Canada's National Park Motor Vehicle Licences, 1923 to 2015



Glacier National Park, British Columbia

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New Information in Version 3 (August 2015)

- The title of this publication has been shortened. It now covers Canadian National Park motor licences through to 2015.
- Significant additions and revisions are added throughout the document.
- Additional sources of information are added in the References section.

Introduction

Banff National Park, Canada's first National Park, was created in 1885 before the introduction of automobiles but cars soon appeared on the scene. Since 1923, Canada's National Parks have used documents and objects to indicate payment of fees for the use of a motor vehicle in the parks. These items have variously been called a "national parks pass", "parks automobile licence", "national parks motor vehicle stamp", "vehicle permit" and other names. All of these items are revenue items but only some of them might be considered "revenue stamps". Regardless, the fees are one of the sources of revenue that assist the Canadian Parks Service (also called "Parks Canada") in its conservation and sustainable use mission. The designs of these licences have included wildlife — in particular buffalo, elk, moose and beaver — in many of the past 93 years; images of particular parks; and simple text.

There is very little literature published about Canada's National Parks Motor Vehicle Licences. One exception is a series of philatelic articles by Richardson (1968) alerting stamp collectors to the adhesive window decals that served as a form of federal revenue stamp in the 1960s. An initial listing of these licences with a few illustrations is also included in the book *The Hunting, Fishing and Conservation Stamps of Canada* (Rubec 2011). However, I felt it would be interesting to document and create a larger digital image collection representing more of this material. If you are able to add to this document or correct errors, please feel free to contact me (rubec@rogers.com)



Sunrise Valley, part of the Cabot Trail in Cape Breton National Park, Nova Scotia around 1940.

Six basic styles of Canadian National Parks licences are known to me, as discussed below. Metal plate toppers and radiator badges ceased to be manufactured in 1940 with the introduction of metal rationing and recycling during the war years. The styles include:

- **Paper or Card Licences:** Seen in 1923 (Section A) and from 1941 into the 1990s (Section D).
- **Metal Licence Plate Toppers** made of brass, copper or aluminum from 1924 or 1925 to 1940. They were attached to the front licence plate. They could also be attached to the front radiator of the vehicle. These depict a left-facing buffalo (Section B).
- **Metal Radiator Badges** may also have served as a national parks licence. They were attached to the front of the radiator on a vehicle. Badges seen include 1938 to 1940 National Parks examples (Section C) that are circular showing a beaver facing right (made of copper, about 13 cm tall). Metal National Parks Chauffeur badges and pins are also known from 1921 to 1958 (none are shown here; see Miles 2013). Also seen are 1933 to 1935 badges from Saskatchewan Provincial Parks that feature a left-facing beaver (made of aluminum) and a moose (Section F).
- **Self-adhesive Decals** on removable backings from 1941 to 1994 to be attached to the inside surface of an automobile front windshield. Also known are National Parks separate, self-adhesive window decals for camping trailers (Section D).
- **Rearview Mirror Shields** made of heavy plastic from 1995 to 2015 to be hung from the rearview mirror on the inside of the front window of an automobile (Section E).
- **Paper Receipts** generated by various methods (Section D).

Tables A to E outline five groups of these licences during the 1923 to 2015 period. It is not known if examples exist prior to 1923. The tables include items from the following years: 1923, 1925–1940, 1942, 1946, 1948–1954, 1956, 1958–1960, 1962–1976, 1978–1996, 1998–2002, and 2004–2015. I have not yet seen any national park licences for the 12 years not in this list. These groupings may need to be adjusted when more material is available. Eighty-one years are now represented in this digital image collection covering the 93 years from 1923 to 2015. Some years have examples of more than one style. The five tables of licences are:

- Table A: Early National Parks paper documents 1923;
- Table B: National Parks metal licence plate toppers/radiator badges 1924 to 1940 showing bison;
- Table C: Other National Parks metal radiator badges 1924 to 1940 showing beaver;
- Table D: National Parks Peel-off self-adhesive windshield decals and paper receipts 1939 to 1994; and
- Table E: National Parks Plastic rearview mirror shield hangers and paper receipts 1995 to 2015.



• "A Few Other Items" are also given in Table F.

The changing faces of an early road through Sinclair Canyon, Kootenay National Park, British Columbia. Photos by B. Engler, 1930 and 1965.

National Parks Motor Vehicle Licences 1923 to 2015 Tables A, B, C, D, E and F



A free Banff and Kootenay National Parks Seven-Day Pass for June 29-July 7, 1923 was issued marking the opening of the Banff-Windemere Highway on June 30, 1923 in British Columbia. This sticker is 228 mm (9 inches) wide, with black type on white paper on the back and shaped like a car of the era. The front side has the car in blue, white and yellow. A 2nd version noted has the June 30 date crossed out and July 1 stamped in blue above.



1923 Single-trip Canada National Parks Motor Vehicle Licence for Elk Island, Prince Albert, Riding Mountain, Waterton Lakes and Point Pelee National Parks. It is 76 mm (3 inches) wide with a 25-cent fee indicated. This licence is printed on heavy card, with black type on grey-green paper.



Roadway along the lakeshore in Banff National Park, British Columbia, circa 1925.



Image of park visitors in their car. Note the National Parks licence plate topper positioned on the front of the radiator. Location and year unknown.

