



# Every Kid Outdoors

## 2022-2023 Report

September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023

A summary of the interagency Every Kid Outdoors program, which offers free access to federal land and water recreation sites for fourth graders and their families.



# Summary

The number of free fourth grade passes issued through the Every Kid Outdoors program (EKO) grew for the second year in a row, reaching 29% more than 2021-2022.

Voucher requests increased to over 1.4 million. For the first time in program history, requests came from all 50 states and 5 major territories.

Over 300,000 students participated in EKO programming administered by host agencies, a 52% increase over the previous year.

## Our Next Generation of Stewards

Every Kid Outdoors mobilizes our next generation of stewards by introducing fourth graders to public lands in their backyards and beyond at an early age.

Research on EKO participants indicate that without free access, most (73%) would never have visited a national park<sup>1</sup>. Research also shows that participants are more likely to visit parks throughout the rest of their lives if they experience parks with their family or school at age 10<sup>2</sup>.

The Every Kid in a Park program began in 2015 as part of the National Park Service centennial. In September 2019, the program transitioned to Every Kid Outdoors with authorization through 2026 under the bipartisan Every Kid Outdoors Act (H.R. 1184).

[1] Every Kid in a Park Field Trip Grant Program 2015-2016 Final Report. National Park Foundation.

[2] Dilenschneider, C. (2019, September 4). [School Groups vs. Family Visitors: Which Kids Come Back As Adults? \(DATA\)](#). Impacts Experiences.

## 2022-2023 Highlights

**1,464,919** Vouchers given  
**143,926** Passes issued  
**6,532** Programs offered  
**317,754** Participants engaged

## EKO Participating Agencies

- National Park Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Bureau of Reclamation
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- U.S. Forest Service



Fourth graders or their families participate in EKO by visiting [everykidoutdoors.gov](https://everykidoutdoors.gov) or participating in an EKO program or event. Both engagement methods result in receipt of a voucher that can then be used to cover entrance or day use fees at federal recreation sites. Vouchers may be exchanged for a durable plastic pass at sites that issue annual passes.

Visit [everykidoutdoors.gov](https://everykidoutdoors.gov)

Participate in a program

## Get the Voucher



## Go Explore!





# Programs & Passes



2022-2023 4th Grade Pass

## Programs and Participants

317,754 fourth graders participated in 6,532 EKO programs.

Agency	Programs	Participants
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration*	-	13,491
U.S. Forest Service*	267	100,626
Bureau of Land Management	266	17,620
National Park Service	5,877	177,776
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,532</b>	<b>317,754</b>

Chart includes data available at time of reporting.

