



Public Hearing Proposed 2025 Dane County Park Fees

The Dane County Park Commission will hold a hybrid public hearing regarding proposed 2025 park fees on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 5:30 pm. Those interested in participating can either attend in person at the Heritage Center, 3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison, or virtually via Zoom.

The Dane County Park Commission sets the fee structure for services provided in county parks. Each year, the fees are evaluated and adjusted in order to offset operational and maintenance costs associated with various park activities. The Dane County Park Commission is proposing to keep the majority of permit fees the same for 2025. Full list of proposed 2025 fees are on the pages to follow.

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LWRD@countyofdane.com, or mailed to the Dane County Park office at 5201 Fen Oak Drive, Room 208, Madison, WI 53718.

Dane County Parks - Fee History

Proposed 2025 Changes Highlighted in Yellow

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 PROPOSED
Dog Permit Fees												
Annual	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 32	\$ 35	\$ 35	\$ 35	\$ 35	\$ 35	\$ 43	\$ 43	\$ 43
Daily	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8
Annual Senior/Disabled/Military/Veteran*	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 16	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20
Additional	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 16	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20
Replacement	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 16	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20
Lake Access Fee - Permit is good through March 31 of the next year												
Annual Resident	\$ 35	\$ 35	\$ 35	\$ 37	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50
Daily	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8
Non-Motorized/Non-Trailer Daily	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7
Annual Non-Res	\$ 45	\$ 45	\$ 45	\$ 47	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60
Annual Senior Resident	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 20	\$ 21	\$ 21	\$ 21	\$ 21	\$ 21	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25
Annual Senior Non-Res	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 27	\$ 28	\$ 28	\$ 28	\$ 28	\$ 28	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30
Annual Disabled/Military/Veteran*	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 20	\$ 21	\$ 21	\$ 21	\$ 21	\$ 21	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25
2nd Vehicle	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 17	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20
Replacement	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 17	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20
Tenney Lock Fee												
Annual	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 45	\$ 45
Daily	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 15	\$ 15
Annual Disabled/Military/Veteran											\$ 25	\$ 25
Additional/Replacement	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 20	\$ 20
Trail Permit Fees												
Annual Ski	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30
Daily Ski	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 8	\$ 8
Annual Senior/Disabled/Military/Veteran* Ski	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15
Replacement Ski	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15
Annual Mt. Bike	\$ 16	\$ 16	\$ 16	\$ 16	\$ 16	\$ 16	\$ 16	\$ 16	\$ 16	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25
Daily Mt. Bike	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8
Annual Senior/Disabled/Military/Veteran* Mt. Bike	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15
Replacement Mt. Bike	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15
Annual Horse	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 25	\$ 25
Daily Horse	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8
Annual Senior/Disabled/Military/Veteran* Horse	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 15	\$ 15
Replacement Horse	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 15	\$ 15
Combined Trail (Ski, Mt. Bike, Horse)	\$ 42	\$ 42	\$ 42	\$ 42	\$ 42	\$ 48	\$ 48	\$ 48	\$ 48	\$ 57	\$ 62	\$ 62
State Trail Annual	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	<i>Amt set by DNR</i>	<i>Amt set by DNR</i>
State Trail Daily	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	<i>Amt set by DNR</i>	<i>Amt set by DNR</i>
Disc Golf												
Annual	\$ 48	\$ 48	\$ 48	\$ 48	\$ 48	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50
Daily	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8
Annual Senior/Disabled/Military/Veteran											\$ 25	\$ 25
Replacement	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15
Tournament/Day	\$ 170	\$ 170	\$ 170	\$ 170	\$ 170	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
Tournament Half Day (4-hours)						\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
Aeromodeling												
Annual	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30
Annual Senior/Disabled/Military/Veteran											\$ 15	\$ 15
Star-Gazing Night Sky Viewing												
	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10
Metal Detecting												
											\$ 10	\$ 10
Limited Archery Access												
Application fee	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 3
Permit fee	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 20	\$ 20
Limited Trapping Access												
Permit fee	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14
Violation Notices												
Permit Violation Notice	\$ 35	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 60	\$ 60
Late Payment (10 business days) Penalty Fee											\$ 15	\$ 15
State Trail Violation Notice	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	<i>Amt set by DNR</i>	<i>Amt set by DNR</i>

