



New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

## Important Notice!!! ACCESS PASS QUALIFICATION CHANGES

Effective Spring/Summer 2010, some New York residents will no longer qualify for Access Pass benefits under changes designed to bring the program's eligibility rules in line with state law.

If you have qualified for a New York State Parks Access Pass because you receive federal Social Security Disability, Supplemental Security Income, or Railroad Retirement Board Disability, or if you qualified under the category, "semi-ambulatory," your Access Pass benefits will be discontinued. You can reapply if you feel you're eligible through the remaining categories: blind, deaf, non-ambulatory, amputee, veteran with a disability, or mental disability.

For more information or to reapply visit [nysparks.com](http://nysparks.com) or phone 518-474-2324 during normal business hours.

**INDIVIDUAL  
access  
pass**

EXPIRATION DATE: 1/1/12014  
NAME: JANE PUBLIC  
PASS ID # 93631-XX-1

**PHOTO**

**To determine whether this change affects you**, check the two-letter code in your Access Pass ID number.

**Valid Codes:** VA, DD, DF, AM, WC, BL or MH.  
**Discontinued Codes:** SS, CA, PA, LB, WK, RR, KR, HR, CR, OX or ST.

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## ACCESS PASS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Why were these changes made to the Access Pass eligibility rules?**

Since the Access Pass was adopted in 1977, it has grown well beyond its original intent. What started out as a program intended to provide recreational opportunity to individuals with specific disabilities has expanded dramatically over the past 30 years.

### **Will I still be able to use my Access Pass?**

Individuals who qualified for the program under the following categories will continue to be eligible: blind, deaf, non-ambulatory, amputee, veteran who has a disability, or mental disability.

### **Will my camping reservations still be honored if I have already made them?**

Camping reservations made prior to May 19, 2010 will be honored.

### **Will I still be able to use my Access Pass to golf?**

Yes, if the pass holder continues to qualify under the program.