

# DISTINGUISHED VETERAN PASS APPLICATION

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

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California residents that are qualified disabled war veterans, former prisoners of war or recipients of the 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. No fee is required to obtain this pass.

**To qualify for the pass, all applicants (veterans) must attach proof of the following as specified in Section B:**

- 1) Photocopy of valid California Driver License or California Identification Card, **and** 2) Honorable discharge from service **and** 3) proof of current California residency, **and** 4) one of the eligibility criteria listed in Section B-4 for either Disabled War Veteran, Prisoner of War, or Medal of Honor Recipient eligibility.

Note that all certification material will be confidentially retained by California State Parks and cannot be returned.

**If you have questions regarding the Distinguished Veteran Pass, contact**

**CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS PASS SALES at 1-800-777-0369.**

(Information on this form is considered personal. See Page 2 for Privacy Notice.)

## A. Complete the following information:

NAME (print or type: Last, First, Middle Initial)		<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK HERE IF APPLYING FOR REPLACEMENT PASS	REASON FOR REPLACEMENT:
PHONE NUMBER ( )	DATE OF BIRTH	EMAIL ADDRESS	
MAILING ADDRESS / CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE			
HOME STREET ADDRESS / CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE (no post office boxes)		<input type="checkbox"/> Same as Mailing Address	CA DRIVER LICENSE / CA I.D. NO.
APPLICANT'S ORIGINAL SIGNATURE - I certify under penalty of perjury, the foregoing is true and correct.		TODAY'S DATE	<input type="checkbox"/> ALL FOUR CATEGORIES (B) OF CERTIFICATION ATTACHED

## B. Attach the following certification materials with sensitive/confidential information redacted to this application:

**(NOTE: All certification material will be confidentially retained by California State Parks and cannot be returned.)**

1. A copy of valid CA Driver License or CA Identification Card showing veteran's current California residence address (interim/temporary not accepted) **and**
2. Proof of Honorable Discharge **and**
3. Proof of current California residency using **one of the methods listed below**. Dates on acceptable documents to meet requirements **MUST** be current and bear the veteran's name and corresponding physical address provided on this application.
  - VA Disability Compensation/Pension monthly statement for most recent three consecutive months with applicant's name and California residence address clearly displayed; OR
  - Current property tax bill showing homeowner's property tax exemption filed in California; OR
  - California Voter Registration card or affidavit from Registrar of voters; OR
  - Form 1098T, Tuition Payments Statement showing CA resident in-state tuition paid for most recent tax year; OR
  - Utility bill (electricity, gas, or cable) statement of charges for most recent three consecutive months; OR
  - Signed, dated and notarized rental agreement/contract; **and**
4. Also include the following attachment(s) for the applicant's specific eligibility qualification as follows:
  - **For DISABLED WAR VETERANS also include all of the following:**
    - 1 - Proof of service during VA recognized wartime periods. (e.g. DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty with confidential info redacted.)
    - 2 - A current certificate from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs dated within one year of application stating the veteran's disability: 1- is service-connected **and** 2 - has an overall/combined rating at 50% or greater as determined by the Veterans Affairs' combined rating table (e.g. VA "Summary of Benefits Letter" from the Department of Veterans Affairs at (800) 827-1000, voice prompt "Letters" or www.ebenefits.va.gov.)
  - **For PRISONERS OF WAR also include:**
    - 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.
  - **For MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS also include:**
    - A letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or copy of personnel records from the appropriate United States military branch verifying Medal of Honor recipient status.

## C. Submit this application with your certification material by mail or in person to:

<b>MAIL:</b> (Allow 8-10 weeks for processing) California State Parks Attn: Distinguished Veteran Pass Program P.O. Box 942896 Sacramento, CA 94296-0001	<b>IN PERSON:</b> Park Pass Sales Office 1416 9th Street - Room 116 Sacramento, CA 95814
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### FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

VERIFIED BY	DATE	ISSUED BY	DATE	PASS NO.
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**NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES:** The information entered on this form is classified as "personal" under the Information Practices Act (Civil Code Section 1798). The Department's Legal Office should be consulted before any disclosure is made.

## DISTINGUISHED VETERAN PASS – Terms and Conditions –

This is a lifetime pass and is valid for use of the pass owner only. Once pass is received, you may use passcard for applicable benefits. Pass owner agrees to the Terms and Conditions of this pass and any rules/regulations applicable to California State Parks, as amended from time to time. Violation may result in pass revocation. Inquire at the location of purchase or visit [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov) for the complete list of Terms and Conditions.

- The pass is issued as a personal benefit to the pass holder only. The pass holder may not lend, loan, reassign, or resell their pass or the privileges allowed by the pass to anyone else. The pass is non-transferable and non-refundable, and cannot be used in conjunction with any other pass and/or discount. A lost or damaged pass may be replaced only through reapplication.
- 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 federal or 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 special events, commercial or group use or for supplemental fees such as additional motor vehicles, sanitation disposal use, etc.
- The pass holder is required to present the Distinguished Veteran Pass (photocopies not accepted) and a valid California Driver License or California Identification Card showing current California residence address (Interim/temporary not accepted), along with any campsite reservation or tour ticket, and to pay any supplemental fees at the park.
- The pass may be used for entry of 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 family 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. Making multiple overlapping reservations using your discount is not allowed and will place your pass in jeopardy of revocation. The pass is not valid for group campsites. The pass holder must be 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 issued by DMV also meet the requirement. All requests for accessible campsites must be made at the time of the reservation.

### PRIVACY NOTICE

*Section 1798.17 of the Civil Code requires this notice be provided when collecting personal information from individuals. Each individual has the right to review personal information maintained by this agency, unless access is exempted by law.*

AGENCY NAME Department of Parks and Recreation	DIVISION Marketing and Business Development
TITLE OF OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE INFORMATION Staff Park and Recreation Specialist	
BUSINESS ADDRESS OF OFFICIAL 1416 Ninth Street, Room 116; P.O. Box 942896, Sacramento, CA 94296-0001	TELEPHONE NUMBER (916) 653-8280
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.	