

Youth Group Camping and Day-Use Pass Policies

The Maryland Park Service offers Youth Group passes to non-commercial youth organizations. The biennial pass entitles the youth group free day use admittance to Maryland State Parks, **excluding weekends and holidays from Memorial Day through Labor Day**. The pass entitles youth groups to free camping in those parks that have designated "Youth Group" areas subject to site availability.

Youth Group passes are \$50 and must be renewed every two years from the date issues. Pass applications are available by calling the Maryland Park Service headquarters at 1-800-830-3974.

A youth group camping reservation is required by calling the Maryland Park Service Park Reservation Service at 1-888-432-2267, or the state park office directly, as indicated by the list at the bottom of this web page. [Youth group reservations accepted through the Reservation Service can also be made on-line at http://reservations.dnr.state.md.us](http://reservations.dnr.state.md.us). The pass alone does not guarantee entry. The Maryland Park Service reserves the right to restrict the maximum and minimum number of vehicles and individuals admitted under one youth groups pass per visit.

A valid Maryland DNR Youth Group Pass is required to reserve a designated Youth Group camping area. Nightly service charges apply.

A minimum ratio of one adult supervisor for every five youth is required while using the Maryland State Park youth group pass. This requirement may be waived by the facility manager.

Minimum age of group member is six years old. Maximum age of group member is 18 years old. Family members, not part of the leadership of the group that are accompanying a youth group, may be subject to additional service charges.

Service charges for special facilities such as shelters, boat concessions, reservations and special events are not covered by the youth pass. The pass is non-transferrable and cannot be used by any group other than to whom it was issued. The pass must be presented upon arrival of the group.

A bus reservation for day use trips can be made through the reservation service.

YOUTH GROUP CAMPING AREAS

Eastern Region

- Assateague State Park, ([reserved through the Reservation Service](#))
- Pocomoke River State Park, ([reserved through the Reservation Service](#))
- Tuckahoe State Park, (reserved through the park office, call 410-820-1668)
- Wye Island NRMA, (reserved through the NRMA office, call 410-827-7577)

Central Region

- Elk Neck State Park, ([reserved through the Reservation Service](#))
- Gunpowder Falls State Park, (reserved through the park office, call 410-592-2897)
- Patapsco Valley State Park, ([reserved through the Reservation Service](#))

Southern Region

- Calvert Cliffs State Park, ([reserved through the Reservation Service](#))
- Cedarville State Forest, ([reserved through the Reservation Service](#))
- Point Lookout State Park, ([reserved through the Reservation Service](#))
- Sandy Point State Park, ([reserved through the Reservation Service](#))
- Smallwood State Park, ([reserved through the Reservation Service](#))

Western Region

- Big Run State Park, (reserved through the park office, call 301-895-5453)
- Fort Frederick State Park, ([reserved through the Reservation Service](#))
- Green Ridge State Forest, (reserved through the forest office, call 301-478-3124)
- Potomac-Garrett State Forest, (reserved through the forest office, call 301-334-2038)
- Rocky Gap State Park, ([reserved through the Reservation Service](#))
- Swallow Falls State Park, ([reserved through the Reservation Service](#))
- Washington Monument, ([reserved through the Reservation Service](#))

