

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
Monday - Friday
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
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 <u>under the age of 65</u> must present their **Benefit Verification Letter** or a letter from the Social Security Office for the <u>current year</u> stating the following:
 - 1. Your full name and address
 - 2. Current date
 - 3. Letter must state that you are receiving monthly disability benefits
 - 4. 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:
 - 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. The letter must be signed by an authorized social security representative

Disabled Veterans Pass:

- Applicants must present a letter for the <u>current year</u> 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. The letter must be signed by an authorized representative of the Veterans Administration

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

^{*}This pass is required to be renewed each year <u>unless</u> 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 <u>www.ssa.gov/myaccount</u> 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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YOUR ONLINE ACCOUNT ... YOUR CONTROL ... www.ssa.gov/myaccount

Visit this site to request your letter



Sample Online Benefit Verification Letter



Date: Month D, Year BNC#: XXXXXXXXXXXXX REF: A, DI

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You asked us for information from your record. The information that you requested is shown below. If you want anyone else to have this information, you may send them this letter.

Information About Current Social Security Benefits

Beginning December 2019, the full monthly Social Security benefit before any deductions is \$566.00.

We deduct \$0.00 for medical insurance premiums each month.

The regular monthly Social Security payment is \$566.00. (We must round down to the whole dollar.)

Social Security benefits for a given month are paid the following month. (For example, Social Security benefits for March are paid in April.)

Your Social Security benefits are paid on or about the third of each month.

We found that you became disabled under our rules on September 30, 1993.

Information About Past Social Security Benefits

From December 2018 to November 2019, the full monthly Social Security benefit before any deductions was \$557.10.

We deducted \$0.00 for medical insurance premiums each month.

The regular monthly Social Security payment was \$557.00. (We must round down to the whole dollar.)

> Type of Social Security Benefit Information

You are entitled to monthly disability benefits.

See Next Page

Income Payments

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If you do call or visit an office, please have this letter with you. It will help us answer your questions. Also, if you plan to visit an office, you may call ahead to make an appointment. This will help us serve you more quickly when you arrive at the office.

Social Security Administration

