Recreation Passport fee change effective Jan. 1, 2026

Effective Jan. 1, 2026, the cost of the Recreation Passport increased by $1. The moderate fee change was the result of a statute provision that ensures funding remains aligned with inflation. Under state law, the DNR does not set these rates; rather, adjustments are based on the Detroit Consumer Price Index, as determined by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Cost and where to purchase

Residents	Non-residents	*EXEMPTIONS

Michigan-registered vehicles (annual pass option only)

- **Vehicles $15** when purchased at time of license plate registration renewal through the Secretary of State. *A two-year option is available for $29.*
- **Motorcycles $7** when purchased at time of your license plate registration renewal through the Secretary of State.
- **Moped $7** when purchased at state parks and most DNR customer service centers.
- **Commercial daily pass $22** when purchased at state parks (24k+ lbs and/or seating capacity of 16+).
- The purchase of a separate Recreation Passport is required for unhitched towed vehicles.

Avoid the convenience fee: A **$5 convenience fee (except for Belle Isle Park) is added when the Recreation Passport is not purchased at the time of license plate registration renewal through the Secretary of State. There is no convenience fee when purchasing a passport for a moped.*

Other need-to-know info:

- A resident Recreation Passport cannot be purchased online.
- The passport is valid for one year and/or until your license plate registration expires.
- When purchased at the time of license plate registration renewal, your license plate tab will have the letter "P." When

purchased at a different time, you'll receive a sticker that must be permanently affixed to the lower passenger-side windshield.

- State parks accept debit/credit, cash and check.
- DNR customer service centers, with the exception of Baraga and Bay City, sell Recreation Passports via cash or check (no credit/debit).
- Self-registration envelopes and fee pipes are available at many state parks, boating access sites and state forest campgrounds. In addition, there are self-serve kiosks at Belle Isle, Duck Lake, Island Lake, Maybury, Palms Book, Saugatuck Dunes and Tahquamenon Falls state parks/recreation areas and Island Lake Recreation Area gun range. The $5 convenience fee applies.