

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 9282

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 11, 2026

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE (for herself, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. FIGURES, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mrs. MCIVER, Ms. FRIEDMAN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. GRIJALVA, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. RANDALL, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. BELL, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CARSON, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Ms. SIMON, and Ms. UNDERWOOD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to provide that entrance fees shall not be charged for entry to Federal recreational lands and water on certain days, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Encouraging Public  
3 Service in Our National Parks and Public Land Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds that—

6 (1) the units of the National Park System and  
7 other public land are protected for the benefit of all  
8 people of the United States; and

9 (2) fee-free days for units of the National Park  
10 System and other Federal recreational lands and  
11 waters—

12 (A) have been opportunities for the people  
13 of the United States to support units of the Na-  
14 tional Park System and other Federal rec-  
15 reational lands and waters through community  
16 service activities; and

17 (B) should align with important dates and  
18 holidays to show our national pride and encour-  
19 age volunteerism.

20 **SEC. 3. FEE-FREE DAYS FOR FEDERAL RECREATIONAL**  
21 **LANDS AND WATERS.**

22 Section 805(e) of the Federal Lands Recreation En-  
23 hancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6804(e)) is amended by strik-  
24 ing “The Secretary may provide for” and inserting the  
25 following:

1           “(1) FEE-FREE DAYS FOR FEDERAL REC-  
2 RECREATIONAL LANDS AND WATERS.—The Secretary  
3 shall provide for a free admission day or use of Fed-  
4 eral recreational lands and waters on the following  
5 days each year:

6           “(A) The Birthday of Martin Luther King,  
7 Jr., the third Monday in January.

8           “(B) The first day of National Park Week  
9 in April.

10          “(C) Juneteenth National Independence  
11 Day, June 19.

12          “(D) Great American Outdoors Day, Au-  
13 gust 4.

14          “(E) National Public Lands Day, the  
15 fourth Saturday in September.

16          “(F) Veterans Day, November 11.

17          “(2) ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY FOR FEDERAL  
18 RECREATIONAL LANDS AND WATERS.—In addition  
19 to the days required under paragraph (1), the Sec-  
20 retary may provide for”.

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