Table B: National Parks Metal Licence Plate Toppers/Radiator Badges 1924 to 1940		
1924 (undated)	1925 (undated)	1926 (undated)
Buffalo plate topper, undated, likely brass. Said to exist but not seen).	Copper.	CATADIAN BATIONAL PARKS Aluminum.
1927 (undated)	1928 (dated 8)	1929 (dated 9)
Erass .	Copper.	GANADAS MATUMAL PARKS: 9) Aluminum.
1930 (dated 30)	1931 (dated 31)	1932
Brass.	Copper.	CANADAS NATIONAL PARKS 1532 Aluminum.

1933	1934	1935
CANADAS NATIONAL PARKS 1933	ELIZABLISI NATIONAL PARKS ISSU	CANADAS NATIONAL PARKS 1955
Brass. Aluminum examples are also said to exist, with 1932 stock restamped "3" over the "2".	Copper.	Aluminum, with two extra holes in base piece. Base letters are painted black, as is a horizontal line below
1007	1007	them.
1936 Style 1 with dark base and small "6." Brass.	1937 Copper.	1938 CANADA'S NATIONAL PARKS 1938 Aluminum.
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Style 2 with large restamped "6" and clear base. Brass. 1935 stock in aluminum exists with the "5" overstamped "6".		

1939	1940	1941
DANADAS NATIONAL PARKS 1939 Wide linear cut-out.	CAMADA'S NATIONAL PARKS 1940	Wartime metal rationing saw the end of the production of these metal plate toppers in 1941.
Thin linear cut-out: Brass. Thin linear cut-out: Thin linear cut-out; lower section painted black.	Linear cut-out.	



Style A Style B National Parks Metal Licence Plate Toppers/Radiator Badges 1924 to 1940

Year	Description	Additional
		Information
Style A: Buffalo w	ith front legs separate, uneven base	
1924	Not seen, but likely was first year of use.	
1925	Copper Buffalo Licence Plate Topper.	
(undated)		
1926 (undated)	Aluminum Buffalo Licence Plate Topper.	
1927 (undated)	Brass Buffalo Licence Plate Topper.	
Dated "8" (1928)	Copper Buffalo Licence Plate Topper.	
Dated "9" (1929)	Aluminum Buffalo Licence Plate Topper.	
Dated "30"	Brass Buffalo Licence Plate Topper.	
(1930)		
Dated "31"	Copper Buffalo Licence Plate Topper.	
(1931)		

Style B: Buff	Style B: Buffalo with front legs together, straight-edged base		
1932	Aluminum Buffalo Licence Plate Topper.	States "DINGWALL/ WINNIPEG" below front leg at left on front. Also says "DINGWALL/MADE IN/WINNIPEG" on back.	
1933	Brass Buffalo Licence Plate Topper.		
1934	Copper Buffalo Licence Plate Topper.	Made by Pritchard/Andrews Ltd., Ottawa. Base background is painted black behind the text.	
1935	Aluminum Buffalo Licence Plate Topper.	"Made by/Winnipeg Brass Ltd" in two lines on back.	
1936	Brass Buffalo Licence Plate Topper.		
1937	Copper Buffalo Licence Plate Topper.	"Made by/Winnipeg Brass" on back.	
1938	Aluminum Buffalo Licence Plate Topper.	"Made by/Winnipeg Brass" on back.	
1939	Brass licence plate topper, features a Buffalo, says "Canada's National Parks 1939." Also exists with lower section painted black on front.	Made by Hewitt Ltd., Vancouver, British Columbia. Says "HEWITT/VANCOUVER" on back.	
1940	Copper licence plate topper, features a Buffalo, says "Canada's National Parks 1940." Comes with and without a lower section and two different cut- out types.	Made by Winnipeg Brass Ltd., Winnipeg, Manitoba. Stamped "Winnipeg Brass, Winnipeg" on back.	



Image of the original roadway to Castle Mountain in Banff National Park, from a German tourism folio in the 1920s.



Highway bus on switchback road through Yoho National Par in, British Columbia (photo by Byron Harmon, about 1950).

Table C: Other National Parks Metal Radiator		
and Similar Badges 1924 to 1940		
1938	1939	1940
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Copper (?) beaver facing right.	Aluminum beaver facing right.	Copper version of 1940
Circular.	Circular. Second "9" appears added over a removed "8" in 1939. Brass versions of this 1939 item may exist also. Made by Hewitt-Vancouver Ltd. Open background. Used at Waterton Lakes, Prince Albert, Riding Mountain, Point Pelee and	Copper version of 1940 radiator badge, with beaver facing right. Wedge bottom, solid background. Made by Hewitt-Vancouver. Used at various Prairie National Parks and Point Pelee National Park in Ontario.
Aluminum beaver facing right. Circular. Open background.	several other Prairie national parks aswell as point Pelee NP in Ontario.	

