

## STATE PARK AND RECREATION PASS

If you are not interested in hunting and fishing, but still want access to California's immense State Parks, then this benefit is right for you. What better way to get peace of mind, and quiet all the noise around you than to get out into nature. Below is more information to see if you, or your family member veteran, can qualify.

### STATE PARK AND RECREATION PASS

The Distinguished Veteran Pass entitles the holder to the use of all basic State Park System operated facilities, including camping and day use, at no further charge. The pass is not valid at units operated by local government, private agencies, or concessionaires and it is not valid for special events, group campsites, and commercial use or for supplemental fees. The pass cannot be used in conjunction with any other pass and/or discount.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any honorably discharged war veteran who is a resident of California with a 50% or more service-connected disability, or was held as a prisoner of war by forces hostile to the United States, or recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

### HOW DO I APPLY?

Download and complete a Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) application. Submit proof of service-connected disability rated at 50% or greater or provide documentation showing status as a former Prisoner of War or Medal of Honor recipient status along with a copy of the Veteran's California Driver's License and a completed DPR Form DPR 619.

Veterans may apply in person at:

Park Pass Sales Office

1416 9th Street, Room 114

Sacramento, CA 95814

Veterans may also apply by mail. Send completed applications and required documentation to:

California State Parks

Attn: Distinguished Veteran Pass Program

P.O. Box 942896

Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing. Once the pass is received, Veterans may use it for reservations and applicable benefits. The pass holder is required to present the Distinguished Veteran Pass and a valid California Driver License or other suitable photo identification, along with any campsite reservation or tour ticket, and to pay any supplemental fees at the park.

# RESOURCES

## FIND A VA FACILITY

Use the [facility locator](#) or call 1-877-222-VETS (8387).

## CONTACT YOUR COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

CalVet strongly recommends you work with the CVSO nearest you. Your CVSO can guide you through the benefits and services available as well as help connect you with other local resources.

The County Veterans Service Offices (CVSO) are locally funded agencies established to assist veterans and their families in obtaining benefits and services accrued through military service.

These County Veteran Service Offices promote the interest and welfare of veterans, their dependents, and their survivors by enhancing their quality of life through counseling, education, benefits assistance, and advocacy. They connect veterans to their benefits by assisting in their interactions with the VA.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Visit the [CalVet](#) website for more information, OR

Find the [CVSO](#) closest to you.

## VA HOTLINES

### [Veterans Crisis Line](#)

- 800-273-TALK (8255), or
- Text: 838255

### [Combat Call Center](#)

- 877-WAR-VETS (927-8387)

### [Women Veterans Call Center](#)

- 855-VA-WOMEN (829-6636)