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## Parks Talk!

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Tell your Arizona Legislators TODAY that budgetary cuts to Arizona State Parks will hurt Arizona's communities and economy.

Link here to [Save Our State Parks flyer](#) with talking points and contacts in the Arizona [Senate](#) and [House of Representatives](#).

See ASU's Morrison Institute for Public Policy report "[The Price of Stewardship: The Future of Arizona's State Parks](#)"

### Visit a State Park This Weekend!

Arizona State Parks rely on gate fees to operate. Take time this weekend with holiday visitors to explore one of our exceptional [Arizona State Parks!](#)

Arizona State Parks Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 2004 to serve as a key partner to Arizona State Parks. For more information on ASPF, visit: [www.arizonastateparksfoundation.org](http://www.arizonastateparksfoundation.org)



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## Legislative Action to Fund Arizona State Parks

Two items created to establish sustainable funding for Arizona State Parks have been introduced in the Arizona House of Representatives. [House Bill 2628](#) was introduced by Representatives Jones, Campbell, Chabin, Fleming, Konopnicki, Mason, Pancrazi, Patterson, Brown, Cajero, Bedford, Court, Crandall, Deschene, Driggs, Heinz, McLain, Meyer, Pratt and Tobin and Senator Aguirre. [House Concurrent Resolution 2040](#) was introduced by Representatives Jones, Brown, Campbell, Chabin, Fleming, Konopnicki, Mason, McGuire, Young-Wright, Pancrazi, Deschene, Goodale, Heinz, McLain and Pratt.

Arizona State Parks Foundation endorses both items, however, the most expedient measure in response to the drastic needs of the state park system would be passage of HB2628. This bill, if passed by the House and Senate, then signed by Governor Jan Brewer, would require every person who is required to register a non-commercial vehicle the State of Arizona to pay an annual sustainable State Parks fee in an amount to be determined by the Arizona State Parks Board. The ASP Board would administer the fund, operate, maintain and make capital improvements to our state parks. All vehicles displaying an Arizona license plate would be provided free day use access to all Arizona State Parks.

HCR 2040 would be referred to state voters for their approval, probably at the November general election. It sets the annual fee at \$9.00 per vehicle. Under both measures, vehicles displaying Arizona license plates would be provided free day use access to Arizona State Parks.

Arizona State Parks Foundation urges you to contact your Legislative Representatives from the [House](#) and the [Senate](#) and encourage their support of both HB2628 and HCR 2040.

## SAVE OUR STATE PARKS RALLY

at the Arizona State Capitol

Monday, February 1st at 10:30 a.m.

Join Arizona State Parks Foundation at this important rally. Presented by Sierra Club, Grand Canyon Chapter, Save Our Parks is the focus of this event.

Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. and a program of speakers follows. Bill Meek, President of Arizona State Parks Foundation will be among the featured speakers.

Following the program, attendees will be encouraged to move to the House Floor Gallery for the 1:00 p.m. session opening. Afternoon hearings are scheduled to be conducted by the House and Senate Natural Resources Committees which represent the interests of Arizona State Parks to the full House and Senate.

Download these documents for speaking points and facts.  
[Save Our State Parks flyer by Arizona State Parks Foundation](#)  
[Save Our Parks - Sierra Club Fact Sheet](#)

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