

2023 Kansas Statutes

32-901. Park and recreation motor vehicle permits; certain license plates constitute permits; fees; posting of information. (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided by law or rules and regulations of the secretary, a valid park and recreation motor vehicle permit is required to use a motor vehicle in any state park, or any portion thereof, or in any other area designated by the secretary pursuant to subsection (f), which is posted in accordance with subsection (g).

(2) A motor vehicle issued a license plate pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1,206, and amendments thereto, shall constitute a permit allowing the driver of the motor vehicle the rights and obligations to enter a state park as if the driver were an annual permit holder established pursuant to this section in the event that the motor vehicle:

(A) Is currently registered and such registration is not expired; and

(B) Has been issued a license plate pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1,206, and amendments thereto, and the vehicle displays such plate on the motor vehicle as required by law.

(b) (1) The secretary shall issue annual and daily park and recreation motor vehicle permits, in addition to permits as provided in K.S.A. 8-134, and amendments thereto.

(2) The annual permit shall be issued for each calendar year as provided in K.S.A. 32-983, 32-984 and 32-985, and amendments thereto, and shall not be transferable.

The fee for an annual permit shall be fixed by the secretary by rules and regulations adopted in accordance with K.S.A. 32-805, and amendments thereto. A duplicate permit may be issued upon proof of loss of the original permit for the remainder of the calendar year for a fee fixed by the secretary by rules and regulations adopted in accordance with K.S.A. 32-805, and amendments thereto. If the motor vehicle for which an annual permit has been issued is sold or traded during the calendar year for which the permit was issued and the original permit is surrendered to the department, a new permit effective for the remainder of the calendar year may be issued to the person who sold or traded the motor vehicle for a fee fixed by the secretary by rules and regulations adopted in accordance with K.S.A. 32-805, and amendments thereto. Before any duplicate or new permit is issued, the purchaser thereof must show by evidence that the purchaser was issued the original permit and that the purchaser is the holder of a valid certificate of title to the motor vehicle for which the duplicate or new permit is issued.

(3) A daily permit shall be issued for a day, shall be issued for a specific vehicle and shall not be transferable. The fee for such a daily permit shall be fixed by the secretary by rules and regulations adopted in accordance with K.S.A. 32-805, and amendments thereto.

(c) Except as provided in K.S.A. 8-134, and amendments thereto, the following fees shall be applicable until changed by rules and regulations of the secretary:

(1) Annual motor vehicle permit: \$22.50;

(2) daily motor vehicle permit: \$3.50; and

(3) the fee for a daily permit or annual permit for a motor vehicle registered in Kansas by a resident who is 65 or more years of age or who is a person with a disability and displays a special license plate or placard issued pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1,125, and amendments thereto, shall be an amount equal to 1/2 the fee fixed by the secretary for daily or annual park and recreation motor vehicle permits. A nonresident shall pay the full fee.

(d) The provisions of subsection (a) do not apply to:

(1) A motor vehicle used in the operation or maintenance of state parks or other areas under the secretary's control, emergency motor vehicles, state-owned motor vehicles, law enforcement motor vehicles or private or government motor vehicles being operated on official business for a governmental agency;

(2) a motor vehicle of a nonresident who secures a special fee, license or permit required by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary in accordance with K.S.A. 32-805, and amendments thereto, relating to the use of the park or other area;

(3) a motor vehicle for which a special permit or pass has been issued pursuant to subsection (d);

(4) a motor vehicle in a state park or other area to which subsection (d) applies on dates designated pursuant to subsection (e); or

(5) a motor vehicle in an area or at a time not designated pursuant to subsection (f) as an area or time which requires a permit.

(e) The secretary may issue a special permit or pass for a motor vehicle used for the purpose of sightseeing, attending a church service, attending an approved special event by members of the news media or emergency reasons, as provided by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary in accordance with K.S.A. 32-805, and amendments thereto.

(f) The secretary may designate by resolution two days each calendar year during which persons may use motor vehicles in state parks and other areas under the secretary's control without having a valid park and recreation motor vehicle permit.

(g) (1) The secretary shall designate the state parks and other areas under the secretary's control, or portions thereof, and the time periods in which motor vehicle permits shall be required hereunder.

(2) The secretary shall cause signs to be posted and maintained at the entrances to all such designated state parks or other areas, or portions thereof, which signs shall display a legend that a motor vehicle entering and using the state park or area, or portion thereof, is required to display on the motor vehicle a permit of the type described in this section.

(h) All fees, licenses and other charges, and rules and regulations relating to the use of and conduct of persons in a state park or other area under the secretary's control, or any facility therein, shall be posted in a convenient and conspicuous place in each such park, area or facility. Except as otherwise provided in this section, each and every person using any such park, area or facility shall be charged the same fees, licenses and every other charge.

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