

Please disseminate to your staff and all your partners that the National park service is granting Free Entrance to National Parks for all active duty military, Veterans and Gold Star Families

Since Veterans Day 2020, Gold Star Families and US military veterans are eligible to receive free access to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including national parks, wildlife refuges, and forests. The free access program is a way to thank America's veterans and Gold Star Families for their support of our country and to encourage them to explore recreational opportunities on their public lands and waters.

[Free Entrance to National Parks for Veterans and Gold Star Families \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/free-entrance-to-national-parks-for-veterans-and-gold-star-families)

[American Military \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/american-military)

For purposes of this program, a veteran is identified as an individual who has served in the US Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, and is able to present one of the following forms of identification or the Interagency Military Pass when entering a national park:

Department of Defense Identification Card (CAC Card)

Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC)

Veteran ID Card

Veterans designation on a state-issued U.S. driver's license or identification card

They will not accept DD Form 214s nor a VA Disability Letter. They only accept the above identification with a photo ID.

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