LIBRARY WILDERNESS PASS – FAQ

June 2026

In partnership with the United States Forest Services (USFS), Deschutes Public Library (DPL) has created a Library Wilderness Pass to be used for the nineteen (19) wilderness trails that now require a reservation.

Basic rules for Library Wilderness Pass:

- Pass must be reserved through the Discovery Pass website.
- Each customer (17 or older) can check out two wilderness passes per year.
- Customers can have two (2) active reservations at a time. Active reservations must be from different venues.
- Pass must be downloaded or printed on or before the reservation start date. Once the start date of the reservation has passed the customer will not be able to retrieve the pass.
- Once a pass is downloaded or printed, the reservation cannot be cancelled.
- The named person on the permit must be present with the group at all times. Permits are non-transferable.
- You must carry your permit with you and present it upon request to any Forest Officer or other law enforcement officer throughout the duration of your trip.
- See Discovery Pass FAQ on the Discovery Pass website for more information.

When will the Library Wilderness Pass be available for checkout?

June 15, 2026 through October 15, 2026

What is the difference between the DPL's pass and the USFS permit?

Library Wilderness Pass		**Central Cascades Wilderness Permit reserve at recreation.gov**
Checked out on Discovery Pass site & must be 17 or older		Day use permit: $1 per person, for each outing.
Good for 7 days from issuance		Good day of reservation
Good for multiple treks during 7 day period		Good for daily use of reserved, designated trailhead
Good for overnight(s) use during 7 day period		Overnight permit: $6 per group permit, for each outing (1-12 people per group)
Good for up to 4 people		

Is a recreation pass still required at the trailhead?

Yes. Visitors to the trails will still need to use/display either the annual Northwest Forest Pass or purchase a $5 Day Pass.

What trailheads or areas are included in the Library Wilderness Pass?

****Always check the US Forest Service's Central Cascades Wilderness Permits website for more information, maps, and up to date information about trail closures.****

The same trailheads or areas as the Central Cascades Wilderness Permit.

Mount Jefferson Wilderness
- Breitenbush Lake
- South Breitenbush (Closed as of March 2025)
- Duffy Lake
- Jack Lake (Canyon Creek Meadows)
- Marion Lake
- Whitewater Creek
- Pamelia Lake

Mount Washington Wilderness:
- Benson/Tenas
- Pacific Crest at McKenzie Pass

Three Sisters Wilderness:
- Broken Top Trailhead
- Crater Ditch
- Devils Lake/South Sister
- Green Lakes/Soda Creek
- Obsidian
- Lava Camp Lake (Matthieu Lakes)
- Scott (HWY 242/WNF)
- Sisters Mirror
- Tam McArthur Rim
- Todd Lake

Maps of permit areas

- Mt. Washington Georeferenced Permit Map
- Three Sisters Georeferenced Permit Map
- Mt. Jefferson Georeferenced Permit and Fire Map
    - **Portions of the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness are closed** due to the Lionshead Fire.

General information about the US Forest Service's Central Oregon Cascade Wilderness Permits:

- Required June 15 to October 15.
- **Overnight Use**
    - Central Cascades Wilderness Permits are required for all overnight stays in the Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Washington, and Three Sisters Wilderness areas.
    - Reservations began April 7, 2026 at Recreation.gov
    - No Central Cascades Wilderness Permits are required for overnight stays in the Waldo Lake and Diamond Peak Wilderness areas.
- **Day Use**
    - Central Cascades Wilderness Permits are required at 19 of 79 trailheads in the Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Washington, and Three Sisters Wilderness areas.
    - Reservations begin June 5, 2026 at Recreation.gov