Rhode Island State Law 32-1-17: No fee shall be charged to any person with a disability regardless of age, or to automobiles transporting a non-driver with a disability at any recreational facility owned by the state, provided, however, proper identification is presented as prescribed by the Department of Environmental Management. For the purpose of this section "person with a disability shall mean an individual who has a physical or mental impairment and is receiving: [A] Social Security disability (SSDI), [B] Supplemental Security Income benefits (SSI) or Veterans benefits and who shall be determined under applicable federal law by the Federal Department of Veteran's Affairs to be 100% disabled through a service connected injury.

For this section "fees" shall include all fees for parking, admittance, or other user-fees for playing golf. The term "fees" shall not include licensing fees; camping fees, picnic table fees or specialized facility use fees, including, but not limited to fees for the use of equestrian areas, performing art centers, game fields and mule shed.

**DISABILITY PASSES ARE ISSUED BEGINNING IN MAY AT FOLLOWING LOCATION:**

**DEM Parks Headquarters**
1100 Tower Hill Road
North Kingstown, RI 02852

**OFFICE HOURS**
Monday-Friday
9:00AM – 3:00PM

**CONTACT INFORMATION**
Tel: (401) 667-6200
Email: dem.riparks@dem.ri.gov

**OBTAINING YOUR DISABILITY PASS FOR THE 2021 BEACH SEASON:**

- Anyone who needs to obtain a 2021 Disability Pass MUST call in advance to schedule an appointment.
  - You must call our office when you have arrived for your appointment. You will receive instructions by staff on how to proceed.
  - If it has been determined that you need to have your photo taken or if you need to enter the office for any reason, you will be required to wear a mask when inside. Staff will give you direction on when to remove your mask to have your photo taken.
  - If staff have determined that you do not need a photograph, you will be able to remain in your vehicle while staff verifies your paperwork and prints your 2021 pass. Please wear your mask.
  - Anyone who received a “Lifetime” disability pass in 2020, must make an appointment to have your photograph taken and your pass completed in our system. Please follow all the above steps for this process.

*All Applicants Must Present a Valid Form of Photo Identification [Birth Certificate for Children]*
*All Applicants Must Appear in Person to Obtain Disability Pass*

**First Time Disability Pass:**

- Applicants, under the age of 65, must present a current letter from the Social Security office stating the following:
  1. Your full name and address
  2. Current date
3. Letter must state that you are receiving **monthly disability benefits**
4. *This pass is required to be **renewed each year until the age of 65**. To renew, applicants must present current year **New Benefit Amount Letter** or a **current letter** from the Social Security Office stating Steps 1-4 (See above).

- Applicants, **over the age of 65**, must present a **current letter** from the Social Security office stating the following:
  1. Your full name and address
  2. Current date
  3. Letter must state that you **were receiving monthly disability benefits before the age of 65**
  4. *This pass **does not require renewal**; Applicants will receive Lifetime Pass

**Disabled Veterans** must present a **current letter** from the Veterans Administration stating the following:

  1. Your full name and address
  2. Current date
  3. Letter must state that you are **100% disabled due to service connected injury**
  4. *This pass is **required to be renewed each year unless** you are no longer required to be reevaluated

    a) Please follow steps 1-4 for renewal

**Disability Passes are Valid at the Following Locations:**

1. Charlestown Breachway State Beach
2. East Beach State Beach
3. East Matunuck State Beach
4. Goddard State Golf Course (Not Valid for Golf Cart Rental)
5. Misquamicut State Beach
6. Roger Wheeler State Beach
7. Salty Brine State Beach
8. Scarborough North & South State Beach