Table D: National Parks Peel-Off Self-Adhesive WindshieldDecals and Paper Receipts 1939 to 1994				
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1941	1942	1943	1944	
Garrish (2013) says he illustrates this decal in his article. This is not confirmed due to the poor quality of that image.	EANADAS NATIONAL PARKS 1942			
1945	1946			
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1947	WEL	sauth have bein at agert for your operation is repeated by preserv- r moletting wild animale. Birds, REVENTING FOREST FIRES. COME TO NATIONAL PARKS		
	1946 Transier	nt Auto Licence with	I Family Angling Permit	on reverse.
1948	1949		1950	
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1951	1952	1953
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National Parks Buffalo Decals 1942 to 1952

Year	Description	Colours	Details
1942	Rectangular Buffalo	Blue and black	Instructions in black text on back for affixing
	window decal stating	design on white	decal to window. Produced by "Canada
	"Canada's National	paper.	Decalcomania Co. Limited, Toronto, Canada."
	Parks 1942" on front.		
1948	Rectangular Buffalo	Brown, ochre and	Instructions on how to apply the decal on
	decal stating	red on white	back in green, green five digit serial number
	"Canada's National	background.	at lower right. Produced by "Canada
	Parks 1948" on front.		Decalcomania Co. Limited, Toronto-Montreal"
			at lower left.
1949	Rectangular Buffalo	Brown, ochre and	Not seen.
	decal stating	red on clear	
	"Canada's National	background.	
	Parks 1949" on front.		

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1950	Die-cut window	Brown, ochre, green	Instructions in blue text on back for affixing
	decal cut to shape of	and black design on	decal to window. Produced by "Canada
	Buffalo stating	peel-off white paper	Decalcomania Co. Limited Montreal Toronto."
	"Canada's National	on grey paper	Says "Hyalac" at top. Blue five-digit control no.
	Parks 1950" on front.	backing.	at lower right corner on back.
1951	Die-cut window	Brown, ochre, red	Not seen.
	decal cut to shape of	and black design on	
	Buffalo stating	peel-off white paper	
	"Canada's National	on backing.	
	Parks 1951" on front.		
1952	Buffalo facing left on	Brown background	Transit Automobile Licence, black text on
	pale background,	with blue, red and	white on back with National Cash Register
	"National Parks" at	black type.	style (NCR) imprinted date and time of use
	top. "1952" at left		with \$2.00 fee in purple ink at top, six-digit
	and right vertically.		red control no. at bottom centre preceded by
			"NO." in black, "Dept. of Resources and
			Development." Car licence plate no. written in
			at top left. Included is a clear enveloped with
			black instructions for applying the decal,
			made by Lindgren-Turner Co. of Spokane,
			Washington.



National Parks Buffalo Decals 1953 to 1959

Year	Description	Colours	Details
1953	Buffalo facing left	Yellow, black and	National Parks Automobile Licence, black text
	with sunrays in	red.	on white, National Cash Register style (NCR)
	background.		imprinted date and time of use with \$2.00 fee
			in purple ink at top, six-digit red control no. at
			bottom centre preceded by "NO." in black,
			Northern Affairs and National Resources. Car
			licence plate no. written in at top left.
1954	Buffalo facing left on	Brown, yellow,	National Parks Automobile Licence, black text
	sunrays in	black and blue.	on white, National Cash Register style (NCR)
	background.		imprinted date and time of use with \$2.00 fee
			in purple ink at top, six-digit red control no. at
			bottom centre preceded by "NO." in black,
			Northern Affairs and National Resources. Car
			licence plate no. written in at top left.

1956	Buffalo facing left on	Brown, yellow,	National Parks Motor Licence, black text on
1,20	e		,
	sunrays in	black and orange.	white, NCR imprinted date and time of use
	background.		with \$2.00 fee in purple ink at top, with
			"JASPER NATIONAL PARK" handstamped in
			black (all caps), five-digit red control no. at
			bottom centre preceded by "Nº." in red,
			Northern Affairs and National Resources. Car
			licence plate no. written in at top left.
1958	Buffalo facing left on	Orange, black and	Not seen.
	sunrays in	yellow.	
	background.		
1959	Buffalo facing left on	Brown, yellow,	Licence, black text on white, NCR imprinted
	sunrays in	black and red.	date and time of use with \$3.00 fee in purple
	background.		ink at top,), five-digit red control no. at
			bottom centre preceded by "Nº." in red,
			Northern Affairs and National Resources. Car
			licence plate no. written in at top left.



National Parks Elk Decals 1960 to 1970

Year	Description	Colours	Details
1960	Elk facing left on	Yellow, brown,	National Park Motor Licence, all English, "No.
	sunrays in	black and green.	+ five digits" control no. in red at bottom
	background.		right, "1960" in red at top left. \$2.00 fee
			indicated at top. Dept. of Northern Affairs and
			Natural Resources.
1962	Elk facing left on	Yellow, ochre, black	National Park Motor Licence, all English, "No.
	sunrays in	and red.	+ six digits" control no. in red at bottom right,
	background. Year not		"1962" in red at top left. \$2.00 fee cash
	covering sunrays.		register imprint at top.
1963	Elk facing left with	Reddish brown,	Black text on reverse including "Canada/
	sunrays in the	yellow and black.	National Parks Motor Licence" in two lines.
	background, the year		Red "Fee \$2.00" in top right," red Serial No. in
	vertically at the left,		lower right, and red "1963" at top left also.
	"CANADA" at the top		
	and "NATIONAL		
	PARKS" at the		
	bottom.		
1964	Elk facing left on	Yellow, orange,	Not seen.
	sunrays in the	black and yellow.	
	background.		

1965	Elk facing left on	Brown, yellow,	Not seen.
	sunrays in the	black and red.	
	background.		
1966	Elk facing left on	Brown, yellow,	Not seen.
	sunrays in the	black and blue.	
	background.		
1970	Elk facing left on	Green and brown	Reverse side is white with serial number in
	sunrays in the	with "1970" in black	red in lower right corner and rest of text is
	background.	vertically at top left.	black. Bilingual.



