

Questions and Answers About the Reinstated Parking Fees at Wilacre Park in Studio City

Wilacre Park, the popular trailhead at the corner of Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Fryman Road, is managed by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA).

Since 2014, the County of Los Angeles has subsidized operations and maintenance at Wilacre Park, allowing the MRCA to provide free parking at this highly used trailhead. Due to recent budget reductions, the County is no longer able to continue this financial support.

As a result, MRCA will reinstate parking fees to help support ongoing maintenance, public safety, operations, and upkeep of the park and trailhead. Parking fees were last charged at this location in 2014.

Beginning May 20, 2026, parking fees at Wilacre Park will be:

- **\$7 for up to two hours**
- **\$14 for up to four hours maximum per day per vehicle**

How does the parking fee work?

- Parking costs \$7 for up to two hours.
- Vehicles staying longer than two hours must pay an additional \$7, for a maximum of four hours per day.
- Vehicles may park for either one visit of up to four hours or two separate visits of up to two hours each in the same day.
- No vehicle may park in the Wilacre parking lot for more than four total hours per day.

So, if I pay \$14, does that mean I can stay all day?

No. The maximum parking time at Wilacre Park is four hours per vehicle per day.

How will payment be collected?

Payment will be collected through an electronic pay station, consistent with other MRCA park sites. Cash payments will also be accepted.

Will there be a monthly pass available?

At this time, there is no monthly or annual pass available for Wilacre Park.

What do these fees pay for?

Parking fees help support maintenance, operations, patrol, restroom upkeep, trail maintenance, and care of the surrounding parkland.

What hours do parking fees apply?

The parking lot is open daily from sunrise to sunset.

What if I don't pay the fee?

Vehicles parked without payment may be issued a parking citation.

Is there a fee to use the trail or picnic areas?

No. There is no fee to use the trail or picnic areas.

Why do I have to pay a parking fee now, when I haven't had to pay one for the last 10 years?

Since 2014, Los Angeles County has subsidized operations and maintenance at Wilacre Park, allowing MRCA to provide free parking. Due to recent County budget reductions, that funding is no longer available.

Does the MRCA charge for parking at other parks it manages?

Yes. MRCA charges for parking at many trailheads and parking lots within the more than 85,000 acres of parkland that it manages throughout the region.

Is there an MRCA-managed park nearby that does not charge parking fees?

Yes. Nearby Franklin Canyon Park has free parking.

Why is MRCA reinstating the parking fee at Wilacre Park?

MRCA is committed to maintaining public access to trails and open space while ensuring that parks and trailheads can continue to be safely maintained and operated.