



AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL – THE NATIONAL PARKS AND FEDERAL RECREATIONAL LANDS ACCESS PASS

U.S. Department of the Interior - Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation, National Park Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

About the Access Pass:

The Access Pass is a free, lifetime pass available to United States citizens or permanent residents, regardless of age, that have a permanent disability. The Pass can be used at Federal recreation sites across the nation, including National Parks, National Wildlife Refuges, and many National Forest and other federal recreation lands. The Access Pass admits the Pass owner and any passengers traveling with him/her in a single non-commercial vehicle at per-vehicle fee areas or the Pass owner and three additional adults where per-person fees are charged. The Access Pass may also offer a discount on some expanded amenity fees, such as camping. Discounts offered by the Pass vary widely across the many different types of recreation sites. Before purchasing a pass you should check with recreation sites that you plan to visit, to verify that the pass will be accepted. Anytime a Pass is used, photo identification will be requested to verify Pass ownership.

How to Obtain an Access Pass:

The Pass may be obtained in one of three ways, either at a federal recreation site (URL for list of sites: <https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/pickup-pass-locations.htm>) where entrance or standard amenity fees are charged, online or through the mail. To obtain a Pass you must have photo identification to verify that you are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, which could include:

- A U.S. State or Territory issued Driver's License, Identification, or Birth Certificate
- A U.S. Passport or Passport Card
- A Permanent Resident Card (Green Card)

You must also provide documentation that you have a permanent disability, which could include:

- A statement signed by a licensed physician attesting that you have a permanent physical, mental, or sensory impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, and stating the nature of the impairment;
OR
- A document issued by a Federal agency, such as the U.S. Department of Veterans Administration, which attests that you have been medically determined to be eligible to receive Federal benefits as a result of blindness or permanent disability. Other acceptable Federal agency documents include proof of receipt of Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI);
OR
- A document issued by a State agency such as a vocational rehabilitation agency, which attests that you have been medically determined to be eligible to receive vocational rehabilitation agency benefits or services as a result of medically determined blindness or permanent disability. Showing a State motor vehicle department disability sticker, license plate or hang tag is not acceptable documentation.

Obtaining a Pass Through the Mail

To obtain an Access Pass through the mail you must complete this application, provide a photocopy of proof of citizenship or residency, documentation of disability and pay processing and shipping fees. The Access Pass is free; however, when applying by mail a \$5 processing fee plus actual shipping costs will be charged.

Obtaining a Pass Online

To obtain your pass Online you will be required to complete an online order form, upload an electronic version of your photo identification and documentation of disability and pay processing and shipping fees. The Access Pass is free; however, when applying online a \$5 processing fee plus actual shipping costs will be charged. Go to <https://store.usgs.gov> for more information and to place your order.

Obtaining a Pass in Person

If you apply for an Access Pass at a Federal recreation site you do NOT need to fill out this application. When you arrive at the recreation site, the officer selling the pass will verify your documentation of disability and that you are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident by checking your identification. You will then be issued the Pass. The Pass is free if obtained in person, there is no processing fee. Before making a trip to obtain a Pass, be sure to contact the site to ensure that they have passes available.

Replacement Passes:

Lost or stolen Passes cannot be replaced at this time. If your Pass has been misplaced, lost or stolen you must obtain a new one. Worn or damaged Passes can be replaced free of charge at any recreation site where Passes are issued, or through the mail by returning the Pass with this application and paying the five dollar (\$5) processing fee plus actual shipping costs.

NOTICES

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

General: The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004 (REA), 16 U.S.C. 6804 et seq.

Authority: The information collected is required to establish eligibility; process financial transactions to complete Pass purchase requests; fulfill Passes to individuals (“fulfill” and “fulfillment” refer to shipping and handling of Passes), federal recreation sites, and third parties; and provide associated customer services such as sending renewal notices and providing information about the Pass program and federal lands. Informational or promotional messages will be sent to individuals and organizations only if they have affirmatively requested such messages through an “opt-in” mechanism.

Purposes and Uses: In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C.552a(b) of the Privacy Act, records or information contained in this system may be disclosed outside the National Park Service as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) to other Federal, state, tribal, territorial, foreign or local government, educational, and other organizations, entities or individuals for the purpose of verifying eligibility to receive a Pass, prevent duplication, fraud and abuse, or as otherwise required by law when the disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were compiled as described under the system of records notice “America the Beautiful—The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass System, DOI-06”

Effects of Nondisclosure: Voluntary, however, failure to provide the requested information may impede individual from obtaining a Pass from the National Park Service.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) to determine adequate proof of disability and residency. The obligation to respond is required to obtain the Access Pass. You are not required to respond to this or any other Federal agency-sponsored information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has approved this collection of information and assigned Control No. 1024-0252.

ESTIMATED BURDEN STATEMENT

The public burden for the collection of information is estimated to be 10 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate, or any aspects of this form, to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service, 112201 Sunrise Valley Drive, (MS-242) Reston, VA 20191. Please do not send your form to this address.