



2024 Proposed Fee Changes

After intentionally keeping fees stable throughout the uncertainty of the pandemic, Dane County Parks raised fees on several permits in 2023. There are no proposed increased in 2024 for any permit fees that were raised in 2023.

However, many other permit and reservation fees were not increased last year and have not had increases for many years. For many of these permits, the last fee increase was over a decade ago. A complete fee history from the last 10 years is included for reference. The cost to operate and maintain facilities continue to increase. Dane County Parks is proposing the below set of fee increases for 2024.

In addition to fee increases, there are several other proposed changes, including:

- expanding the senior/disabled/military/veteran discount to the annual disc golf permit and the Tenney Lock permit
- adding a metal detecting permit fee
- simplification of the shelter reservation fee schedule
- automatic inclusion of an alcohol permit in a shelter reservation
- adding a late payment penalty fee to the ordinance violation notice and outlining a timeline for issuing a citation for non-payment

Dane County Parks will continue to offer financial assistance to Dane County residents with financial limitations that prevent them from purchasing a permit.

The public hearing is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 5:30 PM at the Lussier Family Heritage Center. Details on how to attend the public hearing or provide comment are at the end of this document.

Tenney Lock Permit

The last increase for this permit was in 2011.

	Current 2023	Proposed 2024
Annual	\$30	\$45
Daily	\$10	\$15
Annual Senior, Disabled, Military, Veteran	N/A	\$25
Replacement of lost permit	\$12	\$20

Trail Permits

Increase the daily and replacement cross country ski permit so it is consistent with all other trail permits.

Increase all annual horse trail permits. The last increase for this permit was in 2011.

Increase the combined trail permit to be consistent with the increase in annual permits.

	Current 2023	Proposed 2024
Daily Ski	\$7	\$8
Replacement Ski	\$12	\$15
Annual Horse	\$20	\$25
Annual Senior, Disabled, Military, Veteran Horse	\$12	\$15
Replacement Horse	\$15	\$15
Combined Trail (Ski, Mountain Bike, Horse)	\$57	\$62

Veteran, Military, Senior, Disabled Person Discount for Annual Disc Golf Permit & Annual Aeromodeling Permit

In 2023, Dane County Parks added a discounted rate for veterans and military members at the same rate as seniors and disabled persons, for all of the same types of permits that offered discounted rates. Annual disc golf and aeromodeling permits never offered these discounts. There were many requests in 2023 to add a discounted rate for the disc golf permit and a few for the aeromodeling permit.

	Current 2023	Proposed 2024
Disc Golf Annual Senior, Disabled, Military, Veteran	N/A	\$25
Aeromodeling Annual Senior, Disabled, Military, Veteran	N/A	\$15

Metal Detecting Permit

A permit is currently required to metal detect in Dane County Parks. The permit is currently valid for three years and has no fee. The proposal is to make this an annual permit and charge a fee.

	Current 2023	Proposed 2024
Annual	N/A	\$10

Limited Archery Access Permit

The last increase for this permit was in 2014.

	Current 2023	Proposed 2024
Permit fee	\$14	\$20

Shelter Reservation Fee

The current shelter reservation fee schedule includes different rates for different shelters, different rates on weekdays and weekends, and increased rates for higher head counts.

Dane County Parks is proposing to simplify the shelter reservation fee schedule by eliminating rate differences for premier and standard shelters and by eliminating rate differences based on headcounts.

Dane County Parks is also proposing to automatically include an alcohol permit in a shelter reservation for no additional fee. The alcohol permit will still carry a fee for events that trigger a special event permit requirement.

A shelter reservation with a headcount over 250 will require a special event permit in 2024.

Current 2023

Shelter Reservation Fee		Alcohol Permit Fee	Total Cost for Shelter & Alcohol Permit
Premier Shelter – Weekend			
1 - 100	\$115	\$30	\$145
101 - 200	\$155	\$60	\$215
201 - 300	\$205	\$90	\$295
Premier Shelter - Weekday			
1 - 100	\$75	\$30	\$105
101 - 200	\$110	\$60	\$170
201 - 300	\$ 145	\$90	\$235

Shelter Reservation Fee (continued)

Current 2023 (continued)

Shelter Reservation Fee		Alcohol Permit Fee	Total Cost for Shelter & Alcohol Permit
Standard Shelter - Weekends & Weekdays			
1 - 100	\$60	\$30	\$90
101 - 200	\$100	\$60	\$160
201 - 300	\$140	\$90	\$230

Proposed 2024

Weekday, any shelter (alcohol permit included)	\$105
Weekend, any shelter (alcohol permit included)	\$155

Violation Notices

The last increase for violation notices was in 2015.

