability plates issued under section 168.021, subdivision 1; or

(2) who possesses a certificate issued under section 169.345.

*[For text of subs 4 to 6, see M.S.2004]*

**History:** 2005 c 64 s 1

**85.053 STATE PARK PERMITS.**

Subdivision 1. **Form, issuance, validity.** (a) The commissioner shall prepare and provide state park permits for each calendar year that state a motor vehicle may enter and use state parks, state recreation areas, and state waysides over 50 acres in area. State park permits must be available and placed on sale by January 1 of the calendar year that the permit is valid. A separate motorcycle permit may be prepared and provided by the commissioner.

(b) An annual state park permit may be used from the time it is purchased for a 12-month period. State park permits in each category must be numbered consecutively for each year of issue.

(c) State park permits shall be issued by employees of the Division of Parks and Recreation as designated by the commissioner. State park permits also may be consigned to and issued by agents designated by the commissioner who are not employees of the Division of Parks and Recreation. All proceeds from the sale of permits and all unsold permits consigned to agents shall be returned to the commissioner at such times as the commissioner may direct, but no later than the end of the calendar year for which the permits are effective. No part of the permit fee may be retained by an agent. An additional charge or fee in an amount to be determined by the commissioner, but not to exceed four percent of the price of the permit, may be collected and retained by an agent for handling or selling the permits.

Subd. 2. **Requirement.** Except as provided in section 85.054, a motor vehicle may not enter a state park, state recreation area, or state wayside over 50 acres in area, without a state park permit issued under this section. Except for vehicles permitted under subdivision 7, paragraph (a), clause (2), the state park permit must be affixed to the lower right corner windshield of the motor vehicle and must be completely affixed by its own adhesive to the windshield, or the commissioner may, by written order, provide an alternative means to display and validate annual permits.

*[For text of subds 2a to 6, see M.S.2004]*

Subd. 7. **Disabled persons.** (a) The commissioner shall prescribe and issue special state park permits for:

(1) a physically disabled person with a motor vehicle (i) that has disability plates issued under section 168.021, subdivision 1, or (ii) who has a permanent disability certificate issued under section 169.345 and who can demonstrate proof of ownership of the vehicle for which the state park permit is being purchased or proof of a leasehold interest in the vehicle for a term at least as long as the term of the permit; and

(2) a physically disabled person who: (i) does not own or operate a motor vehicle; (ii) possesses a statement certified under section 169.345, subdivision 2a; and (iii) applies to the commissioner in writing.

(b) Except for vehicles permitted under paragraph (a), clause (2), the permit or the decal issued under this subdivision is valid only when displayed on a vehicle owned and occupied by the person to whom the permit is issued.

**History:** 2005 c 64 s 2; 1Sp2005 c 1 art 2 s 50,51

**85.054 STATE PARK PERMIT EXEMPTIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **State Park Open House Day.** (a) A state park permit is not required for a motor vehicle to enter a state park, state monument, state recreation area, or state wayside, on one day each calendar year at each park, which the commissioner may designate as State Park Open House Day. The commissioner may designate two consecutive days as State Park Open House Day, if the open house is held in conjunction with a special pageant described in section 85.052, subdivision 2.

(b) The commissioner shall announce the date of each State Park Open House Day at least 30 days in advance of the date it occurs.

(c) The State Park Open House Day is to acquaint the public with state parks, recreation areas, and waysides.

*[For text of subs 2 to 10, see M.S.2004]*

Subd. 11. **Big Bog State Recreation Area.** A state park permit is not required and a fee may not be charged for motor vehicle entry or parking at the parking area located north of Tamarac River in the southern unit of Big Bog State Recreation Area, Beltrami County.

**History:** *1Sp2005 c 1 art 2 s 52,53*

#### **85.055 STATE PARK PERMIT FEES.**

*[For text of subs 1 and 1a, see M.S.2004]*

Subd. 1b. **Discounts.** Except as otherwise specified in law, and notwithstanding section 16A.1285, subdivision 2, the commissioner may by written order authorize waiver or reduction of state park entrance fees.

Subd. 2. **Fee deposit and appropriation.** The fees collected under this section shall be deposited in the natural resources fund and credited to the state parks account. Money in the account, except for the electronic licensing system commission established by the commissioner under section 84.027, subdivision 15, is available for appropriation to the commissioner to operate and maintain the state park system.

**History:** *1Sp2005 c 1 art 2 s 54,55*

#### **85.22 STATE PARKS WORKING CAPITAL FUND.**

*[For text of subd 1, see M.S.2004]*

Subd. 2a. **Receipts, appropriation.** All receipts derived from the rental or sale of state park items, tours at Forestville Mystery Cave State Park, and operation of Douglas Lodge shall be deposited in the state treasury and be credited to the state parks working capital account. Receipts and expenses from Douglas Lodge shall be tracked separately within the account. Money in the account is annually appropriated for the purchase and payment of expenses attributable to items for resale or rental and operation of Douglas Lodge. Any excess receipts in this account are annually appropriated for state park management and interpretive programs.

*[For text of subs 3 and 5, see M.S.2004]*

**History:** *2005 c 10 art 1 s 21*

#### **85.42 USER FEE; VALIDITY.**

(a) The fee for an annual cross-country ski pass is \$14 for an individual age 16 and over. The fee for a three-year pass is \$39 for an individual age 16 and over. This fee shall be collected at the time the pass is purchased. Three-year passes are valid for three years beginning the previous July 1. Annual passes are valid for one year beginning the previous July 1.

(b) The cost for a daily cross-country skier pass is \$4 for an individual age 16 and over. This fee shall be collected at the time the pass is purchased. The daily pass is valid only for the date designated on the pass form.

(c) A pass must be signed by the skier across the front of the pass to be valid and becomes nontransferable on signing.

**History:** *1Sp2005 c 1 art 2 s 56*

#### **85.43 DISPOSITION OF RECEIPTS; PURPOSE.**

Fees from cross-country ski passes shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to a cross-country ski account in the natural resources fund and, except for the electronic licensing system commission established by the commissioner under section 84.027, subdivision 15, are appropriated to the commissioner of natural resources for grants-in-aid for cross-country ski trails sponsored by local units of government and special park districts as provided in section 85.44.

**History:** *1Sp2005 c 1 art 2 s 57*