

## GOLDEN BEAR PASS APPLICATION

**2025 Calendar Year (Valid January - December) - Application Fee Waived**

To qualify for the Golden Bear Pass, the applicant must currently receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), **OR** receive aid under the CalWORKs program (as defined below), **OR** be 62 and over and meet certain income limits.

Privacy Notice - please see Page 4.

Apply electronically through [www.ReserveCalifornia.com](http://www.ReserveCalifornia.com) instead of by mail for the fastest review time.

Please allow 4-6 weeks for mail-in applications to be processed.

<b>A. Personal Information:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF APPLYING TO REPLACE A LOST/STOLEN PASS FROM THIS CALENDAR YEAR.				
APPLICANT NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)(Photo ID required)		SPOUSE / REGISTERED DOMESTIC PARTNER (Photo ID required if named on pass)		
PHONE NUMBER	DATE OF BIRTH	E-MAIL 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		
APPLICANT ORIGINAL SIGNATURE (E-SIGNATURES AND PHOTOCOPIES NOT ACCEPTED) <i>I certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided below is true and correct.</i>		VALID DRIVER LICENSE/OTHER PHOTO ID NO. <i>(Attach copy if applying by mail)</i>	TODAY'S DATE	
<b>B. Attach the following items to this application with <u>sensitive/confidential information omitted</u>:</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A copy of a valid state issued driver license or photo identification (interim/temporary not accepted) issued by the state or federal government, or a current school ID.</li><li>A copy of a valid photo ID also required for spouse or registered domestic partner if named on pass.</li><li>Required documentation based on selected certification below in Section C.</li></ul>				
<b>C. Check one of the following boxes to indicate the provisions under which you qualify:</b>				
<p>1. <b>Receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI)</b> [CA State Welfare and Institutions Code Section 12200]. Applicant must provide a current statement of SSI benefits or current benefit verification letter from the U. S. Social Security Administration (dated within one year of application). Applicant must be at least 16 years of age.</p> <p>2. <b>Receiving aid under the CalWORKs Program</b> under the provisions of the California State Welfare and Institutions Code beginning at Section 11200. Applicant must verify their CalWORKs case is ACTIVE in the month the Golden Bear Pass application is submitted by providing documentation from their online benefits system or the county social services agency.</p> <p>3. <b>Single, age 62 or over</b> and average gross monthly income from all sources does not exceed <b>\$1,732</b>. (Complete &amp; attach page 2)</p> <p>4. <b>Married or registered domestic partnership, primary applicant aged 62 or over</b> and combined average gross monthly income from all sources does not exceed <b>\$2,352</b>. (Complete &amp; attach page 2)</p>				
<b>ISSUING OFFICE USE ONLY</b> <b>Retain applications for one year from the end of the calendar year, then destroy.</b>				
INCOME VERIFICATION TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4		INCOME ELIGIBILITY VERIFIED BY		DATE
PASS ISSUED BY		DATE	DISTRICT/UNIT <input type="checkbox"/> Mail-in (HQ ONLY)	PASS NUMBER
<b>NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES:</b> The information entered on this form is classified as "personal" under the Information Practices Act (Civil Code Section 1798). When filing in person, supporting documents may be returned to the applicant.				

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**Income Verification**

***Please read thoroughly before applying under this section.***

If you checked box C-3 or C-4 on page one, please choose one of the following two options for income verification, attach appropriate documentation, and complete and sign the Golden Bear Income Declaration section at the bottom of page.

**I. ☐ CURRENT "REDUCED-FEE SPORT FISHING LICENSE: SENIOR - LIMITED INCOME(LI)"**  
**Issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (copy attached).**

***If verifying under this Section (I), skip Section II and complete Declaration section at bottom.***

**II. ☐ DECLARATION OF TOTAL GROSS ANNUAL INCOME SOURCES \***

State your income in the table below, attach documentation (must be dated within one year of application) and complete/sign the Golden Bear Income Declaration below.

Total gross income means an individual's total income before taxes or deductions.

This includes **ALL** sources of income including but not limited to:

Salaries, commission, bonuses, social security, pensions, disbursements from retirement accounts, workers' compensation benefits, unemployment insurance benefits, rental income, interest income, welfare payments, grants and educational allowances.

**Total Annual Gross Income cannot exceed:**  
**\$20,784 for a single person or \$28,224 for married persons or registered domestic partners.**

Doc. Attached	APPLICANT		Doc. Attached	SPOUSE/REG. DOMESTIC PARTNER	
	Income Source	Annual Gross		Income Source	Annual Gross
<input type="checkbox"/>		\$	<input type="checkbox"/>		\$
<input type="checkbox"/>		\$	<input type="checkbox"/>		\$
<input type="checkbox"/>		\$	<input type="checkbox"/>		\$
<input type="checkbox"/>		\$	<input type="checkbox"/>		\$
<input type="checkbox"/>		\$	<input type="checkbox"/>		\$
<input type="checkbox"/>		\$	<input type="checkbox"/>		\$
Total Annual Gross Income		\$	Total Annual Gross Income		\$

**Total Combined Annual Gross Income:**

**\$**

\*Applicant must attach any and all associated documentation providing "Proof of Income". Acceptable documents include but are not limited to: Statement of benefits from Social Security, Veterans Administration, retirement/pension, unemployment insurance benefits, and/or workers' compensation benefits; rental income statements, all forms 1099 for income referenced above, Forms W2.