National Parks Elk Decals 1967 to 1972

Year	Description	Colours	Details
1967	Elk facing left in on	Blue, yellow, and	National and Historic Parks Branch at top on
	solid background	brown.	back, black type on white paper, Fee stated at
	without sun-rays.		top right, \$2.00; six-digit control number at
	"1967" vertically at		bottom centre in red, preceded by "Nº.", says
	left.		"National Parks Motor Licence."
1968	Elk facing left on	Brown, Yellow,	Reverse side has black bilingual text on white
	solid background	Green and black.	paper. Control "Nº + six digits" in red at lower
	without sunrays.		centre; Fee \$2.00 at top right. "National Parks
			Motor Licence" at centre, "National and
			Historic Parks Branch" at top.
1969	Elk facing left on	Brown, black and	National and Historic Parks Branch "National
	solid background	orange.	Parks Motor Licence" at top centre. Red "No."
	without sunrays,		with six-digit red control number at bottom
	100x83 mm.		right.
1971	Elk facing left on	Red and brown.	Reverse side white, serial number red, rest is
	solid background		black. Serial no. at bottom left. Notes that it is
	without sunrays.		not valid in Point Pelee National Park unless
			"PP" is added to the front.
1972	Elk facing left on	Yellow, green and	Reverse side is light green with serial number
	solid background	black.	in red and rest of text is black. Serial no. is
	without sunrays.		located at top right. Notes that it is not valid
			in Point Pelee National Park unless "PP" is
			added to the front.



National Parks Beaver Decals 1954 to 1970

Year	Description	Colours	Details
1954	Beaver facing right on sunrays in background.	Brown, yellow, black and blue.	National Parks Automobile Licence, black text on white at top, National Cash Register style (NCR) imprinted date and
			time of use with \$1.00 fee in purple ink at top left, six-digit red control no. at
			bottom right preceded by "NO." in black, "Northern Affairs and National
			Resources" at centre."Riding Mountain National Park" handstamped in black at the top.
1956	Beaver facing right on sunrays in background.	Brown, red and black.	National Parks Automobile Licence, black text on white at top, National Cash Register style (NCR) imprinted date and time of use. "Riding Mountain National Park" handstamped in black at top. Black "N ^{o."} and five-digit red control no. at bottom right, "Northern Affairs and National Resources" at centre.
1963	Beaver facing right in black/orange/yellow with green sunrays in the background. The year is vertically at the left, "CANADA" at the top and "NATIONAL PARKS" in yellow at the bottom. The sticker is 108x88 mm in size.	Orange, yellow and black.	Black text on reverse including "Canada/ National Parks Motor Licence" in two lines. Red "Fee \$1.00" in top right, red Serial No. in lower right, and red "1963" at top left also. Handstamped in black "Prince Albert National Park" in capital letters at top.
1969	Beaver facing right in black with solid orange background, without sunrays.	Orange and black.	
1970	Beaver facing right in black with green sunrays in background.	Black and green.	



National Parks Elk and Beaver Decals 1973 to 1976

Year	Description	Colours	Details
1973	Elk facing right on forest	Brown and	Black text on white, National Parks
	background with text at top	yellow brown.	Motor Licence, Indian and northern
	and bottom. Rectangle.		Affairs, "Nº." and six-digit red control no.
			at lower left on back. No fee stated.
1974	Elk facing right in forest	Blue on green.	Black text on white paper bilingual with
	background with text at top		red control "Nº + six digits" at lower
	and bottom. Rectangle.		right. No fee stated. "Indian and
			Northern Affairs" at top. "National Parks
			Motor Licence" at centre.
1975	Elk facing right on forest	Black on red.	Not seen.
	background with text at top		
	and bottom. Rectangle.		
1976	Beaver facing right against	Brown text and	Back has bilingual instructions, with red
	plants in background with text	image on yellow	control no. in lower left. Handstamped
	on coloured bars top and	and green	"S" in red for senior. Dept. name is
	bottom. Decal is square shape.	background.	Indian and Northern Affairs.



National Parks Camper Trailer Decal 1970

Year	Description	Colours	Details
1970	Camping Trailer Motoring	Black text on	Used at National Parks in Alberta.
	Permit, window decal.	dark green.	65x45 mm. Self-adhesive.



