

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

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2009 annual ND state parks permit available

The 2009 annual North Dakota state parks annual permit is now available for purchase, from the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department. An annual permit is \$25; senior pass (state residents age 65 and older) \$20; ND Veterans with service-related disability qualify for a discount.

The 2009 North Dakota State Parks annual vehicle entrance permit recognizes Turtle River State Park's 75th anniversary. The permit features two of the park's well known structures: the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) constructed Memorial Picnic Shelter, formerly the bath house, and fieldstone dam.

The permit is printed on a static cling material which adheres to the inside of a vehicle windshield for easy viewing. The material also allows for removal and may be used on any vehicle registered to the permit holder. The permit is valid at any park or recreation area managed by the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department.

Established in 1934, Turtle River State Park was among a number of new parks built in North Dakota through President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's "New Deal" programs. CCC construction projects in the park included bridges, roads, parking areas, foot paths and a number of stone and log buildings, many of which are still in use today.

West of Grand Forks just off Highway 2, the 784-acre park draws visitors throughout the year. Guests marvel at the park's natural beauty which changes with the seasons and the diverse recreational opportunities.

The entire park is a nature sanctuary and harbors an abundance of plant and animal life. The river was aptly named for the mud and snapping turtles that were once found in abundance in the stream.

The permit is available at any of the state parks, North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department Headquarters in Bismarck online at www.parkrec.nd.gov or by emailing parkrec@nd.gov. The 2009 park permit expires May 1, 2010.

