

#2 – Updated Policies and FAQ

Gulf State Park Beach Parking

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General

Where can I get the annual parking pass?

Annual parking passes can be purchased at Gulf State Park Headquarters located at 20115 State Park Road, Gulf Shores, AL 36542 or at Gulf State Park Pier located at 20800 E Beach Blvd, Gulf Shores, AL 36542. Please note, only the \$100 per pass/ per vehicle is available to purchase at the Pier, not the Orange Beach resident parking pass.

Do veterans pay to park?

Veterans can park for free at all state park beach access points. Veterans can obtain an annual pass decal at Park Headquarters with credentials. You do not need to be a resident of Alabama to benefit from this program.

Will the Shell Beach access have a parking fee?

Shell Beach, formally known as Shell Lot, will have paid parking.

Do overnight park guests pay the parking fees at the beach access points?

Guests staying overnight at the Campground, Cottages and Cabins will have a parking pass that is valid for the Beach Pavilion and Pier parking lots.

Is there a limit to the number of annual parking passes I can buy?

There is no limit on purchasing annual parking passes at \$100 per pass/per vehicle. Orange Beach residents are eligible for one additional parking pass at \$25 annually.

Will parking fees be applied during the off season?

The parking fees at Gulf State Park will be in effect year-round.

Will commercial photographers be subject to the parking fees?

Photographers who hold a permit through Gulf State Park Events are not required to pay the parking fee. All others are.

Pier

Will the all day parking pass at the Pier be good for 24 hours like the fishing/sightseeing pass?

The all-day parking pass will be honored for overnight fishing until 6:00 AM the following morning. At this time, if the angler plans on continuing to fish, the parking pass should be renewed, with the bottom portion being presented to the pier staff.

What are the parking payment options for an angler that purchases a weekly or monthly fishing permit?

Anglers with a weekly, monthly, semi-annual and annual fishing permit for the Pier will park for free.

Orange Beach

Why do Orange Beach residents receive parking decals for the Gulf State Park beach accesses?

The City of Orange Beach residents will receive parking decals through an agreement between the City of Orange Beach and Gulf State Park in which Orange Beach will help ensure the long-term upkeep, safety and maintenance of the state beaches, facilities and trails located in Orange Beach.

Where do I place my parking pass decal if my windshield is damaged and will be replaced?

Decals will be expected to be adhered to the lower left, driver's side, portion of the windshield. However, we understand the struggles many residents are facing with the recent hailstorm. Therefore, we will allow decals to be temporarily taped in the correct location to a damaged windshield.

Will the Orange Beach residents be able to use their parking decals at the Beach Pavilion and Pier?

Orange Beach residents are permitted to use their parking decal at all Gulf State Park beach accesses.

Do the Backcountry trailheads require paid parking?

All of our backcountry trailhead parking areas will continue to remain free.

Gulf Shores

What is the cost of annual parking pass for Gulf Shores residents?

Gulf Shores residents can purchase an annual pass for \$100 per pass/per vehicle. There is no limit to the number of annual passes you can buy, and each additional pass will cost \$100 per pass/per vehicle.

Can Gulf Shores residents use their hurricane reentry decal for Gulf State Park beach accesses?

The City of Gulf Shores currently has dedicated beach parking that is available to the residents of Gulf Shores in which the residential hurricane re-entry decal provides free parking.

Why are Gulf Shores residents subject to the parking fees at Gulf State Park?

The beach access parking lots at Gulf State Park located in Gulf Shores, AL are managed and maintained by the Alabama State Park System. Parking fees collected at Gulf State Park are used to improve and maintain all of the facilities enjoyed by park patrons, whether they are local, other Alabama residents, or out-of-state guests.

The City of Gulf Shores is having discussions with Gulf State Park related to its resident's ability to park for free at the Gulf State Park beach accesses within its corporate limits. We recognize the significant partnership between Gulf State Park and the City of Gulf Shores over the years and look forward to continuing and enhancing the relationship for years to come.

For further information, please contact Park Headquarters at 251-948-7275.