

Backgrounder:
Saskatchewan Provincial Park Fee Increases and Investment Levels

The tables on the following three pages list vehicle entry and camping fees for Saskatchewan's provincial parks, from 2013 through 2019. All fees are according to the annual park fee schedules posted online by the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport (for 2013 to 2017) or by Tourism Saskatchewan (for 2018 and 2019.) Percentages highlighted in orange indicate fee increases.

Note that shoulder season camping fees are not included on the first table. The pricing system for shoulder season camping has not been consistent – it was priced as a nightly fee in some years, and as a 30-night pass in other years – so continuous annual comparisons are not possible. However, nightly prices were set for both 2013 (\$13 for a non-electrical site, \$18 for an electrical) and 2019 (\$15 for a non-electrical site, \$27 for an electrical.)

The table on the third page lists actual annual expenditures for programming, capital projects, and preventative maintenance in Saskatchewan's provincial parks. It also gives the percent increases or decreases in funding for the 2018-19 fiscal year compared to 2013-14. (Fiscal 2013-14 included the 2013 camping season; 2018-19 included the 2018 camping season.)

Expenditure figures are taken from the Summary of Expenditures included in the annual reports of the Ministry of Parks, Culture, and Sport. (The figures for 2019 are an exception; they are estimates taken from the 2018-19 Provincial Budget Estimates, p. 106.)

Park Fees by Year

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Vehicle Entry Fees							
Day Pass	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
% increase	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	25.00%	0.00%	0.00%
3-day Pass	\$17.00	\$17.00	\$17.00	\$19.00	\$24.00	\$24.00	Discontinued
% increase	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	11.76%	26.32%	0.00%	N/A
Weekly Pass	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$28.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$40.00
% increase	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	12.00%	25.00%	0.00%	14.29%
Annual Pass	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$75.00
% increase	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	18.18%	0.00%	15.38%
Nightly Camping Fees							
Full service	\$26.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$36.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$42.00
% increase	N/A	34.62%	0.00%	2.86%	11.11%	0.00%	5.00%
Electrical	\$22.00	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$28.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$32.00
% increase	N/A	22.73%	0.00%	3.70%	7.14%	0.00%	6.67%
Non-electrical	\$17.00	\$17.00	\$17.00	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
% increase	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	5.88%	11.11%	0.00%	0.00%
Economy	\$13.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$16.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
% increase	N/A	15.38%	0.00%	6.67%	12.50%	0.00%	0.00%
Seasonal Camping Fees							
Electrical	\$1,500.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,975.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,600.00
% increase	N/A	26.67%	0.00%	3.95%	6.33%	0.00%	23.81%
Non-electrical	\$760.00	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$987.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,400.00
% increase	N/A	25.00%	0.00%	3.89%	11.45%	0.00%	27.27%
Economy	\$590.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$780.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$1,100.00
% increase	N/A	27.12%	0.00%	4.00%	15.38%	0.00%	22.22%

Total Parks Fee Increases, 2013 - 2019

	% increase 2013 -2019	Dollar increase 2013 - 2019
Vehicle Entry Fees		
Day Pass	42.86%	\$3.00
3-day Pass	N/A	N/A
Weekly Pass	60.00%	\$15.00
Annual Pass	50.00%	\$25.00
Nightly Camping Fees		
Full service	61.54%	\$16.00
Electrical	45.45%	\$10.00
Non-electrical	17.65%	\$3.00
Economy	38.46%	\$5.00
Seasonal Camping Fees		
Electrical	73.33%	\$1,100.00
Non-electrical	84.21%	\$640.00
Economy	86.44%	\$510.00
Shoulder Season Fees		
Electrical	15.38%	\$2.00
Non-electrical	50.00%	\$9.00

Parks Spending By Year

Fiscal Year	Park Programs	Capital Projects	Preventative Maintenance	Total
2013-14	\$4,254,000	\$11,869,000	\$1,475,000	\$17,598,000
2014-16	\$4,446,000	\$13,271,000	\$2,976,000	\$20,693,000
2015-16	\$4,655,000	\$13,092,000	\$1,297,000	\$19,044,000
2016-17	\$4,572,000	\$5,047,000	\$1,571,000	\$11,190,000
2017-18	\$4,778,000	\$5,043,000	\$1,599,000	\$11,420,000
2018-19	\$4,845,000	\$9,500,000	\$1,607,000	\$15,952,000
% change, 2014 - 2019	13.89%	-19.96%	8.95%	-9.35%