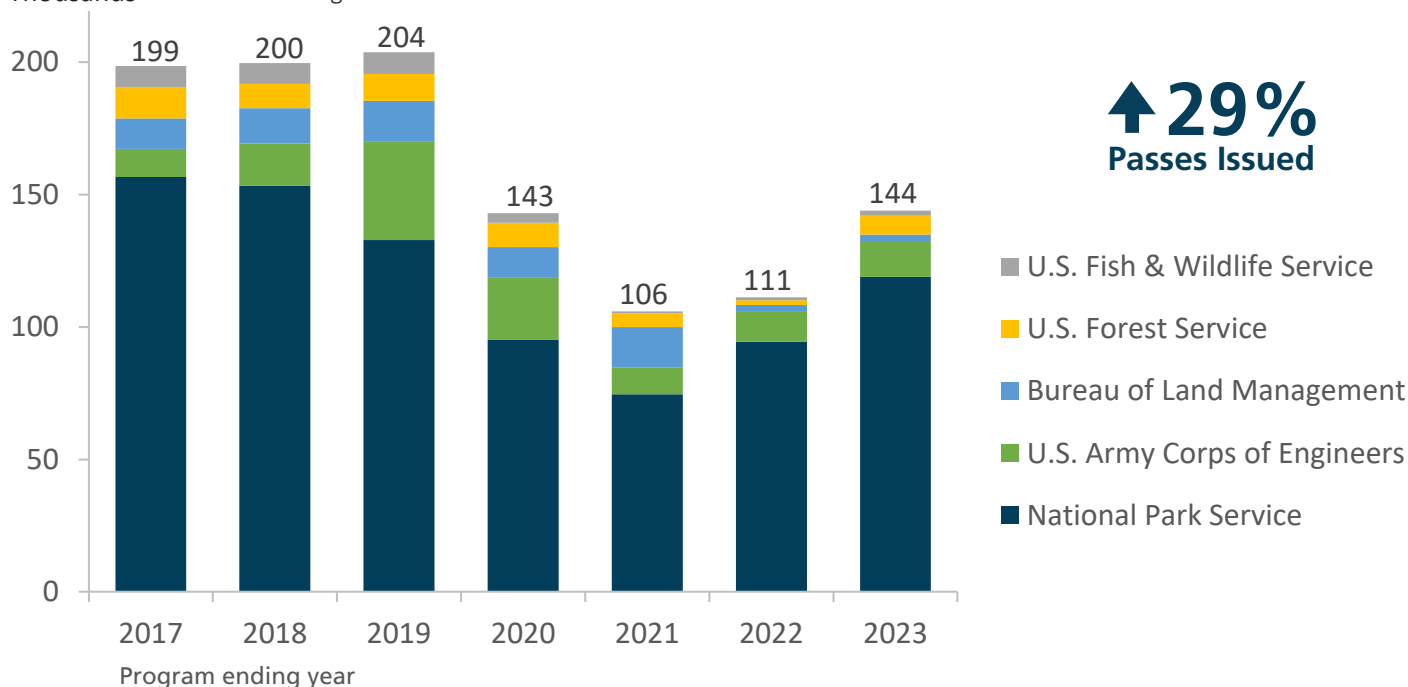
\*Program data reported for fiscal year 2023 (October-September).

↑ **52%**  
Program  
Participants

## 4th Grade Passes Issued by Agency

Fourth graders redeemed vouchers for 143,926 passes at federal recreation sites.

Thousands Δ YOY = Change Year-over-Year



↑ **29%**  
Passes Issued

Agency	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Δ YoY
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	7,909	7,882	8,154	3,671	716	1,055	1,929	83%
U.S. Forest Service	11,856	9,206	10,138	9,193	5,160	1,850	7,068	282%
Bureau of Land Management	11,474	13,304	15,191	11,309	15,437	2,284	2,814	23%
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	10,607	15,944	37,325	23,638	9,926	11,630	13,157	13%
National Park Service	156,678	153,308	132,880	95,175	74,638	94,391	118,958	26%
<b>Total</b>	<b>198,524</b>	<b>199,644</b>	<b>203,688</b>	<b>142,986</b>	<b>105,877</b>	<b>111,210</b>	<b>143,926</b>	<b>29%</b>

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation issued 0 passes in years 2017-2023.

# Vouchers

Fourth graders, caregivers, educators, or agency staff requested **1,464,919 vouchers** through [everykidoutdoors.gov](https://everykidoutdoors.gov).



