

DISTINGUISHED VETERAN PASS APPLICATION

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

For pass terms and conditions, see Page 2.

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California residents that are 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. No fee is required to obtain this pass.

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

- Honorable discharge from service, **and**
- California residency, **and**
- **One** of the eligibility criteria below (**attachments required, see Section B-3 for details**).
 - **DISABLED WAR VETERAN:** Proof of service in the United States military during wartime and a service-connected disability that is rated at 50% or greater.
 - **PRISONER OF WAR:** Proof of being held captive as a prisoner of war.
 - **CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT:** Proof of being a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient.

Note that all certification material will be 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)	PHONE NUMBER ()	EMAIL ADDRESS
MAILING ADDRESS / CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE		
HOME STREET ADDRESS / CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE (no post office boxes)		Same as Mailing Address
SIGNATURE ▶		DATE

**B. Attach the following certification materials with sensitive/confidential information redacted to this application:
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1. A copy of valid CA Driver License or CA Identification Card showing veteran's California address; **and**
2. 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 three consecutive months; 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 California resident in-state tuition paid; OR
 - Utility bill (electricity, gas, or cable) statement of charges for three consecutive months; OR
 - Signed, dated and notarized rental agreement/contract; **and**
3. Also include the following attachment(s) for the applicant's specific eligibility qualification as follows:
 - **For DISABLED WAR VETERANS also include:**
 - A certificate from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating that the veteran was honorably discharged, and that the veteran's disability is service-connected and has an overall rating at 50% or greater as determined by the Veterans Affairs' combined rating table, **and**
 - Proof of service during wartime.
 - **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 and honorable discharge.
 - **For CONGRESSIONAL 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 Congressional Medal of Honor recipient status and honorable discharge.

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

MAIL: California State Parks Attn: Distinguished Veteran Pass Program P.O. Box 942896 Sacramento, CA 94296-0001	IN PERSON: Park Pass Sales Office 1416 9th Street - Room 144 Sacramento, CA 95814
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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 –

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 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 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 holder is required to present the Distinguished Veteran Pass and a valid California Driver License or California 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 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 dash-board 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 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 Park Operations
TITLE OF OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE INFORMATION Manager of Visitor Services, 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 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.	