National Parks Beaver Decals 1978 to 1994

Year	Description	Colours	Details
1978	Mainly yellow with brown	All yellow	"Parks Canada" and "Park Motor
	lettering and beaver logo on	with	Licence" at top, \$10.00 fee at bottom,
	front. "78" in lower left, Parks	brown logo	all white with dark brown type. Black
	Canada at top.	and	horizontal serial no. reading up (five
		wording.	digits with prefix "A") at right
			preceded by "Nº.". Bilingual.
1978?	Mainly yellow with brown	All yellow	"Parks Canada" and "park motor
	lettering and beaver logo on	with	licence" at top, \$20.00 fee at bottom,
	front. Says 'four day licence",	brown logo	all white with dark brown type.
	Parks Canada at top. Has "MAY	and	Brown horizontal serial no. reading
	25" on white strip at bottom	wording.	across (five digits) at centre bottom.
	below stamp.		Bilingual.
1979	Mainly yellow with brown	Yellow at	"Parks Canada" and "Park Motor
	lettering and beaver logo on	top, brown	Licence" at top, \$10.00 fee at bottom,
	front. "79" in lower left on front,	at bottom.	All yellow with brown type except
	Parks Canada at top.		black horizontal serial no. (six digits)
			at bottom. Bilingual.
1980	Mainly yellow with brown	Yellow at	"Parks Canada" and "Park Motor
	lettering and beaver logo on	bottom,	Licence" at top, \$10.00 fee at bottom,
	front. "80" in lower left, Parks	brown at	all yellow with (brown type. Black
	Canada at top.	top.	horizontal serial no. (six digits) at
			lower right reading up. Bilingual.
1980	Mainly yellow with brown	Yellow at	"Parks Canada" and "Park Motor
	lettering and beaver logo on	bottom,	Licence" at top, Free at bottom, all
	front. "80" in lower left, Parks	brown at	yellow with brown type. Black
	Canada at top. "S" senior citizen	top.	horizontal serial no. (five digits) at
	in brown at top left.		lower right reading up. Bilingual.
1981	Mainly yellow with brown	Yellow at	"Parks Canada" and "Park Motor
	lettering and beaver logo on	bottom,	Licence" at top, \$10.00 fee at bottom,
	front. "81" in lower left, Parks	brown at	all yellow with black type. Black
	Canada at top.	top.	horizontal serial no. (five digits) at
			lower left. Bilingual.
1982	All brown with yellow lettering		Park Motor Licence at top, \$10.00 fee
	and beaver logo on front. "82" in		and "Canada" wordmark at bottom;
	lower left, Parks Canada at top.		all yellow with brown type. Black
			vertical serial no. (six digits) at right.

Year	Description	Colours	Details
1983	All yellow with brown lettering		Park Motor Licence at top, \$10.00 fee
	and beaver logo on front. "83" in		and "Canada" wordmark at bottom;
	lower left, Parks Canada at top.		all yellow with brown type. Black
			vertical serial no. (six digits) at right.
1984	Parks Canada at top, "84" in	Brown and	Parks Motor licence, brown text on
	brown at lower left,	yellow,	yellow, \$10.00 fee stated at bottom,
		brown at	bilingual. Black six-digit serial no.
		top	vertically at lower right.
1985	Parks Canada 1885-1995 logo	Yellow and	Parks Canada motor licence. PC-729
	with beaver in lower panel; "85"	brown	(11-84) on lower left of back; six-digit
	in yellow at lower left.	yellow at	black control no. vertically at right.
	in yenow at lower left.	top.	Fee \$10.00 on back.
1985	Pin-on button with 100 th	Brown and	
1705		yellow.	-
1007	Anniversary theme	-	
1986	Beaver is brown, upper section	Brown and	PC-729 (12-85); six-digit black
1005	is brown. "86" in lower left.	yellow.	control. No. vertically at right.
1987	Beaver is white, both upper and	Brown and	PC-729 (12-86); six-digit black
	lower sections are brown. "87"	white	control no. vertically at right.
	in lower left.	(brown all	
		over).	
1987	"Environment Canada, Canadian	Dark	Not seen.
	Parks Service," Bruce Peninsula	brown or	
	(Ontario) National Park, One-	black on	
	day Licence to be affixed to	white	
	window. Three sections, centre	paper.	
	section includes beaver logo.		
	Handstamped date (87 Aug 27).		
1987	"Parks Canada," Four-day	Dark	Parks Motor Licence, black type on
	Licence to be affixed to window.	brown on	white on reverse with five-digit serial
	Three sections, centre section	yellow all	no. in red at bottom. Code: PC 736
	includes beaver logo.	three	(12-85).
	Handstamped date (87/09/14).	sections.	().
1986	"Parks Canada" in two lines	Dark	Not seen.
2700	(bilingual) at top; \$10.00 fee on	brown on	
	front.	yellow.	
1988	"Environment Canada/Parks	Dark	Information of use on back in brown,
1900	-		
	Canada" in two lines (bilingual)	brown on	six-digit control number in black,
	in top section. "88" at left and	yellow	vertically at right. PC-731 (12-87) at
	Parks Canada beaver logo in	with	lower left. Free.
	lower section. "S" (senior	brown on	
	citizen) at top left of front.	top.	
1988	"Environment Canada/Parks	Dark	Information of use on back in brown,
	Canada" in two lines (bilingual)	brown on	six-digit control number in black,
	in top section. "88" at left and	yellow;	vertically at right. PC-729 (12-87) at
	Parks Canada beaver logo in	brown on	lower left on back.
	lower section.	top.	