State	2021	2022	2023	Δ YoY
Alabama	3,865	5,142	14,903	190%
Alaska	1,845	1,515	1,539	2%
Arizona	29,644	35,684	41,865	17%
Arkansas	3,656	4,652	9,896	113%
California	135,452	158,352	195,080	23%
Colorado	35,410	39,778	49,326	24%
Connecticut	3,806	5,275	6,477	23%
Delaware	2,971	3,948	5,982	52%
District of Columbia	3,042	4,038	5,351	33%
Florida	23,108	38,315	43,786	14%
Georgia	14,643	22,003	30,265	38%
Hawaii	1,884	3,689	4,730	28%
Idaho	34,475	12,031	17,018	41%
Illinois	26,144	33,444	46,331	39%
Indiana	13,451	19,318	31,598	64%
Iowa	8,072	10,312	12,442	21%
Kansas	7,085	9,364	10,159	8%
Kentucky	6,380	7,950	15,024	89%
Louisiana	3,555	2,173	4,542	109%
Maine	4,340	3,392	4,918	45%
Maryland	13,331	21,907	30,407	39%
Massachusetts	9,211	11,945	28,711	140%
Michigan	15,785	18,147	25,673	41%
Minnesota	18,781	21,879	27,285	25%
Mississippi	1,435	1,656	5,451	229%
Missouri	9,890	13,495	17,277	28%
Montana	6,434	5,749	7,557	31%
Nebraska	5,826	6,440	7,310	14%
Nevada	14,409	16,189	21,199	31%
New Hampshire	3,499	3,133	4,294	37%
New Jersey	13,573	17,277	24,153	40%

State	2021	2022	2023	Δ YoY
New Mexico	9,524	8,201	11,805	44%
New York	34,416	48,779	263,302	440%
North Carolina	11,609	13,249	20,705	56%
North Dakota	2,413	3,233	3,673	14%
Ohio	20,300	22,855	28,219	23%
Oklahoma	5,166	7,621	10,036	32%
Oregon	25,866	28,554	35,158	23%
Pennsylvania	16,223	23,369	29,313	25%
Rhode Island	950	1,217	1,496	23%
South Carolina	7,404	5,622	11,083	97%
South Dakota	3,076	3,975	3,072	-23%
Tennessee	10,077	15,874	18,633	17%
Texas	33,514	41,133	69,127	68%
Utah	40,591	41,675	47,719	15%
Vermont	660	799	2,074	160%
Virginia	25,902	36,079	54,474	51%
Washington	32,388	39,794	58,108	46%
West Virginia	3,835	3,422	3,769	51%
Wisconsin	20,011	29,470	36,054	22%
Wyoming	4,838	5,041	5,858	16%
Armed Forces Americas	155	144	67	-53%
Europe	3	2	2	0%
Pacific	102	68	16	-76%
American Samoa	50	74	49	-34%
Guam	-	-	1	-
Northern Mariana Isl.	5	11	154	1300%
Puerto Rico	-	1,012	24	-98%
Virgin Islands	272	176	247	40%
Grand Total	784,235	939,520	1,464,919	56%

# Passes Issued by Location

Bureau of Land Management Location	Passes
Casper BLM Field Office	50
Central Coast BLM Field Office	578
Colorado BLM Office	7
Colorado State BLM Office	5
Coos Bay District BLM Office	176
Lander BLM Field Office	1
Medford District BLM Office	995
Miles City BLM Field Office	89
Northeastern States BLM District	8
Red Rock Canyon BLM	804
Twin Falls BLM District Office	1
Vernal BLM Field Office	1
Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area	99
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,814</b>

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Location	Passes
Back Bay NWR	693
Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually NWR	120
Bosque del Apache NWR	10
Chincoteague NWR	41
DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge	664
Grays Harbor NWR	295
Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge	2
Iroquois NWR	61
Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge	3
Parker River National Wildlife Refuge	19
Rocky Mountain Arsenal NWR	7
Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge	3
St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge	2
Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge - La Crosse District	5
Wertheim NWR	4
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,929</b>

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Location	Passes
Alum Creek Lake Visitor Center	9
B. Everett Jordan Dam and Lake (Corps Office Only)	4
Bonneville Lock and Dam- Bradford Island Visitor Center	49
Clinton Lake Project	3
Coralville Lake	93
DeQueen Lake	153
Englebright Lake	221
Eufaula Lake	13
Fort Gibson Lake	79
Green River Lake	2
Hopkinton-Everett Lake	2
Illinois Waterway	332
John H. Kerr Dam and Reservoir	56
Keystone Lake	2
Leech Lake Recreation Area	134
Marion Reservoir	155
Mississippi River Visitor Center	4,506
National Great Rivers	1
Nolin River Lake	1
Philpott Lake	725
Proctor lake	5,892
Smithville Lake Project	1
Stanislaus River Parks	40
Stillhouse-Hollow Lake	2
Success Lake	87
Summersville Lake	265
Table Rock Lake	29
West Hill Dam	2
West Point	299
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>13,157</b>