**GOLDEN BEAR INCOME DECLARATION (must be completed and signed)**

***The undersigned hereby certifies, under penalty of perjury, that all information provided in this application is true and correct, and that he/she meets the Golden Bear Pass Income Limits for the year in which applying.***

NAME OF APPLICANT (Last, First, Middle Initial)

NAME OF SPOUSE/REGISTERED DOMESTIC PARTNER (if applicable)

MAILING ADDRESS / CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE

APPLICANT ORIGINAL SIGNATURE (PHOTOCOPIES NOT ACCEPTED)

ORIGINAL SIGNATURE - SPOUSE/REGISTERED DOMESTIC PARTNER (if applicable)

# GOLDEN BEAR PASS PROGRAM

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APPLICANT'S COPY

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:** (NOTE: Completed application packets with all attachments submitted by mail will be retained by California State Parks and cannot be returned. For electronic application, please visit [www.ReserveCalifornia.com](http://www.ReserveCalifornia.com)) Submit completed application and certification material with copy of valid state-issued driver license or suitable photo Identification to:

#### IN PERSON:

At designated locations of the CA  
State Park System  
([www.parks.ca.gov/passlocations](http://www.parks.ca.gov/passlocations) -  
contact in advance to ensure  
availability)

#### BY MAIL:

Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing.

#### California State Parks

Attn: Golden Bear Pass Program  
P.O. Box 942896  
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OVERVIEW

Under the law, any qualifying person receiving **Supplemental Security Income (SSI)** [CA State Welfare and Institutions Code Section 12200]; any person receiving aid under the applicable aid codes in the CalWORKS Program; or any person qualified as listed on page 1, Section C (3&4) in accordance with the California Family Code (beginning at Section 297) is eligible to receive the Golden Bear Pass upon application.

The Golden Bear Pass entitles the bearer and spouse or registered domestic partner entry to most California State Park operated units where vehicle day use fees are collected at no charge.

Upon receipt of the Golden Bear Pass, pass holder agrees to the Terms and Conditions of this pass; violation could result in pass revocation. For the complete list of Terms and Conditions inquire at the location of purchase or visit [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov).

Terms and Conditions include, but are not limited to:

- Pass must be renewed each calendar year and is valid for the use of the pass holder and spouse or registered domestic partner only. Once pass is received, you may use passcard for applicable benefits.
- Pass is issued as a personal benefit to the pass holder and spouse or registered domestic partner only (applicable only if spouse or registered partner is named on passcard). The pass holder may not lend, loan, reassign, or resell their pass or the privileges allowed by this pass to anyone else, including family members.
- Pass holder and spouse or registered domestic partner (if applicable) must abide by any rules and regulations applicable to California State Parks or to the use of this pass, as amended from time to time.
- Pass is valid for one passenger vehicle with a capacity of nine persons or less where a vehicle day use fee is collected. Not valid at units operated by federal or local government, private agencies or concessionaires. Pass may be used any day of the week, including holidays, if space is available. Admittance and use subject to available space.
- Pass holder is required to present the Golden Bear Pass (photocopies not accepted) and a valid state-issued driver license or other suitable photo ID (interim/temporary not accepted) and pay any supplemental fees at the park.
- To receive pass benefits at self-pay locations, pass holder must clearly display the pass & self-payment receipt on vehicle dashboard visible through the windshield. Oversized vehicle fees will not be assessed; but, not all parks can accommodate.
- Pass is not valid for resale or commercial use, industrial or business operations, including, but not limited to fleet use or pooling. Pass shall not be assigned for profit and is void if misused.
- Pass is not valid for per-person entry or tour fees (such as museums), boat use, camping, group use or sites, special events, additional/extra vehicle fees, sanitation disposal use or for supplemental fees.
- Pass is valid unless revoked. This pass cannot be used in conjunction with any other pass and/or discount, nor can it be copied or altered in any way. Pass will be cancelled if the pass holder is found not to meet the pass qualifications.
- All sales are final. No refunds, replacements or exchanges will be made for any reason including, but not limited to: loss, theft, park closures or environmental conditions such as low water levels, fire, or inclement weather. A lost or damaged pass may be replaced only through reapplication.

**For any questions regarding the Golden Bear Pass, contact**  
**CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS PASS SALES at [Passinfo@parks.ca.gov](mailto:Passinfo@parks.ca.gov).**  
Information on the application is considered personal. See Privacy Notice on page 4.

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PRIVACY NOTICE

Civil Code section 1798.17 requires a Privacy Notice on Collection be provided when personal information is collected from individuals.

Please do not include any personal information that is not requested.

Each individual has the right to review personal information maintained by this agency, unless access is exempted by law. You may review your records by contacting the official responsible for maintaining your information below. We will not disclose your personal information unless authorized by law.

To learn more about our Privacy Policy, visit [parks.ca.gov/privacy](https://parks.ca.gov/privacy)

AGENCY NAME	DIVISION
Department of Parks and Recreation	Strategic Planning and Recreation Services
TITLE OF OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE INFORMATION	CONTACT PHONE NO.
Staff Services Manager I	(916) 653-8280
BUSINESS ADDRESS OF OFFICIAL	CONTACT EMAIL
P.O. Box 942896, Sacramento, CA 94296-0001	<a href="mailto:passinfo@parks.ca.gov">passinfo@parks.ca.gov</a>
AUTHORITY WHICH AUTHORIZES THE MAINTENANCE OF THE INFORMATION	
Public Resources Code Section 5011 (added by Chapter 1303, Statutes of 1982)	
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 Golden Bear 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 Golden Bear Passes allowing use of State Park operated facilities where vehicle day use fees are collected, at no further charge. Applications will be retained one calendar year from the end of the calendar year for audit purposes, statistical data, and evaluation of the program.	
KNOWN OR FORESEEABLE DISCLOSURES OF THE INFORMATION PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE SECTION 1798.24, SUBDIVISIONS (e) OR (f)	
Departmental Audits Office	