Year	Description	Colours	Details
1989	Same style as 1988, "89"	Yellow on	Same as 1988. Black control number
	instead. "Environment	dark	vertically at right on back side.
	Canada/Canadian Parks	brown	
	Service" in English and French	with	
	at top section and with beaver	yellow on	
	logo and "89" at left in lower	top.	
	section.	•	
1990	Same as 1988, with "90" instead.	Dark	Same as 1988 but with six-digit black
		brown on	control number in black at right
		yellow	vertically. Tear off piece, with black
		with	on white, instructions only, no control
		brown on	number. "90" at bottom left. PC-729
		top.	(12-89) at lower left.
1991	Same as 1988, with "91" instead.	Yellow on	Same as 1988. "Parks Motor Licence"
		dark	issued under the National Parks Act
		brown	or F.A.A. (Federal Administration Act).
		with the	Valid until 1992-03-31, affix to an
		yellow on	inside window on the left hand side of
		top.	motor vehicle." Canada Wordmark at
		1	bottom left, six-digit control number
			vertically at right. Bilingual – French
			on right side; English on left side.
1992	Same as 1988, but includes	Dark	Not seen.
	"Point Pelee/National Park" in	brown on	
	two lines (English only) on	yellow	
	front. Parks Canada beaver logo	with	
	in section below.	brown on	
	in section below.	top.	
1993	Same as 1988, but includes	Dark	Same as 1988. Recycled paper logo in
	"Point Pelee/National Park" in	brown on	lower right corner.
	two lines (bilingual) on front.	yellow	
	Parks Canada beaver logo in	with	
	section below.	yellow on	
		top.	
1993	Same as 1988, not specific to	Yellow on	Same as 1988, recycled paper logo at
_,,0	any park.	brown.	bottom right corner. Tear-off
	any partic	Yellow on	instructions, "93" at lower left, black
		top.	on white. "D" and six-digit black
		top.	control no. vertically at right on back.
			PC-7-29 (01-93) at lower left.
1002	As above with "S" in design.	Yellow on	Senior pass.
1993	in above man o in acoign	brown.	Senior Publi
1993			
	"Environment Canada. Canadian	Blue on	Blank.
Not	"Environment Canada, Canadian Parks Service." Bruce Peninsula	Blue on	Blank.
	"Environment Canada, Canadian Parks Service," Bruce Peninsula (Ontario) National Park, Daily		Blank.

Year	Description	Colours	Details
1994	"Canadian Heritage/Parks Canada" in four lines bilingual, with flag logo. "94" in lower left	Dark brown on yellow,	Not seen.
	corner.	yellow on top.	
1994	As above, with "S" in design.	Brown on yellow.	Senior pass.

Miscellaneous National Parks Paper Passes 1939 to 2013

Year	Description	Colours	Details
1939	Motor Vehicle Licence, single trip.	Black type and	Printed by Southam
(assumed)	Ticket -style receipt, 25 cents, roulette	black control	Press in 1930s, back is
	at ends.	number, with red	blank.
		background design	
		on buff, roulette.	
1950	Auto-Truck-Trailer-Bus, single trip.	Black type on	National Parks Canada
(assumed)	Ticket-style receipt, roulette at ends.	printed red	beaver logo in circle on
	Issued for Elk, Waterton Lakes, Point	background,	back, black type.
	Pelee, Riding Mountain and Prince	yellow paper.	
	Albert National Parks.		
1986	"One-day Licence" in centre below	Dark brown text	Instructions for "Parks
	Parks Canada beaver logo. "Parks	on white.	Motor Licence" with
	Canada" with flag in two lines		control number (black
	bilingual at top with stick-on tape at		letter "A" and six-digit
	top and bottom. Dated "86 AUG 27" in		number in red) at
	blue handstamp diagonally upward on		bottom.
	front.		
Unknown	Has three segments: "Canadian	Black type on	Not seen.
	Heritage/Parks Canada" bilingual in	green paper.	
	four lines at top with flag logo; "Parks		
	Licence" in two lines in middle,		
	bilingual; Valid until "AUG 28"		
	(handstamped) at bottom. Also seen:		
	example with handwritten "SEPT 01"		
	in expiry day block.		
Likely	"One-day Licence."	Black (or dark	Seven-digit red control
1985		brown) type on	number at bottom,
		white paper.	centred with serif
			lettering.
Likely	"One-day Licence".	Dark brown type	Control number is in
1986		on white paper.	black, non-serif letters.
1996	Cash register receipt, "Canadian	Red type on white	Blank.
	Heritage/Parks Canada" "Park Pass"	paper.	
	for Banff National Park with pink		
	Parks Canada beaver logo.		

Year	Description	Colours	Details
1996	Cash register receipt for Jasper	Pink type on white	Blank.
	National Park, West Gate for one day.	paper.	
1996	Cash register receipt, for Banff	Blue type on white	Blank.
	National Park East Gate, no logos,	paper.	
	multiple days.		
1996	Cash register receipt, "Canadian	Blue type on white	Blank.
	Heritage/Parks Canada" "Park Pass"	paper.	
	for Banff National Park with pink		
	Parks Canada beaver logo.		
1996,	Bilingual "Canadian Heritage/Parks	Small card, cream	Black type on cream-
1998	Service", Point Pelee National Park	coloured paper	coloured paper with
	Adult Annual Pass with white "write-	with black type.	white square inside
	on" segment for signature. "Canada" in		black lined box. Control
	lower right corner.		number is in black with
			one letter and four
			numbers.
2001	Cash register receipt for Jasper	Black type on	Pink type, "Park Pass"
	National Park for one day.	white paper.	with Parks Canada flag
			logo repeating, on white
			paper, for "display on
			dashboard on driver's
			side."
2005	Cash register receipt for Jasper	Black type on	Pink type, "Park Pass"
	National Park for six days.	white paper.	with Canada Wordmark
			and Parks Canada flag
			logo repeating, on white
			paper, for "display on
			dashboard on driver's
			side."
2012	Cash register receipt for Banff	Black type on	Blank.
	National Park Annual Family Pass	white paper.	
	dated December 28, 2012.		
2013	Cash receipt for two-day Lake Louise	Black type on	Blank.
	Pass, September 2013.	white paper.	



Early motorists in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado, USA.











Notes on Pass Coding That Started in 1999

English: F/G – Family/Group; YI – Youth Individual (6-16); YG –Youth Group; Y/J – Youth individual; A – Adult Individual (17-64); AG – Adult Group (17-64); SI – Senior Individual (65+); SG – Senior Group (65+).

