

Volunteer Induction

National Park Entry

For some maintenance sections, vehicle entry to a National Park or Nature Reserve is required in order to access the section.

Entry fees apply at a number of the most popular Parks and Reserves (see exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au/park-entry-fees for a full list). The Track passes through several of these.

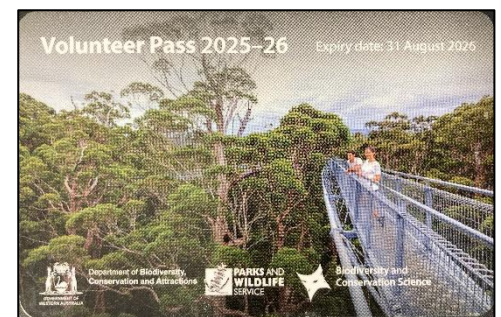
**** As a Bibbulmun Track volunteer, where Park entry is required to access your section, you are exempt from paying the Park entry fee ****

The way you access this exemption will depend on your circumstances...

Volunteer Parks Pass

The Volunteer Parks Pass is one of the standard volunteer rewards. It is issued by PaWS once accounting of all volunteer contributions (timesheets) is complete at the end of each financial year.

All volunteers accruing greater than **50 hours** during the financial year receive the Parks Pass reward.



The Pass is valid for 12 months. It “... permits free entry to one vehicle occupied by the pass holder to all Western Australian national parks and reserves where an entry fee is required.”

It will therefore cover you if you need to enter a Park/Reserve to access your maintenance section (and also entry to any Park/Reserve for personal recreation).

The pass should be presented at the Park entry point (or on request). While parked, you should place it on your vehicle dashboard so that it is visible through the windscreen.

To receive PaWS rewards, your volunteer times must be submitted by the end of the financial year, via our Volunteer Portal. Keep in mind that time spent on travel and necessary overnights may be included in volunteer contributions... refer to the factsheet ***Calculating and recording your volunteer time*** for more information.

(Details of the PaWS volunteer rewards scheme are included in their ***Volunteer Handbook***, found on the page [Volunteering with the Parks and Wildlife Service](#)).

What if I am not eligible for a Parks Pass?

If it's your first year as a volunteer, or you don't contribute more than 50 hours in a year, you will not receive the Parks Pass as a volunteer reward.

In this case, please request a letter of authorisation from us; this will be individually specific to you and your section.



Photo: via Google Streetview

The letter should be presented at the Park entry point and/or displayed on your dashboard when parked, just as with the Parks Pass.

Staff at Park entry stations are sometimes unfamiliar with this particular exemption category and may question the authority of the letter.

If you are unable to negotiate the exemption from Park entry fees, please refer the issue back to us to be followed up with the District office and (if necessary) the Recreation and Trails Unit.

This would ideally include a full refund of any entry fee you have been required to pay.