Dog, Lake Access and Ski are cooperative permits

**Military/Veteran discount added 2023 at the same rates as Disabled/Senior*

Dane County Parks - Fee History

Proposed 2025 Changes Highlighted in Yellow

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 PROPOSED
SHELTERS												
Premier Shelter - Weekend												
1 - 100	\$ 100	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 115	\$ 115	\$ 115	\$ 115	\$ 115	\$ 115	\$ 115	\$ 155	\$ 155
101 - 200	\$ 140	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 155	\$ 155	\$ 155	\$ 155	\$ 155	\$ 155	\$ 155	\$ 155	\$ 155
201 - 300	\$ 180	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 205	\$ 205	\$ 205	\$ 205	\$ 205	\$ 205	\$ 205	\$ 155	\$ 155
Premier Shelter - Weekday												
1 - 100	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 105	\$ 105
101 - 200	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 105	\$ 105
201 - 300	\$ 145	\$ 145	\$ 145	\$ 145	\$ 145	\$ 145	\$ 145	\$ 145	\$ 145	\$ 145	\$ 105	\$ 105
Standard Shelter - Weekend												
1 - 100	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 155	\$ 155
101 - 200	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 155	\$ 155
201 - 300	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 155	\$ 155
Standard Shelter - Weekday												
1 - 100	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 105	\$ 105
101 - 200	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 105	\$ 105
201 - 300	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 105	\$ 105
Shelters - Chaperoned Youth Group Discount	\$ (30)	\$ (30)	\$ (30)	\$ (30)	\$ (30)	\$ (30)	\$ (30)	\$ (30)	\$ (30)	\$ (30)	\$ (30)	\$ (30)
Starting in 2024, an alcohol permit is included in shelter reservation for no additional fee. The alcohol permit will still carry below fee for events that trigger a special event permit requirement.												
Alcohol Permit												
Groups of 25-100	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30
Groups of 101 - 200	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60
Groups of 201 - 300	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 90	\$ 90	\$ 90	\$ 90	\$ 90	\$ 90
Groups of 301 - 400	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120
401 - 500				\$ 125	\$ 125	\$ 125	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 150
501-1000				\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 180	\$ 180	\$ 180	\$ 180	\$ 180	\$ 180
1001+				\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 240	\$ 240	\$ 240	\$ 240	\$ 240	\$ 240
Special Event Permit												
Application fee (applies as deposit to permit)											\$ 25	\$ 25
Permit fee	\$ 10	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75
Vending Permit (per event)												
1-100	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 80
101-200	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
201-300	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120
301-500	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 160	\$ 160	\$ 160	\$ 160	\$ 160	\$ 160	\$ 160	\$ 160	\$ 160
501-1000				\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
1001+				\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300
Large Structure Fee (marking underground utilities)	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30
Extra Picnic Tables (per load of 6)	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 100
Recurring Program Permit (per session)												
Application fee											\$ 25	\$ 25
Cumulative Participants 1-100											\$ 50	\$ 50
Cumulative Participants 101-250											\$ 200	\$ 200
Cumulative Participants 251-500											\$ 400	\$ 400
Cumulative Participants 501-1,000											\$ 600	\$ 600
Cumulative Participants 1,001+											\$ 800	\$ 800
50% off recurring program permits for non-profits												
CAMPING (per night)												
Camping - Electric	\$ 26	\$ 27	\$ 27	\$ 27	\$ 27	\$ 28	\$ 28	\$ 28	\$ 28	\$ 28	\$ 30	\$ 30
Camping - Non-Electric	\$ 17	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 20	\$ 20
Brigham (rustic: no showers) - Electric	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 25	\$ 25
Brigham (rustic: no showers) - Non-Electric	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 18	\$ 18
Camping - Senior/Military/Veteran Discount*	\$ (2)	\$ (2)	\$ (2)	\$ (2)	\$ (2)	\$ (2)	\$ (2)	\$ (2)	\$ (2)	\$ (2)	\$ (2)	\$ (2)
Group Camp - Friends and Family (1-25 campers)												
per night	\$ 55	\$ 65	\$ 65	\$ 65	\$ 65	\$ 65	\$ 65	\$ 65	\$ 65	\$ 65	\$ 70	\$ 70
per person	\$ 5											
additional 25 campers		\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25
Group Camp - Chaperoned Youth Group (1-25 campers)												
per night	\$ 45	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 55	\$ 55
per person	\$ 4											
additional 25 campers		\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25
Dump Station (Non-Campers)	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 15	\$ 15

Educational Program Fees

Dane County Parks - Lussier Family Heritage Center

The following document contains guidance for setting fees for general, environmental, and outdoor education programs for the Lussier Family Heritage Center and Dane County Parks. Staff should maintain a goal to keep program costs as low as possible for programming, while still covering costs associated with LTE (limited term employment) employees and material costs. Discounts, scholarships, and waived fees should be granted to persons or organizations unable to pay the amount, but who wish to participate in the program. Education program fees should not be set to make a profit. When possible, a mix of free and paid educational programs should be available for public and private groups/ participants. Fees beyond the ranges listed below, will be presented and reviewed by the Dane County Parks Commission prior to use.

Fee Categories

Field Trip: These programs may take place onsite (at the Heritage Center or a Dane County Park) or offsite (at the organization location). These programs typically are between 60-180 minutes depending on the topic, length of program or transportation assistance, which will influence the price. K3-12th grade.

Public Program: This is a general category that covers all additional programs including but not limited to: Storytime, Lil' Explorer, Learn to programs, guided walks, Paddle in the Park, etc. that is open to all members of the public. Costs vary due to material, duration, and LTE costs. All ages.

Private Event: These programs are requested by individuals or groups to host a specific program for their group (that is not a school program). These programs are highly variable in pricing due to staffing, materials needed, transportation, number of participants, or duration of program.

Presentations: This program type is requested by an outside organization and is typically conducted with a speaker and presentation in a classroom style program.

Specialty Program: These specialized public programs involved additional fees due to additional purchases that may need to be made to run the run the program, this may include snowshoe building materials or catered meals.

Summer Camp: A summer camp fee is set per session. Fees are adjusted based on transportation needs, guest speakers, offsite experiences, extended care, food or other specialty equipment needed.

One Day Camp: These are full day experiences that involve multiple activities within a single day. Fees are adjusted based on transportation needs, guest speakers, offsite experiences, extended care, food or other specialty equipment needed.

2025 Education Program Fee Scale

Fee Range <i>Per Person</i>	Fee Category
\$5 – \$20	Field Trip

Free - \$150	Public Program
Free - \$200*	Presentation
\$200* or Higher	Private Events
\$100 - \$250	Specialty Program
\$300 - \$450	Summer Camp
\$50 - \$100	One-Day Camps

**Per group cost*