Dane County Parks is proposing to add a late payment penalty fee after 10 business days of non-payment.

After 20 business days of non-payment, a citation will be issued.

	Current 2023	Proposed 2024
Permit Violation Notice	\$50	\$60
Late Payment (10 business days) Penalty Fee	N/A	\$15

Camping

The last increase for camping was in 2019 for electric sites, in 2014 for non-electric sites, in 2011 for Brigham, and in 2015 for group camp.

	Current 2023	Proposed 2024
Camping - Electric	\$28	\$30
Camping - Non-Electric	\$18	\$20
Brigham (rustic: no showers) - Electric	\$20	\$25
Brigham (rustic: no showers) - Non-Electric	\$15	\$18
Group Camp - Friends and Family (1-25 campers)	\$65	\$70
Group Camp - Chaperoned Youth Group (1-25 campers)	\$50	\$55
Dump Station (Non-Campers)	\$10	\$15

Dane County Parks - Fee History

cooperative permits highlighted in yellow

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Proposed 2024	Amount Change	% Change
Dog Permit Fees													
Annual	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 32	\$ 35	\$ 35	\$ 35	\$ 35	\$ 35	\$ 43	\$ 43	\$ -	0%
Daily	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ -	0%
Annual Senior/Disabled/Military/Veteran*	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 16	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ -	0%
Additional	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 16	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ -	0%
Replacement	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 16	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ -	0%
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	\$ -	0%
Daily	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ -	0%
Non-Motorized/Non-Trailer Daily	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ -	0%
Annual Non-Res	\$ 45	\$ 45	\$ 45	\$ 47	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ -	0%
Annual Senior Resident	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 20	\$ 21	\$ 21	\$ 21	\$ 21	\$ 21	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ -	0%
Annual Senior Non-Res	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 27	\$ 28	\$ 28	\$ 28	\$ 28	\$ 28	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ -	0%
Annual Disabled/Military/Veteran*	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 20	\$ 21	\$ 21	\$ 21	\$ 21	\$ 21	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ -	0%
2nd Vehicle	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 17	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ -	0%
Replacement	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 17	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ -	0%
Tenney Lock Fee													
Annual	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 45	\$ 15	50%
Daily	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 15	\$ 5	50%
Annual Disabled/Military/Veteran											\$ 25	NEW	
Replacement	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 20	\$ 8	67%
Trail Permit Fees													
Annual Ski	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ -	0%
Daily Ski	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 8	\$ 1	14%
Annual Senior/Disabled/Military/Veteran* Ski	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ -	0%
Replacement Ski	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 15	\$ 3	25%
Annual Mt. Bike	\$ 16	\$ 16	\$ 16	\$ 16	\$ 16	\$ 16	\$ 16	\$ 16	\$ 16	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ -	0%
Daily Mt. Bike	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ -	0%
Annual Senior/Disabled/Military/Veteran* Mt. Bike	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ -	0%
Repl. Mt. Bike	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ -	0%
Annual Horse	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 25	\$ 5	25%
Daily Horse	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ -	0%
Annual Senior/Disabled/Military/Veteran* Horse	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 15	\$ 3	25%
Replacement	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 15	\$ 3	25%
Combined Trail (Ski, Mt. Bike, Horse)	\$ 42	\$ 42	\$ 42	\$ 42	\$ 42	\$ 48	\$ 48	\$ 48	\$ 48	\$ 57	\$ 62	\$ 5	9%
State Trail Annual	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	Amt set by DNR		
State Trail Daily	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	Amt set by DNR		
Disc Golf													
Annual	\$ 48	\$ 48	\$ 48	\$ 48	\$ 48	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ -	0%
Daily	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ -	0%
Annual Senior/Disabled/Military/Veteran											\$ 25	NEW	
Tournament/Day	\$ 170	\$ 170	\$ 170	\$ 170	\$ 170	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ -	0%
Tournament Half Day (4-hours)						\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	0%
Aeromodeling													
Annual	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ -	0%
Annual Senior/Disabled/Military/Veteran											\$ 15	NEW	
Star Gazing													
	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ -	0%
Metal Detecting													
											\$ 10	NEW	
Limited Archery Access													
Application fee	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ -	0%
Permit fee	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 20	\$ 6	43%

