

RMNP Base Document

Rocky Mountain National Park is open year-round. A valid entrance fee and/or park pass is always required to enter Rocky Mountain National Park, 24 hours a/day, 7 days/week. RMNP reservations must be made at [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov).

[Maps are here.](#)

Closure areas, updated year-round: [Area Closures to Protect Plants & Animals - Rocky Mountain National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)

In 2025, there are at least three things needed to enter RNMP for a day trip: hiking or climbing. Check for [up to date information](#).

1. RMNP requires a [Timed Entry Permit](#) May 26th – October 22nd, 9am -2:00pm [available online ONLY](#). [Bear Lake Rd corridor](#) requires an entry reservation 5:00am – 6pm and can be included in your permit. You must arrive at your assigned entry time **with your permit QR Code in hand**.
2. A [valid entrance fee and/or park pass](#) is always required to enter Rocky Mountain National Park, 24 hours a/day, 7 days/week. RMNP reservations must be made at [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov). Cards and other digital methods are the only forms of payment accepted at entrances and campgrounds. Visitors wanting to use cash can purchase most park entrance passes from the Rocky Mountain Conservancy Nature Store located at Beaver Meadows, Fall River, or Kawuneeche Visitor Centers.
3. In addition, commercial groups (CMC fits here) require permits for day hikes. Obtain a copy of CMC's permit from the CMC office. For non-commercial day hiking, there are no specific permit requirements based solely on group size.

A separate [Wilderness Permit](#) is required year-round for backpacking and related [overnight camping](#) in the park.

[Climbing information is here.](#)

Check for [trail conditions](#).

Each RMNP R/P [usually a trailhead] will contain this language pointing to the above base document:

RMNP restricts usage, parking, and entry depending on season and trailhead location. Go here for more information [\[link\]](#).