

APPLICATION FOR MAIL ORDER SALES OF THE AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL – THE NATIONAL PARKS AND FEDERAL RECREATIONAL LANDS ACCESS PASS

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

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 over 2000 Federal recreation sites across the nation, including National Parks, National Wildlife Refuges, and many National Forest lands. The Access Pass admits the Pass owner and any passengers traveling with him/her in a 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. Pass owners are encouraged to check with sites they plan to visit before obtaining a pass to verify that their 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 two ways, either at a federal recreation site where entrance or standard amenity fees are charged or through the mail. To obtain a pass you must have identification to verify that you are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, which could include:

- A US State or Territory issued Drivers License, Identification or Birth Certificate
- A US Passport or Passport Card
- A Permanent Resident Card (Green Card)

You must also have 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 Veteran's 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 the 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 the processing fee. The cost of obtaining an Access Pass through the mail is ten dollars (\$10) for processing the application (the Pass is free).

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 ID. 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 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 ten dollar (\$10) processing fee.

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Your mail application for an Access Pass must include:

1. This completed, signed application form.
2. **Photocopy** of documentation issued by a Government agency or licensed physician that demonstrates permanent disability.
3. **Photocopy** of documentation issued by an authorized U.S. agency that demonstrates U.S. citizenship or permanent residence. (driver's license, passport, state issued ID).
4. Payment of the processing fee by either Credit Card, Check or Money Order.
5. For a pass replacement please submit the original worn pass.

****Do Not Send Original Documents****

Please Print Clearly

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Day Time Telephone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Payment

Credit Card Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____

Check/Money Order - payable to USGS for \$10.00 for the Pass.

By submitting this application:

I hereby affirm that I am a citizen of or domiciled in the United States, and that I have been medically determined to have a permanent physical, mental, or sensory impairment that severely limits one or more major life activities. Major life activities include functions such as: caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, etc. (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 USC § 705 20)).

Signature: _____

Date _____

Send your completed Application to:

USGS
Box 25286
Denver, CO 80225

Questions: fedrecpass@usgs.gov
1-888-ASK-USGS
(1-888-275-8747)

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Public 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. Comments regarding the burden estimate or any aspect of this collection of information may be sent to the National Park Service, WASO Fee Management Office, 1849 C St., NW (2608), Washington, D.C. 20240.

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