

## **News Release**

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## Corps of Engineers no longer issuing Golden Age or Golden Access Passports

FORT WORTH, Texas – On January 1, a new discount program, the America the Beautiful Interagency Pass, is scheduled to go into effect. This program replaces the Golden Eagle Passport, Golden Age Passport, Golden Access Passport, and the National Parks pass. There are three types of The America the Beautiful Interagency Pass. The Annual Pass is available to anyone, is valid for a 12-month period, and costs \$80. The Senior Pass is available to citizens or permanent residents of the United States who are 62 years of age and older. It is valid for the lifetime of the holder and costs \$10. The Access Pass is available to permanently disabled citizens and permanent residents of the United States. It's free and valid for the lifetime of the holder. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will not accept the America the Beautiful Annual Pass nor will they be sold at Corps facilities. However, Corps-operated parks will accept the America the Beautiful Senior Pass and Access Pass.

After December 31 the Corps of Engineers will no longer issue new Golden Age or Golden Access Passports. However, existing Golden Age and Golden Access cards will still remain valid and may be used to receive discounts until they are lost, stolen, or wear out. Replacement Golden Age and Golden Access Passports will not be available. Current card holders who lose or deface their Golden Age or Golden Access Passport must obtain an America the Beautiful Senior or Access Pass from a participating Federal agency in order to continue receiving discounts. To receive discounts, individuals must have either the Golden Age/Access Passports or the America the Beautiful Senior or Access Passes.

Individuals who are interested in more information on the America the Beautiful Interagency Pass program may go online to <a href="http://store.usgs.gov/pass">http://store.usgs.gov/pass</a> or call 888-ASK-USGS, Ext. 1. The Senior Pass and the Access Pass must be purchased from participating federal recreational sites or offices. The Senior Pass and the Access Pass must be purchased in person from participating Federal recreational sites or offices. Agencies participating in the America the Beautiful program are the Forest Service, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Bureau of Reclamation. A list of recreation sites operated by these agencies may be found online at <a href="https://www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a>.