# Passes Issued by Location, cont'd

U.S. Forest Service Location	Passes
Angeles NF - LA River District	2
Angeles NF - Main Office	15
Angeles NF - Mojave & Santa Clara River District	1
Angeles NF - San Gabriel River District	11
Apache-Sitgreaves NF - Black Mesa District	2
Apache-Sitgreaves NF - Lakeside District	567
Ashley NF - Main Office and Vernal District	3
Bighorn NF - Medicine Wheel/Paintrock District	110
Bighorn NF - Powder River District	88
Black Hills NF - Hell Canyon District	109
Black Hills NF - Main Office	4
Black Hills NF - Mystic District	3
Black Hills NF - Northern Hills District	1
Bridger-Teton NF - Greys River District	2
Bridger-Teton NF - Pinedale District	21
Bridger-Teton NF - Supervisor's Office	13
Caribou-Targhee NF - Ashton/Island Park District	1
Chequamegon-Nicolet Eagle River-Florence District	2
Chequamegon-Nicolet NF - Main Office	1
Cherokee NF - Nolichucky/Unaka District	2
Cibola NF - Main Office	2
Cleveland NF - Trabuco District	3
Coconino NF - Main Office	2
Coconino NF - Red Rock District	57
Coconino NF - Red Rock Visitor's Center	33
Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Office	212
Colville NF - Main Office	2
Colville NF - Republic District	2
Coronado NF - Santa Catalina District	33
Crooked River National Grassland	2
Deschutes NF - Bend/Fort Rock District	9
Eldorado NF - Placerville District	1,700
Finger Lakes NF - Hector Station	2
Fishlake NF - Beaver District	1
Fishlake NF - Fillmore District	7
Flathead NF - Main Office	1
Flathead NF - Tally Lake District	4
Gallatin NF - Hebgen Lake District	1
Gifford Pinchot NF - Cowlitz Valley District	4
Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison NF	62
Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison NF - Paonia District	4
Grey Towers National Historic Site	5
Helena NF - Helena District	3
Hells Canyon NRA - Riggins Field Office	11
Hoosier National Forest	1
Humboldt-Toiyabe NF - Carson District	1
Humboldt-Toiyabe NF - Main Office	2
Huron-Manistee NF - Main Office	1

U.S. Forest Service Location	Passes
Huron-Manistee NF - Mio District	1
Interagency Visitor's Center	2
Kaibab NF - Tusayan District	2
Kaibab NF - Williams District	77
Kisatchie NF - Calcasieu District	1
Kootenai NF - Fortine District	45
Lassen NF - Hat Creek District	1
Lewis & Clark NF - Main Office	6
Malheur NF - Emigrant Creek District	3
Medicine Bow NF - Brush Creek/Hayden District	1
Mendocino NF - Main Office	2
Mendocino NF - Upper Lake District	1
Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie	5
Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument	2
Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument-Johnston Ridge Observatory	108
Mt Baker/Snoqualmie NF - Snoqualmie District	28
Mt Hood NF - Clackamas River District	120
Mt Hood NF - Zigzag District	50
National Forests in Alabama - Conecuh NF	1
Nebraska National Forest - Main Office	1
Okanogan-Wenatchee NF - Cle Elum District	71
Okanogan-Wenatchee NF - Methow Valley District	5
Okanogan-Wenatchee NF - Naches District	435
Olympic NF - Main Office	14
Olympic NF - Pacific District	1
Payette NF - Council District	1
Payette NF - McCall District	7
Prescott NF - Bradshaw District	4
Prescott NF - Chino District	2
Rogue River - Siskiyou NF - Gold Beach District	1
Routt NF - Hahans Peak/Bears Ears District	1
Routt NF - Yampa District	3
San Bernardino NF - Front Country District - San Geronio Ranger Station	6
San Bernardino NF - Main Office	21
San Bernardino NF - San Jacinto District	1
San Juan NF - Columbine District	1
San Juan NF - Pagosa District	124
San Juan Public Lands Center - FS	82
Sawtooth NF - Minidoka District	6
Shasta-Trinity NF - Main Office	2,050
Shawnee NF - Hidden Springs District	1
Shawnee NF - Main Office	1
Shoshone NF - North Zone District	2
Sierra NF - High Sierra District	1
Six Rivers NF - Main Office	9
Stanislaus NF - Summit District	360
Superior NF - Gunflint District	1



