

Vehicle registration fee may fund Calif. state parks

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California motorists would get free year-round admission to all 278 state-owned beaches and parks under a proposed new ballot initiative, but here's the catch: It would cost them.

The contradiction stems from a carrot and stick approach — motorists' annual vehicle registration fees would rise by \$18 but they no longer would be charged for day use of parks.



Cross country
skiing is a
favorite
winter
activity in
Tahoe area
state parks.
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Much of the \$500 million expected to be generated each year would be used to bolster park funding and maintenance.

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