

# TENNESSEE STATE PARKS

Department of Environment and Conservation  
Division of State Parks

## *POLICY DIRECTIVE: 114*

### TENNESSEE VETERANS DISCOUNTS

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#### SUBJECT OF POLICY

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#### **I. PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to extend discounts to Tennessee residents that are veterans in recognition of their service to the United States and as an incentive to visit and use Tennessee's State Parks.

#### **II. SCOPE:**

These discounts and privileges will apply in all Tennessee State Parks where the services are available.

#### **III. AUTHORITY:**

Tennessee Code Annotated §11-3-121, §58-3-112

#### **IV. BACKGROUND:**

Through Tennessee Code Annotated, §11-3-121(b)(1), the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee mandates that the commissioner shall offer discounted rates for activities at state parks to veterans who are Tennessee residents. The specific activities for which the discounts would apply, as well as the timing and amount shall be left to the commissioner's discretion provided that the discounts shall only be offered to resident veterans during the off season.

Tennessee Code Annotated, §58-3-112, states that the Division of State Parks shall designate one (1) day per year during which access to and use of all state parks, including, but not limited to, campgrounds and golf courses, shall be free of charge for all Tennessee veterans.

## **V. GENERAL:**

### A. Definitions:

**TENNESSEE VETERAN:** For purposes of this subsection “veteran” means a former member of the United States armed forces or a former member of a reserve or Tennessee National Guard unit who was called into active military service of the United States. Proof of veteran status can be provided by a DD214, VA benefits card, or retired military card.

Tennessee Resident means any person who can show proof of current residency in Tennessee through vehicle registration, TN Driver’s license or other ID which shows satisfactory proof of residency such as voter registration.

## **VI. PROCEDURES:**

A. **GOLF GREENS FEES** – On Veteran’s Day of each year, greens fees for 18 holes of golf will be waived for Tennessee resident veterans. All other golf related fees such as carts, driving range, etc. will still apply.

### B. **CAMPING** –

1. During the off-season, (November 1 through March 31), discounts on camping fees will be extended to all Tennessee resident veterans at the same discounted rate as offered to Tennessee senior campers. Specific rates will be as stated in *Tennessee State Parks Rate Schedule*. Premium sites excluded.

2. On Veterans Day of each year, Tennessee resident veterans will be granted one nights camping free of charge.

C. **DOCUMENTATION** – Proof of both Tennessee residency along with proof of veterans’ status should be secured. When proof of eligibility is verified, notation of the form of documentation, i.e. DD214, VA benefit card, TN drivers’ license, etc, should be entered on the receipt, folio, or registration screen applicable to the operation.