



Checklist for Libraries

The Real Florida Reader State Park Pass Program

The **Real Florida Reader** program allows Florida Public Library cardholders to check out a Florida State Park Day Pass that provides park admission for up to eight people in a vehicle.

Real Florida Reader State Park Passes will be **valid from May 21 to September 12, 2022**.

Please note: We will send an email to all library directors and their designated staff announcing the official launch of this program. Please do not make park passes available until after you receive the email.

In this package:

- Florida State Park Day Passes (two per outlet for your library system)
- Information sheet for library staff
- Informational brochures

If any of these items are missing, please contact ContinuingEducationBLD@dos.myflorida.com.

This program is a partnership between Florida State Parks, the Florida Department of State's Division of Library and Information Services, and public libraries throughout Florida.

About The Real Florida Reader State Park Pass Program

Real Florida Reader State Park Passes

- Allows for single day-use entry for one passenger vehicle.
- They do not cover activity fees or entry into special events, museum or boat tours, instructor certification diving, boat launching, rentals of picnic pavilions and other facilities, rentals of equipment such as canoes and kayaks, overnight camping or lodging.

Disclaimer

- Good for one vehicle, up to eight people.
- Excludes Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, Skyway Pier State Park and Weeki Wachee Springs State Park.
- Does not include entry into local, municipal or county parks, federal parks, state or national forests, or state or national wildlife refuges.
- Does not include camping or any other fees.
- Checkout times and periods vary by library location, and day pass must be returned to the public library where user checked it out.
- This pass is only valid from **May 21 – September 12, 2022**.

Decisions for your library to make

The passes are designed to be checked out of the library like any other circulating item. Local libraries may choose their circulation policies.

We encourage you to think about a three-day or seven-day check out time rather than two or three weeks.

- How long will the circulation period be for Park Passes?
- Can users place holds on Park Passes, or are they first come, first served?
- How will Passes be cataloged in the system?

Lost or late passes

We also encourage you not to charge a lost item fee for a Park Pass, as we plan to replace lost passes free of charge.

However, we will be printing a limited number of extra passes, so when we run out of extras, we'll have to stop replacing them.

- We suggest that your library not charge fines for lost or late passes.
- We will not charge libraries for lost passes.
- We will have a limited number of replacement passes. We will be happy to replace your lost passes as long as we have available passes.
- Please report any lost park passes to **ContinuingEducationBLD@dos.myflorida.com**

Statistics

Please track circulation statistics for the Park Passes.

You can use them as part of your Annual Statistical Report for Public Libraries, but we also will need you to report them separately so we can supply them to the Florida State Parks.

We'll use the statistics to evaluate the success of the program. If the program is popular, we plan to do it again next year.

- Statistics **must** be collected during the program period, from **May 21 to September 12, 2022**.
- Circulation statistics for the program must be counted separately from other items.
- After the program period has ended, we will send out a circulation statistics survey to all libraries. The survey will be due **October 3, 2022**.

After the program

- Real Florida Reader State Park Passes will no longer be accepted after September 12, 2022.
- Discard all passes after September 12, 2022.

Resources

- [Find marketing materials, fun resources for patrons and further information for library staff.](#)
- [View The Real Florida Reader Program website.](#)

Contact us

For any questions, please contact **ContinuingEducationBLD@dos.myflorida.com**.

For FY2021-22, the percentage of total costs for the Florida Library Youth Program financed with federal money is 66%; the federal dollar amount to be spent on FLYP is \$242,993. This program does not receive any non-governmental funding.

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