

America the Beautiful Interagency Passes

Frequently Asked Questions

Annual Pass

1. *Do I need to be a U.S. citizen to purchase an Interagency Annual Pass?*
 - **NO.** You are not required to be a U.S. citizen to purchase an Interagency Annual Pass.
2. *Can I bring the online purchase receipt for an Interagency Annual Pass to a day use park to receive entry if I have not received my card yet?*
 - **NO.** The online purchase receipt for a pass is not valid for entry into a park. You must bring a valid **punched** and **signed** pass for entry into a park.
3. *How long is my pass good for?*
 - **The pass is valid for 12 months from month of purchase.** For example, if you purchased the pass on March 3, 2016, the pass would be valid through March 31, 2017. It would not matter if you purchased the pass on March 1 or March 30, it will be valid through the month of purchase of the following year.
4. *Is a certain person required to sign the second name on my pass?*
 - **The pass must be signed to be valid.** It should be signed by the purchaser at the time of purchase. The second name slot can be signed by anyone else that the purchaser wishes to use the card. However, note that either of these individuals must be present when the card is used.

Senior Pass

1. *The qualifications for this pass say that I must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the U.S., what does this mean?*
 - **You must be a citizen of the U.S. or a permanent resident.** To be considered a resident you must have your domicile in the U.S. Your domicile is the place in which you live the majority of your time and the place you would live without any other residences. The country in which you would draw federal retirement and health benefits is the one in which you are domiciled.
2. *What forms of age verification can I use?*
 - **You may use your valid driver's license, passport, birth certificate, or permanent resident (green) card.**
3. *Why is there only one signature line on the pass?*
 - **The senior pass, unlike the annual pass, is issued only to the individual and is not useable by anyone else without the pass owner present.**
4. *Do I have to be present at a campsite for my family to utilize my senior pass discount at a campground?*

- **YES.** The pass holder must be present on the site for which the discount is being used. The pass holder **CANNOT** rent the site for family and then leave for the evening. The pass holder must be staying at the site for the entire stay. If it is determined that the pass holder has not resided for all or a portion of the stay, then the campsite will be charged the remainder of the full site charge for the portion of time that the pass holder was not there. This also means that a single pass **CANNOT** be used to rent multiple sites with a discount.
5. *What if I forget my senior pass and need to check in to my campsite?*
- If you forget your senior pass, then **you may either purchase another senior pass for \$10 with appropriate forms of age verification OR you may pay the regular use fee or full campsite rental fee.**
6. *If I have already made reservations for a campground, but have not received my senior pass yet, can I bring the senior pass to the campground and apply my discount at check-in?*
- NO. Your discount must be applied at the time the reservation is made. If you wish to utilize your discount, but have not received the senior pass yet, then you will either need to:
 1. Cancel your reservation and then make a new one after receiving your pass; or
 2. Pay full price for your stay

Access Pass

1. *What qualifies as a permanent disability?*
- The definition used for permanent disability is located in 7 C.F.R. 15e (103) and 29 U.S.C 705(20); but is **generally defined as a permanent physical, mental or sensory impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, such as caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working.**
2. *What documentation can I provide for verification of permanent disability status?*
- A statement from a licensed physician attesting that the applicant has a permanent disability as defined in the above definition. **OR**
 - A document issued by a Federal agency, such as the Veteran's Administration (VA), which attests the veteran has been determined to be disabled due to blindness or **ANY PERCENTAGE** of medical disability. Applicants may also present proof of receipt of Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI). **OR**
 - A document issued by a State agency attesting to permanent disability as defined above or vocational rehabilitation.
 - If you forget your documentation, you can utilize the Statement of Disability Form. You must read, sign and date this form attesting that you or the individual for which you provide care is permanently disabled. However, it should be noted that this form is an official statement of permanent disability and there are penalties for fraudulent use.
3. *I am a military veteran with disability from VA, am I required to have a certain percentage of disability?*
- **NO.** As a military veteran your statement of disability is the record of permanent disability and though it may provide a percentage, this is not a factor of your eligibility for the Access pass.

4. *There is only one signature line, but my child or adult for which I am the permanent caregiver cannot sign the card, what do I do?*
 - You will sign the card as a caregiver for the individual to which the card is being issued.
5. *If I have already made reservations for a campground, but have not received my access pass yet, can I bring the access pass to the campground and apply my discount at check-in?*
 - **NO.** Your discount must be applied at the time the reservation is made. If you wish to utilize your discount, but have not received the access pass yet, then you will either need to:
 1. Cancel your reservation and then make a new one after receiving your pass; or
 2. Pay full price for your stay

Military Pass

1. *I am a current member of the US military reserve or National Guard, do I qualify for a military pass?*
 - **YES.** Reserve members of the 5 branches, Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines and Navy and the National Guard qualify for the military pass if you are on active orders or selected (drilling) reserves. However, if you are in the Inactive reserves awaiting the end of your enlistment obligation, then you **DO NOT** qualify.
2. *I am a retired military member or have separated from the military, do I qualify to receive a military pass as a veteran?*
 - **NO.** Unfortunately, the military pass courtesy does not extend to those who are retired or separated from the services. However, if you have any level of VA documented military disability, then you qualify for the Interagency Access Pass.
3. *Can my wife or child receive a military pass as a dependent?*
 - **YES.** If your wife or dependent has a current issued dependent ID (Form 1173) then they can obtain their own military pass. However, if they do not have this ID then they can only be a secondary signer on the back of your pass.
4. *I am a member of NOAA or the Public Health Service, do I qualify for a military pass?*
 - **NO.** Unfortunately, the military pass courtesy only extends to members of the five (5) recognized branches of the US military.
5. *What proof must I provide of current US military service or dependent status?*
 - To receive your military pass **you must present a valid Common Access Card (CAC) that has not yet expired and clearly states that you are a member of the uniformed services or a cadet and the branch in which you serve. The branch on your CAC must be one of the five recognized branches of the US military.**
6. *I am a disabled veteran, don't I qualify for a military pass?*
 - **NO.** You do not qualify for a military pass, however, if your disability is documented with the Veteran's Administration you qualify for an Interagency Access Pass.
7. *I am a cadet at the academy for one of the five (5) branches of the US military, do I qualify for a military pass?*

- **YES.** As a cadet at an academy for one of the branches of the US military, you qualify to receive a military pass with proper identification.

Every Kid in a Park

1. *What is Every Kid in a Park?*
 - **The Every Kid in a Park initiative is designed to provide outdoor recreational opportunities for all children and their families by providing free access to federal lands (excludes campgrounds and some tour sites).** The initiative is designed to reach the largest majority of children before they reach age 11.
2. *How does my child register for their Every Kid in a Park Pass?*
 - You and your child should visit www.EveryKidinaPark.gov and follow the steps listed on the website. Once you complete the steps and activities on the site, you will be provided a voucher to print. Once printed, bring the voucher for the card to a site where the Interagency Pass is issued.
3. *My child is in the 3rd grade going into 4th grade, are they able to register for a pass?*
 - **NO.** Your child is not eligible for a 4th grade pass until the end of August. The 4th grade pass runs for a 12 month period from September through August of the following year.
4. *Can my family use my child's 4th Grade pass if they are not with us?*
 - **NO.** Your 4th grader must be present to utilize the pass. If it appears that the 4th grader named on the card is not present then the gate attendant will not allow you to utilize the pass and you will need to pay the standard use fee.
5. *Is it possible to receive a new pass if my child's pass is lost?*
 - If your child's pass is lost then they should go to the Every Kid in a Park website and complete the registration steps again. Once completed the student should present the voucher as they did when the initial pass was issued.