

 **2024 MAINE STATE PARKS INDIVIDUAL EXEMPTION PASS**

**Maine State Parks & Historic Sites**

**1. READ -** THE POLICY BELOW

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

**3. ATTACH –** Valid DSP, PSS, PCA certifications or Physician Statement

**4.** **SUBMIT** - Application & supporting documentation electronically to**Samantha.Wilkinson@maine.gov** **OR** mail to the address at the bottom of this page

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

1. Maine State Parks are pleased to make available Individual Exemption Passes to certified support professionals and natural supports assisting individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities 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 recipients for the intended purpose of assisting and/or supporting their clients. Passes are assigned to the supported individual and can be used by their 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 Exemption 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 Exemption Pass is issued for the current calendar year listed on the pass only 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 trash the group generates.
5. This pass is intended to provide outings to certified professionals and natural supports, their intellectually and/or developmentally disabled clients, and their client's immediate family members. ***Misuse of the pass, including transfer of passes to ineligible parties or personal use without the presence of the client, 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 Exemption Pass.

**Mail application and supporting documentation to: Maine Bureau of Parks & Lands, ATTN: Samantha Wilkinson,**

**Individual Exemption Pass Program Coordinator, 22 State House Station, 18 Elkins Lane, Augusta, ME 04333**

**If you have questions, please contact Samantha Wilkinson at 207-287-4914 or email** **Samantha.Wilkinson@maine.gov**



**2024 Application**

**Individual Exemption Pass Program**

Supported Individual’s Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_

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DSP, PSS, PCA, and/or Natural Supporters Name(s):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

This program intends to provide DSPs, PSSs, PCAs and/or natural supports who are assisting intellectually and/or developmentally disabled clients access to Maine’s State Parks and Historic Sites free of charge. One pass will be provided per client and may be used by their supporter(s) while following the Individual Exemption Pass Policy.

Any misuse of the **Individual Exemption Pass**, including lending or transferring passes to ineligible parties, will be grounds for revocation of pass privileges. All **Individual Exemption Pass** participants will be expected to obey State Park and Historic Site Rules and Regulations, and the 2024 Individual Exemption Pass Policies. ***This pass must be used ONLY for official use purposes. Personal use of the Individual Exemption Pass is prohibited and constitutes grounds for revocation.***

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

1. Are you currently certified in the State of Maine as

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

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

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

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

1. List the names of all natural supports and their relations to the individual they are assisting. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. What service will you be providing for a person with a disability at a Maine State Park?

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1. Please attach valid DSP, PSS, or PCA certification

For Natural Support, 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. **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 Exemption 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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_