French: F/G – Famille/groupe; JI – Jeune individuel (6-16); Y/J – Jeune individuel; GJ – Jeunes groupe; A – Adulte individuel (17-64); GA – Adultes groupe (17-64): AI – Aîné individuel (65+); GA – Aînés groupe (65+).

Year	Description	Colours
1995	Mirror hanging plate. "Canadian Heritage/Parks Canada"	Red and black.
	bilingual in four lines in red, with red block below "Mountain	
	Parks" all CAPS, "95" at lower right, includes Parks Canada	
	crown enforcement logo at left in red. Six-digit control number	
	on white sticker with bar code.	
1996	Mirror hanging plate. Good at all "Great Western Pass Annual."	Green and red
	Expires January 1997.	
1997	Mirror hanging plate. Bilingual "Canadian Heritage/Parks	Multi.
	Canada" in red in four lines at top. 2 nd block states "Great	
	Western/Annual Pass" in two lines, French version below.	
	Parks Canada beaver logo.	
1997 (not	Mirror hanging plate. Seasonal Pass for Prince Edward Island	Green, red and black
confirmed)	national park. Features a beaver design but not the same as	
	seen from 1998 onward. F/G coding. Unissued pass.	
1998	Mirror hanging plate. Good at all "Western Canada National	Green, red and black.
	Parks." Expires January 1999.	
1998	Mirror hanging decal featuring a bison with "AG/GA" sticker	Green, blue and black.
	good to March 1999.	
1999	Mirror hanging plate featuring a moose with AG sticker good	Multi.
	to June 2000.	
2000	Mirror hanging plate featuring a moose with AG sticker good	Multi.
	to August 2001.	
2002	Mirror hanging plate featuring a Whooping Crane scene with	Multi.
	"SG" sticker good to June 2003.	
2003	Mirror hanging plate. "Pass to National Parks of Canada"	Multi.
	bilingual in four lines, white on background image of	
	Whooping Crane. Sticker with bar code at bottom covers	
	"Canadian Heritage/Parks Canada" in red at bottom of plastic	
	decal. Canada logo and circular Parks Canada beaver logo at	
	top in black. Has "SG" sticker good to January 2005.	
2004	Mirror hanging plate. "Pass to National Parks of Canada"	Multi.
	bilingual in four lines, white on background image of	
	Newfoundland Marten. Sticker with bar code at bottom covers	
	"Canadian Heritage/Parks Canada" in red at bottom of plastic	
	decal. Canada logo and circular Parks Canada beaver logo at	
	top in black. Seen dated 11/04 and 01/05 with FG sticker.	

Hanging Mirror Decals 1995 to 2015

Year	Description	Colours
2005	Mirror hanging plate. "Pass to National Parks of Canada"	Multi.
	bilingual in four lines, white on multicoloured background	
	image of Blanding's Turtle. Sticker with bar code at bottom	
	covers "Canadian Heritage/Parks Canada" in red at bottom of	
	plastic decal. Canada logo and circular Parks Canada beaver	
	logo at top in black. Has "SI" sticker good to July 2006.	
2006	Mirror hanging plate. "Great Western Annual Pass." "Canadian	Multi.
	Heritage/Parks Canada" in four lines, bilingual at top in black	
	on clear, with red flag. Below is a signature block, with black	
	box below with moose image in inset multicoloured. Six-digit	
	control number black on white at left. Valid at 11 National	
	Parks listed in BC, AB, SK and MB. "Enjoy your visit/Bon	
	séjour" at bottom in one line.	
2006	Mirror hanging plate featuring an elk with "F/G" (Family or	Multi.
	<i>Group</i>) sticker good to June 2007.	
2007	Same as 2006 item listed above for "Great Western Annual	Multi.
	Pass."	
2007	Mirror hanging plate. "Pass to National Parks of Canada"	Multi.
2007	bilingual in four lines, white on multicoloured background	1 and 1
	image of Jasper National Park site called "The Ramparts."	
	Sticker with bar code at bottom covers "Canadian Heritage/	
	Parks Canada" in red at bottom of plastic decal. Canada logo	
	and circular Parks Canada beaver logo at top in black. Has "SI"	
	sticker good to January 2009. Seen also with F/G sticker,	
2008	expiry August 2008.	Multi.
2008	Mirror hanging plate featuring beach scene at sunset. Has F/G	Mulu.
2000	sticker good to September 2009.	Marile
2009	Mirror hanging plate. "Pass to National Parks of Canada"	Multi.
	bilingual in four lines, white on multicoloured background	
	image of camping yurt in Forillon National Park. Bar code with	
	eight-digit number at bottom covers "Canadian	
	Heritage/Parks Canada" in red at bottom of plastic decal.	
	Canada logo and circular Parks Canada beaver logo at top in	
	black. Has "SI" sticker good to May 2010. Same but also seen	
	good until 01/11 and 02/11.	
2010	Hanging plastic windshield plate as a "Parks Discovery Pass",	Multi.
	but in sepia colours of a scene in the Rockies, couple on	
	horseback. Has "F/G" sticker good to November 2011.	
2011	Hanging windshield plate featuring boy and soldier at historic	Multi.
	fort. Has "F/G" sticker good to April 2012. Also seen with	
	"SI/AI" sticker good to September 2012.	
2011	Hanging windshield plate featuring grizzly bear. "FG/GF"	Green, black and
	sticker good to July 2012.	brown.
2012	Blank white hanging windshield plate with pink sticker for	White.
	Waterton Lakes National Park Annual Pass with "F/G" sticker.	

