



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 AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION:

DEM Parks Headquarters

1100 Tower Hill Road
North Kingstown, RI 02852

Office Hours

Before May 1st:

Tuesday - Thursday 9AM - 3PM

After May 1st:

Monday - Friday 9AM - 3PM, Closed Holidays

Contact Information

Tel: (401)667-6200

Email: dem.riparks@dem.ri.gov

- *All Applicants Must Present a Valid Form of Photo Identification [Birth Certificate for Children]
- *All Applicants Must Appear in Person to Obtain Disability Pass
- *All Applicants Must request their Benefit Verification Letter from Social Security (see second page for instructions)

First Time Disability Pass:

- Applicants **under the age of 65** must present their **Benefit Verification Letter** or a letter from the Social Security Office for the **current year** stating the following:
 - Your full name and address
 - Current date
 - Letter must state that you are **receiving monthly disability benefits**
 - The letter must be signed by an authorized social security representative

*This pass is required to be **renewed each year until the age of 65**. To renew, please follow steps 1-4 (See above).

- Applicants **over the age of 65** must present their **Benefit Verification Letter** or a letter from the Social Security Office for the **current year** stating the following:
 - Your full name and address
 - Current date
 - Letter must state that you were **receiving monthly disability benefits before the age of 65**
 - The letter must be signed by an authorized social security representative

*This pass **does not require renewal**. Applicants will receive a **Lifetime Pass**.

Disabled Veterans Pass:

- Applicants must present a letter for the **current year** from the Veterans Administration stating the following:
 - Your full name and address
 - Current date
 - Letter must state that you are 100% disabled due to service-connected injury**
 - The letter must be signed by an authorized representative of the Veterans Administration

*This pass is required to be **renewed each year unless you are no longer required to be reevaluated**. To renew, please follow steps 1-4 (See above).

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

TO OBTAIN YOUR BENEFIT VERIFICATION LETTER THROUGH SOCIAL SECURITY, YOU MAY DO EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:

Option 1: Call your local Social Security office and request to have your letter mailed to you

Local Social Security office phone numbers:

Warwick: 1-866-964-2038

Providence: 1-877-402-0808 or toll free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778)

Pawtucket: 1-866-931-7079

Woonsocket: 1-877-229-3542

Newport: 1-866-235-5607

Fall River: 1-866-964-3967

Option 2: Visit the Social Security website www.ssa.gov/myaccount and login to print out your letter

PLEASE SEE BELOW

*** Website instructions and a sample letter are attached.**



The Fastest Way to Verify Social Security and Supplemental Security Income Benefits

Information for Advocates, Social Service Agencies, and Other Third Parties

If your clients need proof of their Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, let them know that the easiest way to get a benefit verification letter is online with a free, personal *my* Social Security account.

You can serve your clients faster because they no longer have to wait for a letter to be mailed to them. They can get the letter online,

With a personal *my* Social Security account, your clients who receive benefits can easily view, print, or save an official letter that includes proof of their:

- Income when they apply for a loan or mortgage.
- Income for assisted housing or other state or local benefits.
- Current Medicare health insurance coverage.
- Retirement status.
- **Disability.**
- Age.

We are asking agencies and other organizations to assist our mutual customers by sending clients to www.ssa.gov/myaccount. The fact sheet, *How to Create an Online Account* (Publication No. 05-10540), provides step-by-step instructions to help your clients create their personal account.

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