# Passes Issued by Location, cont'd

U.S. Forest Service Location	Passes
Superior NF - LaCroix District	1
Superior NF - Laurentian District	1
Tonto NF - Cave Creek District	9
Tonto NF - Main Office	5
Tonto NF - Mesa District	28
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache NF - Evanston District	2
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache NF - Heber-Kamas District	29
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache NF - Kamas Work Center	38
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache NF - Logan District	9
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache NF - Pleasant Grove District	30
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache NF - SLC SO Office	7

U.S. Forest Service Location	Passes
Umatilla NF - Heppner Ranger District	1
Umatilla NF - Pomeroy District	23
Umatilla NF - Walla Walla District	1
US Forest Service Regional Office	71
Washington & Jefferson NF - Glenwood/Pedlar Districts	2
White Mountain NF - Main Office	1
White Mountain NF - Saco District	3
White River NF - Holy Cross District	6
White River NF - Rifle District	7
Willamette NF - Sweet Home District	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7,068</b>



Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area (BLM), Stacia Bartrom.

# Passes Issued by Location, cont'd

National Park Service Location	Passes
Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHS	586
Acadia National Park	1,974
Agate Fossil Beds National Monument	2
Antietam National Battlefield	585
Arches National Park	2,916
Assateague Island National Seashore	665
Badlands National Park	3,574
Bandelier National Monument	295
Big Bend National Park	369
Big Thicket National Preserve	1
Black Canyon of the Gunnison	318
Blue Ridge Parkway (Campgrounds Only)	86
Bryce Canyon National Park	1,400
Cabrillo National Monument	163
Canaveral National Seashore	70
Canyonlands National Park	146
Cape Cod National Seashore - Provincelands V.C.	349
Cape Cod National Seashore - Seasonally	237
Capitol Reef National Park	170
Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site	49
Carlsbad Caverns National Park	879
Castillo de San Marcos National Monument	927
Catoclin Mountain Park	1,662
Cedar Breaks National Monument	97
Chaco Culture National Historical Park	35
Chesapeake & Ohio Canal NHP	204
Chickasaw National Recreation Area	9
Colonial National Historical Park	132
Colorado National Monument	122
Congaree National Park	6
Coronado National Monument	1
Crater Lake National Park	825
Craters of the Moon National Monument	226
Cumberland Island National Seashore	67
Cuyahoga Valley National Park	288
Death Valley National Park	838
Delaware Water Gap NRA Headquarters	495
Denali National Park & Preserve	210
Devils Tower National Monument	419
Dinosaur National Monument (Passes only sold at UT location)	285
Edison National Historical Park	84
Everglades National Park	685
First State National Historical Park	1,253
Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument	353
Fort Davis National Historic Site	37
Fort McHenry National Monument	1,321
Fort Pulaski National Monument	93
Fort Scott National Historic Site	1