Year	Description	Colours
2012	Hanging plastic windshield plate, multicoloured featuring	Multi.
	black ceremonial-hatted colonial soldier at Fort George,	
	commemorating the War of 1812, with "F/G" sticker good to	
	May 2013. Also seen same style with "F/G" sticker good to	
	January 2014. Also seen with "A" sticker good to January 2012.	
2013	Hanging plastic windshield plate, multicolored featuring	Multi.
	costumed crowd scene at Louisburg Fort, Nova Scotia with	
	"F/G" sticker good to June 2014. Also seen dated to August	
	2014. Also seen with "A" sticker code, good to July 2014; and	
	same good to September 2014. Also seen with "SI/AI" sticker	
	good to July 2014.	
2012	Hanging plastic windshield plate, multicolored featuring	Multi.
	young girl at a lake with a dock. Issued for use at Riding	
	Mountain National park, Manitoba with F/G sticker, valid to	
	March 2013.	
2014	Hanging plastic windshield plate, multicolored featuring	Multi.
	costumed soldiers on parade outside Halifax Citadel, Halifax,	
	Nova Scotia with senior's "S/I" sticker, valid to May 2015. Also	
	seen F/G sticker, valid to May 2015.	
2014	Hanging plastic windshield plate, multicolored featuring	Multi.
	cyclists in Prince Edward Island National Park, Halifax, Nova	
	Scotia. Sample seen only.	
2015	Hanging plastic windshield plate, multicolored featuring	Multi.
	person on beach with waves. Pass for Pacific Rim National	
	Park only with F/G sticker, no validity date (image from web	
	site).	
2015	Hanging plastic windshield plate, multicolored featuring scene	Multi.
	at Two-Jack Lake, Banff National Park family outside tent	
	cabins and bird watching. With F/G sticker, valid to June 2016,	
	Seen also F/G to April 2016. Green panel at top and base.	
2015	Hanging plastic windshield plate, multicolored featuring scene	Multi.
	at Two-Jack Lake, Banff National Park family outside tent	
	cabins and bird watching. With Y/J sticker, valid to June 2016.	
	Purple panel at top and base.	
2015	Hanging plastic windshield plate, multicolored featuring scene	Multi.
	at Two-Jack Lake, Banff National Park family outside tent	
	cabins and bird watching. With A sticker, valid to June 2016.	
	Blue panel at top and base.	



Spring Brook Hill gravel road looking east in Fundy National Park, New Brunswick, 1953.

Table F: A Few Other Items			
1954 CAA Manitoba Motor	1966-1967 National Parks	1985 National Parks	
League licence plate	Motor Livery licence plate.	Commemorative licence	
topper.		plate topper .	
This was not produced for the National Parks Service but is similar to their 1924-1940 metal plate topper designs.	Aluminum licence plate, 1966-1967, #1.	WITCH AND ALL PARKS WARKED THE NATIONAL PARKS	

Jasper National Park 100 th Anniversary 1907-2007	1990 Elk Island National Park Commemorative Piece.	Waterton Lakes National Parks Pass "Travel Decal".
JASPER NATIONAL PARK 1907 - CENTENNIAL - 2007 Aluminum	Not seen. Referenced in Parks Canada (1985). Buffalo image in Pewter, made by Friends of Elk Island. Says "1906" at base.	The status of this piece is unconfirmed. It is a decal pass, has holes for that. Was created by Waterton Lakes Board of Trade (year unknown). Issued to 14 cabin owners within the park it is "said." About 152x127 mm in size, vinyl possibly on aluminum.
1933 Saskatchewan Parks	1934 Saskatchewan Parks	1935 Saskatchewan Parks
radiator badge	radiator badge.	radiator badge.
Aluminum Beaver facing left, Saskatchewan Parks, 12.2x7.1 cm. Manufactured by Dingwall Studios, Winnipeg.	Image: Constraint of the second se	Image: Annufactured by Dingwall Studios, Winnipeg. Beaver painted brown. Auminum.Image: Annufactured by Dingwall Studios, Beaver painted brown. Overstamped 1933 item with redone "5".
1936 Saskatchewan Parks radiator badge.		1934 National Parks Boatman Badge.
Aluminum Beaver facing left.		Copper.

1933 Wild Animal Park, Moose Jaw Saskatchewan radiator badge.	2009 Replica plate topper created by Jasper-Yellowhead Museum and Archives of Bison.	
Brass. 1927 Ontario Motor	Limited run of 200 in brass. Heavy metal, thus a commemorative piece perhaps. Copper. Seen also with two small holes in middle.	Chatham, Ontario Motor
League Hamilton raditor badge, aluminum with porcelain centre. Beaver facing left.	1920s Ontario Motor League radiator cap, aluminum. Beaver facing right.	League radiator cap with beaver facing left at top. Year not indicated.
UNTARIO MOTOR LEAGUE 1927		CHERATIENAMD
Park Warden Badge, year unknown	Park Warden Badge, year unknown	1985 Commemorative Label Pin, Canadian Parks Service
Park Warden Badge in copper. Circular.	Park Warden Badge in copper. Circular, with badge number.	



Vehicle in British Columbia with two buffalo radiator badges, years unknown.

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Tourism photo of roadway in Banff National Park.



Cabot Trail, Cape Breton National Park, Nova Scotia