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

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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Proposed 2024	Amount Change	% Change	
SHELTERS														
Premier Shelter - Weekend														
1 - 100	\$ 100	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 115	\$ 115	\$ 115	\$ 115	\$ 115	\$ 115	\$ 115	\$ 155	\$ 40	35%	
101 - 200	\$ 140	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 155	\$ 155	\$ 155	\$ 155	\$ 155	\$ 155	\$ 155	\$ 155	\$ -	0%	
201 - 300	\$ 180	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 205	\$ 205	\$ 205	\$ 205	\$ 205	\$ 205	\$ 205	\$ 155	\$ (50)	-24%	
Premier Shelter - Weekday														
1 - 100	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 105	\$ 30	40%	
101 - 200	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 105	\$ (5)	-5%	
201 - 300	\$ 145	\$ 145	\$ 145	\$ 145	\$ 145	\$ 145	\$ 145	\$ 145	\$ 145	\$ 145	\$ 105	\$ (40)	-28%	
Standard Shelter - Weekend														
1 - 100	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 155	\$ 95	158%	
101 - 200	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 155	\$ 55	55%	
201 - 300	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 155	\$ 15	11%	
Standard Shelter - Weekday														
1 - 100	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 105	\$ 45	75%	
101 - 200	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 105	\$ 5	5%	
201 - 300	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 105	\$ (35)	-25%	
Shelters - Chaperoned Youth Group Discount	\$ (30)	\$ (30)	\$ (30)	\$ (30)	\$ (30)	\$ (30)	\$ (30)	\$ (30)	\$ (30)	\$ (30)	\$ (30)	\$ -	0%	
2024 proposal includes an alcohol permit in a 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	\$ -	0%	
Groups of 101 - 200	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ -	0%	
Groups of 201 - 300	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 90	\$ 90	\$ 90	\$ 90	\$ 90	\$ -	0%	
Groups of 301 - 400	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ -	0%	
401 - 500				\$ 125	\$ 125	\$ 125	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ -	0%	
501-1000				\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 180	\$ 180	\$ 180	\$ 180	\$ 180	\$ -	0%	
1001+				\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 240	\$ 240	\$ 240	\$ 240	\$ 240	\$ -	0%	
Special Event Permit														
Application fee (applies as deposit to permit)											\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ -	0%
Permit fee	\$ 10	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ -	0%	
Vending Permit (per event)														
1-100	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ -	0%	
101-200	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	0%	
201-300	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ -	0%	
301-500	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 160	\$ 160	\$ 160	\$ 160	\$ 160	\$ 160	\$ 160	\$ 160	\$ -	0%	
501-1000				\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ -	0%	
1001+				\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ -	0%	
Recurring Program Permit (per session)														
Application fee											\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ -	0%
Cumulative Participants 1-100											\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ -	0%
Cumulative Participants 101-250											\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ -	0%
Cumulative Participants 251-500											\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ -	0%
Cumulative Participants 501-1,000											\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ -	0%
Cumulative Participants 1,001+											\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ -	0%
Violation Notices														
Permit Violation Notice	\$ 35	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 60	\$ 10	20%	
Late Payment (10 business days) Penalty Fee											\$ 15	NEW		
State Trail Violation Notice	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	Amt set by DNR			
CAMPING (per night)														
Camping - Electric	\$ 26	\$ 27	\$ 27	\$ 27	\$ 27	\$ 28	\$ 28	\$ 28	\$ 28	\$ 28	\$ 30	\$ 2	7%	
Camping - Non-Electric	\$ 17	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 20	\$ 2	11%	
Brigham (rustic: no showers) - Electric	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 25	\$ 5	25%	
Brigham (rustic: no showers) - Non-Electric	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 18	\$ 3	20%	
Camping - Senior/Military/Veteran Discount*	\$ (2)	\$ (2)	\$ (2)	\$ (2)	\$ (2)	\$ (2)	\$ (2)	\$ (2)	\$ (2)	\$ (2)	\$ (2)	\$ -	0%	
Group Camp - Friends and Family (1-25 campers)														
per night	\$ 55	\$ 65	\$ 65	\$ 65	\$ 65	\$ 65	\$ 65	\$ 65	\$ 65	\$ 65	\$ 70	\$ 5	8%	
per person	\$ 5													
additional 25 campers		\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ -	0%	
Group Camp - Chaperoned Youth Group (1-25 campers)														
per night	\$ 45	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 55	\$ 5	10%	
per person	\$ 4													
additional 25 campers		\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ -	0%	
Dump Station (Non-Campers)	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 15	\$ 5	50%	