

ANR Vermont Agency of Natural Resources

License and Special Use Permit Fees for Uses of State Lands

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Fees are charged to cover costs associated with administering special use permits (SUPs) and licenses, management and operational activities of staff for resource protection and visitor use, and to protect public resources for private use and gains.

Base Administrative Fee: Minimum \$50.00 for all SUPs and licenses except as noted. Base administrative fees are not assessed on an annual basis but are assessed once for the duration of the license or SUP.

This fee may be waived if comparable in-kind services are provided on state lands by permittee/licensee or if permittee/licensee provides services to enhance Agency's efforts to manage its lands or for training, research or other supporting services or activities. This fee will be waived for school groups using state lands. (Note: Base administrative fees will not generally be waived on lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of Fish and Wildlife. For licenses and SUPs that involve lands of both the departments of Fish and Wildlife and Forests, Parks and Recreation lands, each department may choose to impose a \$50 base fee).

Requests for a license or SUP that must be expedited by staff to meet the short timeframe of the applicant may be assessed an additional "premium" base fee of \$50.00. Expedited requests for SUPs and licenses are those that are submitted to the Agency less than 30 days prior to the start date of the requested activity.

Additional Fees:

A. Guided recreational activities and services (includes for profit, educational, and non-profit trips). Fees may be waived, reduced, or increased depending on special circumstances. Guided hunting, fishing and trapping activities on all Agency of Natural Resource lands are not assessed any fees and do not generally require a license or SUP. (Individuals participating in these activities must still obtain a license from the Department of Fish and Wildlife).

Base Fee plus current state park day use fee per person per day (presently \$4.00) regardless of activity. If licensed activity occurs at a state park where a day use fee is charged to the public, the licensee will not be assessed both this per person per day fee *and* the standard state park day use fee.

B. Recreational, Cultural, and Other Special Events (including weddings and family reunions). Base fee plus current state park day use fee for individuals (presently \$4.00).

C. Agricultural Use. Base fee plus prevailing rate for agricultural lands for specific uses (\$ per acre) as determined by the Department of Agriculture, Extension Service, or by other means, or

fees may be reduced or waived for special circumstances (e.g., wildlife benefits from agricultural practices, keeping a field open to maintain a view, etc.).

D. Maple Sugar Operations. Base fee plus 25% of the current average per pound price paid for bulk Vermont Fancy Grade maple syrup and Commercial Grade maple syrup per tap. (Maple sugaring operations are not permitted on Fish and Wildlife lands).

E. Utility Right of Way. \$50 Base Fee plus \$1.00/l.f. for Electric Distribution Lines and Telephone Lines; \$2.00/l.f. for Fiber Optic Cable Lines and Transmission Lines; \$3.00/l.f. for Pipelines. Minimum fee of \$500 for electric distribution and telephone lines and incidental supporting infrastructure on ANR land such as guy wire(s), etc. \$1000 minimum fee for fiber optic lines, transmission lines and pipelines. Fees may be reduced or waived if the utility line services an ANR facility. \$1500 for utility cabinet sites (up to 20 feet by 20 feet). License fees are for 10 year terms. For utility projects whose scope and scale have the potential to significantly impact Agency land, the department controlling the land in its discretion may decide to issue a long-term lease for a negotiated fee or to convey a permanent easement based on appraised value.

F. Time Trials/Mountain Roads. Base fee plus minimum \$750/day (e.g., \$1,500 fee for typical 2-day reservation). (This activity is not permitted on Fish and Wildlife lands).

G. Temporary Rights of Way. Base fee, plus bond amount to be determined by staff from managing department.

H. Sale of forest products from state land (brush, seedlings, other). Base fee plus a reasonable charge for product. Fees assessed for firewood cutting permits shall be a minimum of \$10 per cord.

I. Housing Rentals. Base fee, plus going housing rental rate for the area (not generally applicable to FW lands).

J. Concessionaires/Vendors. Base fee plus negotiated percentage of gross sales. (Concessionaires are not permitted on FW lands).

K. Research/Scientific. Base and other fees may be waived if final research results are provided to Agency. Request for new research license from researchers who have failed to provide the state with results from previous research licenses may be denied until research results are provided to the state.

L. ATV Access to Designated ANR Lands by Disabled Persons. Fees are waived.

M. Training Activities – Civil and Military. Fees generally waived.

N. Commercial Photo Shoots, Advertisements, etc. Base fee plus negotiated fee depending on impact, duration, etc.

O. Primitive Camping. Standard base fee assessed for SUP for groups of 10 or more people.

Procedures:

Applicants will be billed for the appropriate fee at the time a SUP or License is issued. Additional fees along with a daily use report form must be submitted to the Agency prior to the termination date for licenses involving guided recreational activities and services on Agency lands. Fees must be received within 30 days after billing or prior to the starting date of use. Licenses may be cancelled at the request of the licensee at any time. Any fees paid to the state over and above the base fee may be refunded to the licensee or permittee upon request in the event the licensee or permittee terminates the license prior to the start of the activity.

Users of state fee areas in state parks are subject to separate fees at these areas (day use, camping, etc.). Separate fees have also been established by regulation and apply for use of certain state facilities including Fish Wildlife Conservation Camps, Seyon Lodge, and certain state park shelters and dining halls. Users of trail shelters operated and maintained by caretakers of the Green Mountain Club, under an agreement with the Agency of Natural Resources, are subject to a separate fee for each night's occupancy.

Type of "Permit" Required (see "Uses of State Lands" policy for more information):

| Type of Activity | Special Use Permit Needed | License Needed |
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| Base Administration Fee | X | X |
| Guided Recreation Activities | X | X |
| Recreational, Cultural, and Other Special Events | X | |
| Agricultural Uses | | X |
| Maple Sugar Operations | | X |
| Utility Rights of Way | | X |
| Time Trials / Mountain Roads | X | |
| Temporary Rights of Way | X | X |
| Sale of Forest Products | X | X |
| Housing Rentals | | X |
| Concessionaires / Vendors | | X |
| Research / Scientific Activities | X | X |
| Hunting by Disabled Persons | X (or letter of permission) | |
| Training Activities – Civic and Military | X | X |
| Commercial Photo Shoots, Advertisements, etc. | X | X |