



Colorado Parks and Wildlife Columbine Pass

Does Colorado Parks and Wildlife offer a pass for disabled individuals?

Yes. The Colorado General Assembly passed a bill that allows eligible disabled residents a reduced-cost State Parks annual entrance pass. It is called the Columbine Pass.

Who will be eligible for the Columbine Pass?

To qualify for a Columbine Pass, the applicant must be a:

1. Colorado resident, *and*
2. provide acceptable documentation of total & permanent disability from one of the following:
 - A photocopy of a “**Benefit Verification**” or “**BPQY**” form from the Social Security Administration (obtained by calling 1-800-772-1213 and asking the operator for your “Benefit Verification or BPQY form) *or*
 - A photocopy of a letter from the Veterans Administration indicating at least a 60% rated service-connected disability (call the VA at 1-800-827-1000) *or*
 - A photocopy from Division of Workers’ Compensation “Final Admission of Liability” indicating permanent and total disability; *or*
 - A signed physician’s letter attesting to a physical or mental impairment which prevents gainful employment and the impairment is reasonably certain to continue throughout the person’s lifetime.

To avoid time delays in processing your application, the above documentation should be current and issued within the past 12 months.

Please note: When mailing in an application, a **copy** of your valid Colorado Driver’s License or Colorado I.D. **must be** included with the application.

What is the Columbine Pass?

The Columbine Pass will allow permanently and totally disabled individuals to:

- Purchase yearly **entrance** pass for **\$14.00** instead of the regular vehicle pass cost of **\$80**.
- Transfer the pass between vehicles, allowing the Columbine Pass holder and other vehicle occupants’ entry to the park. The pass holder must be present for the pass to be valid.
- Visit 41 state parks for 12 continuous months from date of purchase. (Please note: An additional \$3 annual fee is collected at Cherry Creek State Park for the Water Basin Authority.)

How can the Columbine Pass be used?

The Columbine Pass allows the pass holder and other vehicle occupants entrance into state parks; the pass holder must be present for the pass to be valid. The pass must be displayed from the rear view mirror and be visible through the front windshield at all times while within the park. The person must also carry ID. **The pass does not include camping fees.**

Will the Columbine Pass offer free camping for disabled individuals as well?

Columbine Pass holders who are 64 years of age or older will receive the same camping benefits as the Aspen Leaf Pass when they provide photo identification with proof of age. The Columbine Pass was supported by legislators as a way to provide the benefit of reduced entrance fees to permanently and totally disabled residents who are on a fixed/limited income as a result of their disability.

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I have a Disabled Veteran's License Plate. Will I receive special camping benefits?

No. The law for individuals with Disabled Veteran's Colorado license plates provides free entrance to state parks, but does not provide special camping rates. If you are 64 years of age and a Colorado resident, you may opt to purchase the reduced-fee Aspen Leaf Pass (with special camping benefits) or apply for the Columbine Pass.

How and where can I purchase a Columbine Pass?

Columbine Pass applications are available online and at CPW region offices and state parks upon request. When mailing in applications, a copy of a valid Colorado Driver's License or Colorado I.D. must be included.

Mail applications, supporting documentation, and your check or money order (no cash) payable to: Colorado Parks and Wildlife, for \$14.00 to:

Colorado Parks & Wildlife**Attn: Columbine Pass****6060 Broadway****Denver CO 80216**

When the proper application materials are received, the Columbine Pass will then be mailed to the approved applicant within 30 days. Candidates whose application has been denied will receive written notification within 20 working days of application receipt by the Division. If not accepted, fees paid will be refunded.

I have a National Park Service disability pass. Can I use it?

No. The criteria vary for a pass offered by other agencies and organizations. We cannot investigate or research all the criteria for each of these passes. However, documentation from any of the four sources cited above is acceptable and easy to obtain.

Are permanently and totally disabled youth eligible for the Columbine Pass?

Yes. A permanently and totally disabled child who meets the criteria is eligible.

Must I apply for the Columbine Pass each year?

No, you will only need to apply for the pass one time. Once you are approved, you will be able to renew your Columbine Pass each year online, in-person at any CPW location, or by phone at 1-800-244-5613.

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