

VETERANS WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES NOW CAN APPLY FOR A SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR VISITING AND STAYING IN STATE PARKS



The Pass:

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) offers Veteran's Pass that waives all camping fees for **Idaho** veterans who are *100% service-related disabled*. This pass, which is wallet size, is good for one camping site per eligible veteran for his/her family. All an eligible Idaho veteran will typically need to pay for are reservation fees (if you chose to reserve a site) and utility hookups (if available).

How to Apply for the Pass:

To apply for the identification card, veterans with a service-connected disability must:

1. Obtain a letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (Regional Office 805 W Franklin Street, Boise Idaho 83702, 800-827-1000) stating the veteran has a 100% service-connected disability.
2. Fill out and submit a short, one-page Idaho Department Parks and Recreation application. Fill out and submit a short, one-page Idaho Department Parks and Recreation application. The application is available by scrolling down to the end of this document (page #3), from state park offices, or by calling 1-208-514-2251-Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
3. Mail or bring the application and a copy of the letter from Veterans Affairs to:

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
ATTN: Veteran's Park Pass
5657 Warm Springs Ave.
Boise ID 83716

After the application is processed, IDPR sends the identification card in the mail, including veterans who choose to drop off their completed forms. The card is a lifetime pass for the veteran.

Other Valid Proof for Veterans without the IDPR Identification Card

A Disabled Veteran's license plate issued by the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) as described at <https://www.accessidaho.org/secure/itd/personalized/plates.html> on the Internet:

Disabled Veteran No fees required for eligible users. *Applicants must be veterans with a 100% disability that is 100% service connected.* Applicants must submit a Disabled Veteran Plate Eligibility Letter along with this application or the application's equivalent. This unique letter is only available from the Veterans Administration Regional Office (VARO) in Boise, Idaho. Call the VARO at (800) 827-1000 to find out if you meet eligibility requirements and to request an eligibility letter. These plates provide disability-parking privileges

How to Use the Pass:

When visiting the parks, please check in at the kiosk or visitor center, present your Veteran's Pass and obtain a fee envelope (either color will work). Mark on the outside of the envelope "Veteran Pass Holder" and leave on your dashboard. You may also place your Veteran's Pass card next to the envelope. Should there not be a park person on duty, the self-pay fee station provides envelopes.

Especially important:

- The basic fee for a campsite in which the veteran is camping will be waived. This waiver does not include specific fees for hookups, reservations, group accommodations, etc.
- Reservation fees are not waived if the veteran reserves a campsite using the online IDPR Reservation System or making a reservation by phone.
- No more than 15 consecutive days in a 30-day period can be reserved when using this pass on lands administered by IDPR.
- No more than one campsite at a time may be reserved.
- This card is non-transferable.
- Veterans receive entrance into parks for one vehicle only.
- Upon arrival, you may be asked to provide identification to IDPR staff.
- If you lose this card, request a replacement by sending us a letter with your name, address and home phone to IDPR 5657 Warm Springs Ave Boise ID 83716

Please note this fee waiver is for **state parks only**. County, federal and state campgrounds operated by other agencies will still charge you a fee. If you have any questions about the program or the ID card, please call 1-208-514-2251, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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Idaho veterans with 100% service-connected disability qualify for a free state park day-use pass and free state park tent and RV camping in Idaho State Parks. Camping is limited to a maximum of 15 days per month in the state park system.

To receive the pass, you need to do the following:

1. Obtain a letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs located at **805 W. Franklin Street, Boise Idaho 83702, (800-827-1000)** stating you have a 100% service-connected disability.
2. After you receive the letter, complete and sign this application.
3. Mail **both** this application and your letter from Veteran's Affairs (a copy is fine) to:

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Recreation

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You should receive your pass within three weeks.

Please print clearly

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Mailing address (street or PO Box): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: (____) _____

Both boxes must be checked to process your application:

- I state, under penalty of perjury, I am a U.S. veteran living in Idaho with a 100% service-related disability, discharged under honorable conditions.
- My letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is attached.

Signed

Date

Office use only

AppLication received date: _____ ID # assigned: _____

- Application complete & accepted
- AppLication incomplete & returned