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Participants: Aaron Bryant, South Carolina State Parks
at 13:04:19 on 5/02/2020 UTC



Aaron Bryant

at 13:04:18 on 5/02/2020 UTC

Hello. I am planning to visit Devils Fork tomorrow to launch our boat on Lake Jocassee. It will be my family of 3, plus another family of 3. Will we be allowed by park rangers/staff to all be on the same boat? Thanks



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at 13:04:19 on 5/02/2020 UTC

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Aaron Bryant

at 13:14:55 on 3/03/2021 UTC

This reservation system for parking spaces continues to be a huge annoyance. My family and I have bought yearly park passes for the past 15 years, and currently have the All-Park Passport. How is it fair to those who spend the \$99 for a yearly pass, which you recently doubled the price of, btw, to be required to spend AN ADDITIONAL \$50 to 'reserve' a parking place for my car & boat trailer? I could understand charging that much for a non park pass holder, but it sure stings to have to pay the additional \$50 after purchasing the yearly park pass! It used to be a first come, first served situation, which was fine. AT THE VERY LEAST, you should make these reservations much more reasonably priced for season pass holders - either something like \$5 or free. It is UNFAIR for season pass holders to have to pay another 50% of what they paid for the pass in the first place just to be able to enjoy the park! Please help me understand why you consider this fair to us and not just plain old exploitation.



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at 13:14:56 on 3/03/2021 UTC

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South Carolina State Parks

at 13:25:25 on 3/03/2021 UTC

Your park passport will still get you into the park. You do not have to reserve a parking spot, this is just an option that we offer, and reserved parking is very limited. Most all of our parking is first come, first serve. Does that help?



Aaron Bryant

at 13:32:34 on 3/03/2021 UTC

My park passport has not gotten me and my family into the park the past 2 times I've tried. We were told by the rangers that there was no parking available without a reservation, even though we arrived very early in the morning and there was no line. There's no way that the lot was full of first come first serve patrons at that time. Over the past 15 years, we have become very aware that you gotta get there early on nice days to get in. But that has changed since you have been reserving spots. It is very unfair in my opinion to me as an All Parks

passholder to be turned away because I don't have a \$50 reservation. Like I said, I have no problem making a reservation for a parking spot, but the price for someone who already paid \$99 for the pass should be minimal if anything at all. Your new system is taking advantage of those who already paid handsomely to use the park.



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at 13:36:51 on 3/03/2021 UTC

Is there a contact number where someone can reach you?



Aaron Bryant

at 13:38:11 on 3/03/2021 UTC

Yes. (864)551-6536



South Carolina State Parks

at 13:38:21 on 3/03/2021 UTC

Thank you. Someone will be in touch.



Aaron Bryant

at 13:38:49 on 3/03/2021 UTC

That would be great. Thank you.



South Carolina State Parks

at 13:55:05 on 3/03/2021 UTC

Someone will contact you today. May I ask when was the last 2 times you tried and was told this? Month? Was it recently or sometimes last year?



Aaron Bryant

at 14:05:11 on 3/03/2021 UTC

It was last Fall. Last 2 attempted family trips before it got too cold.



Aaron Bryant

at 14:06:08 on 3/03/2021 UTC

Twice at Devil's Fork, and twice now at Jones Gap.



South Carolina State Parks

at 14:20:02 on 3/03/2021 UTC

OK. Thanks. Devils Fork is \$50 to reserve the spot, but Jones Gap is only \$5 for the spot and then you have to pay admission on top of that, so your passport is of value at Jones Gap. Here's the Jones Gap info from our website:
<https://embed.widencdn.net/pdf/plus/scprt/sfwhhmjta4/JG-parking-info-2020.pdf?u=fo5rh0>