

# HOW-TO GUIDE: NATIONAL PARK ACCESS PASS

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The **Access Pass** is a free, lifetime entry pass to over 2,000 federal recreation sites for U.S. citizens or permanent residents with permanent disabilities.

## 1. Required Documentation

You must provide **one** of the following as proof of disability along with a photo ID:

- **Physician Statement:** A signed letter from a licensed physician stating you have a permanent disability.
- **Federal Agency Document:** Proof of SSDI, SSI, or a VA Summary of Benefits.
- **State Agency Document:** Documentation from a state vocational rehabilitation agency.

*Note: A state-issued handicap placard is not accepted as standalone proof for this pass.*

## 2. How to Apply

- **In Person (Free):** Visit any federal recreation site that charges an entrance fee. You will receive the pass immediately.
- **Online (\$10 Fee):** Apply through the USGS Store. You must upload digital copies of your ID and documentation.
- **By Mail (\$10 Fee):** Download the application from the USGS website and mail it with photocopies of your documents.

## Important Contacts & Links

**Online Application:** [store.usgs.gov/access-pass](https://store.usgs.gov/access-pass)

**USGS Store Help Line:** 1-888-275-8747 (Option 3)

**National Park Service Headquarters:** 1-202-208-6843

**NPS Accessibility Office Email:** [accessibility@nps.gov](mailto:accessibility@nps.gov)

### 3. Quick Tips for Use

- The pass covers the owner plus everyone in a single non-commercial vehicle.
- At "per-person" sites, it covers the owner and 3 additional adults.
- Keep the pass in a clear hangtag for unstaffed entrance stations.
- Always carry a photo ID with your pass.