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Current law generally prohibits a person from operating a motor vehicle in a state park or certain other recreational areas on state land, unless that person displays a vehicle admissions receipt. The Department of Natural Resources issues both annual and daily vehicle admissions receipts.

2025 Assembly Bill 18 provides for a waiver of the fees, including the issuing fees, for an annual vehicle admission receipt owned by the parent or guardian of a child who possesses a valid Every Kid Outdoors pass issued by the U.S. National Park Service. This waiver is only extended to vehicles with Wisconsin registration plants and does not apply to motor buses.

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Assembly Amendment 1 modifies the bill to provide fee waivers for daily, rather than annual, vehicle admission receipts.

BILL HISTORY

Representative Tusler offered Assembly Amendment 1 on June 2, 2025. On August 26, 2025, the Assembly Committee on Forestry, Parks and Outdoor Recreation voted to recommend adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's bill history page.

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¹ The Every Kid Outdoors Pass, issued by the federal government, allows U.S. fourth graders and family members free access to national parks and various other federal lands. The Expanding Public Lands Outdoor Recreation Experiences (EXPLORE) Act, signed into law in January 2025, extended the program through September 2031.