

DISTINGUISHED VETERAN PASS PROGRAM

State of California - The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Qualified disabled war veterans, former prisoners of war or recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor are eligible to receive a Distinguished Veteran Pass, which entitles the holder to the use of all basic State Park System operated facilities, at no further charge. To qualify for the pass, the war veteran must be a California resident and provide proof of one of the following eligibility criteria:

- **Disabled War Veteran**: (1) A certificate from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating that the veteran was honorably discharged and that the disability is service-connected and rated at 50% or greater, and (2) Proof of service during wartime, and (3) A copy of his/her valid California Driver License or Identification Card as proof of California residency.
- **Prisoner of War**: (1) A letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or copy of personnel records from the appropriate United States military branch verifying former prisoner of war status and honorable discharge, and (2) A copy of his/her valid California Driver License or Identification Card as proof of California residency.
- **Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient**: (1) A letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or copy of personnel records from the appropriate United States military branch verifying Congressional Medal of Honor recipient status and honorable discharge, and (2) A copy of his/her valid California Driver License or Identification Card as proof of California residency.

All certification material will be retained by the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and cannot be returned.

Upon receipt of the pass, pass holders are advised that the following rules and restrictions apply:

- The pass is valid unless revoked, at any unit of the California State Park System operated by the California Department of Parks and Recreation. It is not valid at units operated by local government, private agencies or concessionaires.
- The pass may be used any day of the week, including holidays, if space is available. Space is not assured - use of facilities is on a "first-come, first-served" basis when space is available, unless reservations are made in advance. The pass is not valid for commercial use or for supplemental fees such as additional motor vehicles, sanitation disposal use, etc.
- The pass is non-transferable and non-refundable, and cannot be used in conjunction with any other pass and/or discount. Upon suitable proof, a lost or damaged pass may be replaced through reapplication
- The pass holder is required to present the Distinguished Veteran Pass and a valid California Driver License or Identification Card, along with any campsite reservation or tour ticket, and to pay any supplemental fees at the park.
- The pass may be used for parking one passenger vehicle with a capacity of nine persons or less where a vehicle day use fee is collected. (To receive pass benefits at self pay locations, place the pass on the vehicle dashboard where it is visible through the windshield.) The pass may be used for boating for one vessel associated with this vehicle. When a park requires a "ticket per person" admittance such as for museums, swimming pools, tours, etc., the discount applies only to the pass holder.
- The pass may be used for camping. Only the campsite occupied by the pass holder is subject to the discount. Any subsequent campsites reserved by the pass holder, but not occupied by the pass holder will be charged full price. The pass is not valid for group campsites. The pass holder must present the pass at check-in even when the campsite is reserved in advance.
- **Reservation Information**: Reservations can be made for campsites through ReserveAmerica by calling toll-free at 1-800-444-7275 (TDD 1-800-274-7275), or for Hearst Castle/Año Nuevo tours by calling toll free at 1-800-444-4445. **Pass holders must self-identify as a Distinguished Veteran Pass Holder when making reservations through ReserveAmerica.** No priority can be given to pass holders. Visitors reserving accessible campsites are required to possess a valid Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Disabled Placard or license plate and corresponding identification card issued by DMV. Disabled veterans possessing a valid disabled veteran's license plate and corresponding identification card also meet the requirement. All requests for accessible campsites must be made at the time of the reservation.

**If you have questions regarding the Distinguished Veteran Pass, contact
CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS PASS SALES at 1-800-777-0369.**

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DISTINGUISHED VETERAN PASS APPLICATION

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Please provide the following information:

NAME (print or type)	PHONE NUMBER ()
ADDRESS	CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE
SIGNATURE ▶	DATE

Submit this application with your certification material to:

BY MAIL: California State Parks
Attn: Distinguished Veteran Pass Program
P.O. Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

IN PERSON: California State Parks Pass Sales
3930 Seaport Blvd.
West Sacramento, CA 95691

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY	ISSUED BY (see reverse for disclosure information)	DATE	PASS NO.
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PRIVACY NOTICE

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AGENCY NAME Department of Parks and Recreation	DIVISION Park Operations
TITLE OF OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE INFORMATION Superintendent of Park Operations	
BUSINESS ADDRESS OF OFFICIAL 1416 Ninth Street, Room 1431 -- P.O. Box 942896, Sacramento, CA 94296-0001	TELEPHONE NUMBER (916) 653-4272
AUTHORITY WHICH AUTHORIZES THE MAINTENANCE OF THE INFORMATION Public Resources Code Section 5011.5.	
THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF INFORMATION ARE VOLUNTARY, ALL OTHERS ARE MANDATORY All information requested on the application is mandatory.	
THE CONSEQUENCES, IF ANY, OF NOT PROVIDING ALL OR ANY PART OF THE REQUESTED INFORMATION The applicant will not be issued a Distinguished Veteran Pass.	
THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S) WITHIN THE AGENCY FOR WHICH THE INFORMATION IS TO BE USED The information will be used to determine eligibility for issuance of Distinguished Veteran Passes which entitle the holder to the use of all basic State Park System operated facilities at no charge except for supplemental fees. Additionally, the information may be used to determine eligibility for other State Programs and to facilitate communication of such eligibility. Applications will be retained one calendar year plus prior calendar year for audit purposes and statistical data.	
KNOWN OR FORESEEABLE DISCLOSURES OF THE INFORMATION PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE SECTION 1798.24, SUBDIVISIONS (e) OR (f) Departmental Audits Office or Human Rights Office.	

NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

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