National Park Service Location	Passes
Fort Smith National Historic Site	126
Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Historical Park	286
Fort Vancouver National Historic Site	1,889
Fossil Butte National Monument	6
Gateway National Recreation Area - Sandy Hook	168
Glacier National Park	1,275
Glen Canyon NRA	278
Glen Canyon NRA (both AZ and UT)	13
Golden Gate NRA - Muir Woods Visitors Ctr	238
Golden Spike National Historical Park	264
Grand Canyon National Park	4,532
Grand Teton National Park	3,119
Great Basin National Park	78
Great Falls Park	5,061
Great Sand Dunes National Park	773
Great Smoky Mountain NP - Cades Cove Ranger Station	16
Great Smoky Mountains NP - Elkmont Campground	1
Great Smoky Mountains NP - Smokemont Campground	10
Guadalupe Mountains National Park	49
Gulf Islands National Seashore	283
Haleakala National Park	1,074
Harpers Ferry National Historical Park	495
Harry S. Truman National Historic Site	8
Hawaii Volcanoes National Park	1,165
Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt NHS	101
Hopewell Culture National Historical Park	2,348
Hovenweep National Monument	5
Ice Age & North Country National Scenic Trails	7,637
Indiana Dunes National Park	2,203
Isle Royale National Park	34
Jewel Cave National Monument	4
Joshua Tree National Park	3,837
Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park	1,234
Lake Mead National Recreation Area	648
Lassen Volcanic National Park	574
Lava Beds National Monument	223
Lewis & Clark National Historical Park	1,345
Lincoln Home National Historic Site	259
Little River Canyon National Preserve	429
Lowell National Historical Park	8,547
Mammoth Cave National Park	219
Mesa Verde National Park	881
Minute Man National Historical Park	11
Montezuma Castle National Monument	559
Mount Rainier National Park	1,488
Mount Rushmore National Memorial	163



# Passes Issued by Location, cont'd

National Park Service Location	Passes
Muir Woods National Monument (see also Golden Gate NRA, CA)	804
Natchez Trace Parkway	315
Natural Bridges National Monument	25
North Cascades National Park	120
Obed Wild and Scenic River	2
Olympic National Park	1,048
Oregon Caves National Monument	14
Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument	11
Outdoor Recreation Information Center	49
Padre Island National Seashore	81
Petrified Forest National Park	997
Petroglyph National Monument	218
Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore	680
Pinnacles National Monument	626
Pipe Spring National Monument	17
Pipestone National Monument	9
Pu'uhonua O Honaunau	449
Richmond National Battlefield Park	4,107
Rocky Mountain National Park	2,889
Sagamore Hill National Historic Site	13
Saguaro National Park	755
Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument	127
San Antonio Missions National Historic Park	3,710
San Juan National Historic Site	118

National Park Service Location	Passes
Scotts Bluff National Monument	74
Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park	1,592
Shenandoah National Park	770
Shenandoah National Park - Rockfish Entrance	232
Shenandoah National Park - Swift Run Entrance	206
Shenandoah National Park - Thornton Gap Entrance	244
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore	457
Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument	79
Theodore Roosevelt National Park - South Unit	603
Timpanogos Cave National Monument	83
Tonto National Monument	54
Tuzigoot National Monument	41
Ulysses S Grant National Historic Site	733
Vicksburg National Military Park	510
Virgin Islands National Park	15
Walnut Canyon National Monument	126
Whiskeytown National Recreation Area	86
White Sands National Monument	396
Wind Cave National Park	287
Wright Brothers National Memorial	105
Wupatki National Monument	84
Yellowstone National Park	5,646
Yosemite National Park	5,412
Zion National Park	4,474
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>118,958</b>



"The incentive of the Fourth Grade Pass and free entry inspired our family to let the kids each pick a lifelong family memory and conservation lesson of a lifetime. Plus, staff at the entrance always greet them like guests of honor."

-Sean Higgins, fourth grader parent





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