

 **2024 MAINE STATE PARKS INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT PASS**

**Maine State Parks & Historic Sites**

**1. READ -** THE POLICY BELOW

**2. COMPLETE** - 2024 application. **SIGN the application!**

**3. ATTACH –** Valid Physician Statement (Signed within the last **12** months)

**4.** **SUBMIT** - Application & supporting documentation electronically to**I****ndiv.SupportPass@maine.gov**

**2024 MAINE STATE PARKS INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT PASS POLICY**

1. Maine State Parks are pleased to make available Individual Support Passes to individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities who require accompanied support staff while visiting Maine State Parks and Historic Sites. These passes are to be used as a per-person entrance fee waiver by the approved pass recipient for the intended purpose of visiting a state park or historic site with the assistance of either certified professional support(s) or Natural Support(s). Passes are assigned to the supported individual and can be used by any of their assigned supporter(s). ***Photocopies, reproductions, or digital images of the pass are not accepted; the original pass must be presented to park staff upon arrival.***
2. There are no restrictions on days of use. Holders of the Individual Support Passare admitted on a first-come, first-served basis and enjoy no special entry privileges. Please note that during the summer months, parks are often at capacity on weekends and holidays, which may result in lengthy delays or inability to enter the park.
3. The Individual Support Pass is issued only for the current calendar year listed on the pass and is not automatically renewed. Passes can be renewed at any time by submitting the application and required documents listed above. Passes can be requested for the next calendar year beginning August 15th.
4. All day-use areas have a “carry-in, carry-out” trash policy. Please bring trash bags or other receptacles to collect and remove any generated trash.
5. This pass is intended to provide outings for intellectually and/or developmentally disabled individuals visiting Maine State Parks with either professional and/or natural support(s), as well as their immediate family members. ***Misuse of the pass, including transfer of passes to ineligible parties or use without the presence of the supported individual, is grounds for revocation of pass privileges for the remainder of the season and the following year****.*
6. Passes are for day-use only and all Maine State Vehicle Park Pass policies and State Park Rules and Regulations apply. Failure to obey Rules and Regulations constitutes grounds for the Bureau of Park and Lands to revoke the Individual Support Pass.

**JULY APPLICATIONS ONLY**

August 15th marks the first day you can receive a new park pass for the following calendar year. Passes received on or after this date can be used for the remainder of the current year as well as the year listed on the pass. All passes are valid for the year posted on the pass, expiring after December 31st.

Please check the following and indicate if you would like your application held until August 15th to receive the next years pass. Passes distributed before this date will receive the current year’s pass, and applications will need to be re-submitted the following year.

 Yes. Hold my application until August 15th No, send the current year’s pass now.

**If you have questions, please contact the Bureau at (207) 287-3821 or email** **Indiv.SupportPass@maine.gov**



**2024 Application**

**Individual Support Pass Program**

Supported Individual’s Name:

Telephone #: Email:

Supported Individual’s Mailing Address:

List all professional support staff and their titles, such as DSP, PSS, PCA:

Professional support employer/company:

Natural Supporters Name(s):

Relationship to the supported individual:

**Purpose of the Maine State Parks Individual Support Pass Program:**

This program intends to provide free access to individuals supporting a person with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities who require accompanied support while visiting Maine State Parks and Historic Sites. One pass will be provided per client and may be used by their supporter(s) while following the Individual Support Pass Policy. **This program is intended for Individual Supporters, all organized group programs and/or homes must apply for the Group Exemption Pass (GEP). GEP applications are accepted yearly, from March 1st - June 1st.**

Any misuse of the **Individual Support Pass**, including lending or transferring passes to ineligible parties, will be grounds for revocation of pass privileges. All **Individual Support Pass** participants will be expected to obey State Park and Historic Site Rules and Regulations, and the 2024 Individual Support Pass Policies. ***Use of the Individual Support Pass without the presence of the supported individual is prohibited and constitutes grounds for revocation.***

Please complete the following (**incomplete applications will be rejected and returned).**

1. Does the individual applying for the pass require assistance from:

 \_\_\_\_\_ Direct Support Professional

 \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Support Specialist

 \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Care Assistant

 \_\_\_\_\_ Natural Support

 Other? Please explain:

1. What service(s) will be provided for this person with a disability at a Maine State Park?

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1. Please attach a signed physician statement attesting that the applicant has an intellectual and/or developmental disability that substantially limits one or more major life activities and requires the use of Natural Supports and/or professional supports. **Do not include any personal information or health-related information in the statement.**

**I have read and will comply with the Bureau of Parks and Lands Individual Support Pass Program Policies and the State Parks and Historic Sites Rules and Regulations. I also certify that all support staff will be made aware of and will comply with these policies, rules, and regulations before arriving at a Maine State Park or Historic Site:**

Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_