

FAQ



Friends Membership Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the number of Park admissions included in my membership changing?

In accordance with a new statewide initiative from the Florida Park Service, the number of free Park admissions included in your Friends of MacArthur Beach State Park membership will be changing to twelve admissions yearly. This adjustment is essential to ensure we stay in compliance as a Friends and Citizen Support Organization (CSO) and is consistent with policies at all Florida State Parks.

When is the new admission policy going into effect?

This change to our membership program will become effective on **October 1, 2024**.

I just bought a Friends membership, do I still have unlimited entries into the Park?

As a current Friends member (memberships purchased or renewed before October 1, 2024), you are grandfathered into this new rule and can continue to utilize unlimited free Park admission until your current membership expires. After expiration, your renewal membership will include the new admission amount of twelve.

Did any of my other member benefits change like kayaking privileges?

Member benefits are subject to change at any time however the only Membership benefit that changed is the number of yearly Park admissions. The rest of your Friends membership benefits stay the same including complimentary kayak rentals, and access to attend our members-only Sea Turtle Walks, gift shop discount, and more.

What happens after I use my 12 free Park admissions with my Friends Membership?

If you use all 12 entries during your membership year, then you will pay the \$5 admission fee any other time you visit MacArthur Beach State Park. If you think you will visit more than 12 times you always have the option to buy a Florida State Park Annual Pass. More details can be found on their website: <https://www.floridastateparks.org/learn/florida-state-parks-annual-pass> However, the FSP annual pass does not include kayaking privileges, etc. that the Friends membership includes. It's whatever suits you best!

How will my number of Park admissions be tracked?

When you arrive at the Park, the Ranger on duty at the Ranger Station will punch your membership card once for your day's visit.



How can I become a Friends of MacArthur Beach State Park Member?

Join online at any Membership level and receive an email confirmation that you can start using right away!
<https://macarthurbeach.org/membership/>

How do I renew my membership?

A renewal reminder is sent out 30 days before your membership expires. You will then receive an invoice on the day of expiration. Simply click on the link in your email to renew, and go through the steps to purchase your renewal membership. Your Friends membership will not auto renew.

What benefits are included with my Friends membership?

Visit <https://macarthurbeach.org/membership/> to view all Membership levels and benefits.
Please note: Discounts and benefits are subject to change at any time.

When does my membership start?

Your Friends Membership starts immediately from the date of purchase and is valid for one (1) year. This also includes gift membership purchases.

When will I receive my membership card?

Members who join or renew online will receive 1 card within 1-2 weeks from the purchase date in the mail. We are unable to issue additional cards per Florida State Park regulations.

Who can I talk to if I have more questions?

If you have further questions, please contact the Friends of MacArthur Beach Communications Director, Jill Kohlbecker at 561-776-7449, ext. 110 or jill@macarthurbeach.org.