OC Parks and Facilities
Free Employee Parking

One of the many perks of working for the County of Orange is free parking at all OC Parks facilities (visit ocparks.com for a complete list of parks). While free parking at OC Parks facilities has been implemented for County employees since 2015, OC Parks has installed badge readers at all parks to help improve access. Instead of showing your County badge to the parking attendant at a regional park or placing it on your dashboard at a wilderness park or a County-operated beach parking lot, you will just have to swipe your badge at the badge reader located on the pay station.

Regional Parks with Gate Arm

- At the pay station, scan your badge at the badge reader. Your badge will need to be very close to the reader, actually touching it in some cases.
- You will not need to select any options on the screen, simply scan your badge.
- After you scanned your County badge, you should hear a beep.
- The gate arm will open. Please note, you will not receive a ticket when using your County badge at a park with a gate arm.

Wilderness Parks/Beaches with Pay and Display Machines

- If the pay and display machine is a solar machine, press the start button first to wake up the machine. Wait until you see words on the screen before using your badge.
- At the pay and display machine, scan your badge at the badge reader. Your badge will need to be very close to the reader, actually touching it in some cases.
- You will not need to select any options on the screen, simply scan your badge.
- After you scanned your County badge, you should hear a beep.
- The pay and display machine will print out a ticket.
- Collect the ticket from the ticket dispenser and place face up in a visible location on the vehicle dashboard.

Please note, your badge will only work once per hour per machine. This is to prevent potential misuse of access.

If you experience any issues, please email OC Parks Customer Relations Manager Edith Miranda at Edith.Miranda@ocparks.com or call her at (949) 585-6421. Be sure to share the name of the facility and the specific machine that you were using, as well as your badge ID number (the six-digit number located on the top right corner of your badge).