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New York State Parks Access Pass:

The Access Pass permits residents of New York State with disabilities, as defined in the application, free or discounted use of state parks, historic sites, and recreational facilities operated by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The pass holder may have free or discounted use of facilities operated by these offices, for which there is normally a charge.

The Access Pass is not valid for amenities, including some services or locations operated by an outside concessionaire.

Individual Access Pass

To qualify for an Individual Access Pass, an applicant must be a resident of New York State, must provide proof of disability, in the form of certification from the appropriate agency or by a physician, as described on the application and must provide a recent photo that will be affixed to the Access Pass.

Group Access Pass

To qualify for a Group Access Pass, all members of the group must be residents of New York State. The group's authorized representative must provide proof of the group's members' disability (ies) in the form of certification from the appropriate agency or by verification of disability (ies) by a physician as described on the application.

For all completed applications, with all required materials, should be mailed to:

Access Pass
State Parks
Albany, New York 12238

For more information, contact **518-474-2324** during normal business hours.

Please allow 2-4 weeks for processing of this application.



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New York State Office of Mental Health recipient approval process overview:

1. Prior to each person completing and/or submitting the application to New York State Parks, they will need to have the program submit a letter on the agency's letterhead indicating that they are currently receiving services from that program (this process can be completed by any agency employee that works regularly with the individual).
2. The agency/provider letter will have to include a current mailing address for the individual to receive the approval or denial letter.
3. Once the organization is verified that OMH License, Operate, Certify or Fund the program, an approval letter is sent to the individual or that individual's authorized representative.
4. If the individual or representative does not receive an approval or denial letter within ten business days, please have them contact the Office of Consumer Affairs department at OMH Regional Field Office.
5. If approved, please attached the approval letter to the NYS Parks Access Pass application and submit the completed application to the address listed above.

For mental health disability approval, please contact OMH Regional Advocacy Specialists for technical assistance. OMH Regional Field Offices are assigned the following counties:

Western New York Field Office: 737 Delaware Avenue, Suite 200 Buffalo, NY 14209 | Kirsten Muckstadt (716) 533-4185

Assigned Counties: Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, Yates, Allegany, Chautauqua, Cattaragus, Chemung, Erie, Steuben, Schuyler, Tioga, and Tompkins.

Central New York Field Office: 545 Cedar Street, 2nd Floor, Syracuse, NY 13210 | Garrett Smith (315) 426-3992

Assigned Counties: Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Madison, Onondaga, Oswego, Otsego, Montgomery, Lewis, Fulton, Herkimer, Hamilton, Oneida, Jefferson, Essex, Clinton, Franklin, and St. Lawrence.

Hudson River Field Office: 4 Jefferson Plaza, Suite 3, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 | Leila Clark (845) 483-3879

Assigned Counties: Albany, Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rensselaer, Rockland, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Sullivan, Ulster, Warren, Washington, and Westchester.



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Long Island Field Office: 998 Crooked Hill Road, Building 45 3rd Floor, West Brentwood, NY 11717 | Cory Muraglio (631) 761-2508

Assigned Counties: Nassau and Suffolk

New York City Field Office: 330th Fifth Avenue, 9th Floor, New York, NY 10001 | Celia Brown (212) 330-6352 | Digna Quinones (212) 330-6386

Assigned Counties: Manhattan, Staten Island, Bronx, Brooklyn, and Queens.

For any questions, comments, and/or concerns regarding the Office of Consumer Affairs and/or Peer Services, please contact:

Address: 44 Holland Avenue, Albany, NY 12229

Phone: (518) 473-6579

Fax: (518) 486-9687