



OBTAINING A DISABILITY PASS

Rhode Island State Law 32-1-17: No fee shall be charged to any person with a disability regardless of age, or to automobiles transporting a non-driver with a disability at any recreational facility owned by the state, provided, however, proper identification is presented as prescribed by the Department of Environmental Management. For the purpose of this section "person with a disability shall mean an individual who has a physical or mental impairment and is receiving: [A] **Social Security disability (SSDI)**, [B] **Supplemental Security Income benefits (SSI)** or **Veterans benefits** and who shall be determined under applicable federal law by the Federal Department of Veteran's Affairs to be 100% disabled through a service connected injury.

For this section "fees" shall **include** all fees for parking, admittance, or other user-fees for playing golf. The term "fees" shall **not include** licensing fees; camping fees, picnic table fees or specialized facility use fees, including, but not limited to fees for the use of equestrian areas, performing art centers, game fields and mule shed.

DISABILITY PASSES ARE ISSUED BEGINNING IN MAY AT FOLLOWING LOCATION:

DEM Parks Headquarters

1100 Tower Hill Road
North Kingstown, RI 02852

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday
9:00AM – 3:00PM

CONTACT INFORMATION

Tel: (401) 667-6200
Email: dem.riparks@dem.ri.gov

OBTAINING YOUR DISABILITY PASS FOR THE 2020 BEACH SEASON:

- **Anyone currently holding a 2019 disability pass will retain that pass and use it for the 2020 season ONLY.**
- **Anyone who needs to be entered into the system for a new pass MUST call in advance to schedule an appointment.**
 - **Once your appointment is made, you must call our office once you arrive for your appointment.**
 - **Staff will meet you at the door to verify your paperwork and process your pass. You can remain in your vehicle, and the pass will be brought to you.**
 - **We will not be taking photos this year. You must show your photo ID with your disability pass at the entrance booths. Minors can present a birth certificate if no photo ID.**
 - **Anyone who will be receiving a "Lifetime" disability pass, can receive their pass, but will have to return in 2021 in order to have your photograph taken and completed in our system. If you have a 2019 pass currently, you can use that this year and then come back for your "Lifetime" pass next season to avoid needing to come twice.**

***All Applicants Must Present a Valid Form of Photo Identification [Birth Certificate for Children]**

***All Applicants Must Appear in Person to Obtain Disability Pass**

First Time Disability Pass:

- Applicants, **under the age of 65**, must present a current letter from the Social Security office stating the following:
 1. Your full name and address
 2. Current date

3. Letter must state that you are receiving **monthly disability benefits**
 4. *This pass is required to be **renewed each year until the age of 65**. To renew, applicants must present current year **New Benefit Amount Letter** or a current letter from the Social Security Office stating Steps 1-4 (See above).
- Applicants, **over the age of 65**, must present a current letter from the Social Security office stating the following:
 1. Your full name and address
 2. Current date
 3. Letter must state that you **were receiving monthly disability benefits before the age of 65**
 4. *This pass **does not require renewal**; Applicants will receive Lifetime Pass

Disabled Veterans must present a current letter from the Veterans Administration stating the following:

1. Your full name and address
2. Current date
3. Letter must state that you are **100% disabled due to service connected injury**
4. *This pass is **required to be renewed each year unless you are no longer required to be reevaluated**
 - a) Please follow steps 1-4 for renewal

Disability Passes are Valid at the Following Locations:

1. Charlestown Breachway State Beach
2. East Beach State Beach
3. East Matunuck State Beach
4. Goddard State Golf Course (Not Valid for Golf Cart Rental)
5. Misquamicut State Beach
6. Roger Wheeler State Beach
7. Salty Brine State Beach
8. Scarborough North & South State Beach