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## Explore Indiana: Accessing Hoosier Parks & Programs

Accessing recreational programs often requires additional planning and preparation to minimize stress and challenges. It may be helpful to contact parks, recreational vendors, and attractions prior to visiting so that you can find out more information about available accommodations. Indiana has several pass programs available for families of children with additional health care needs. For more information about accessible travel and accommodations, visit our [Fact Sheet](#): “Accessible Travel”

### Access Pass

Several cultural institutions across the state of Indiana have joined forces to offer an Access Pass, which offers eligible families the opportunity to visit participating attractions for just \$2 per family member per visit. To qualify for an Access Pass, families must participate in one or more of the following state assistance programs:

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Hoosier Works
- Healthy Indiana Plan (Basic and Plus)
- Hoosier Healthwise Insurance
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

To apply for a pass **online**, visit: [www.childrensmuseum.org/visit/access-pass](http://www.childrensmuseum.org/visit/access-pass), and follow these steps:

1. Add the “Access Pass” item to your cart.
2. Complete the check-out process.
3. Upload photos of your required documents (see the application for a list of documents).
4. Click “Submit”.
5. Your application will be reviewed within five business days. You will receive an email after review.

To apply for a pass **in-person**, visit any of the participating venues listed below (*except the Indiana Repertory Theatre, Indianapolis Ballet, and Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum*) and show an Indiana-issued photo ID and proof of state assistance (confirm the necessary documents prior to your arrival). Access Passes are renewable annually.

Participating venues include:

- Bellaboo's: <https://lakecountyparks.com/269/Visit>
- The Children's Museum of Indianapolis: <https://www.childrensmuseum.org>
- Conner Prairie: <https://connerprairie.org>
- Crispus Attucks Museum: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063618804308>
- The Eiteljorg Museum: <https://eiteljorg.org>
- Fort Wayne Museum of Art: <https://fwmoa.org/>
- The Indiana Historical Society: <https://indianahistory.org>

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- Indiana Repertory Theater: <https://www.irtlive.com/>
- Indiana Sate Museum & Historic Site: <https://www.indianamuseum.org>
- Indianapolis Ballet: <https://www.indyballet.org/>
- Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum: <https://imsmuseum.org/>
- The NCAA Hall of Champions: <https://www.ncaahallofchampions.org>
- Newfields: <https://discovernewfields.org/>
- Rhythm Discovery Center: <https://shop.pas.org/>
- Terre Haute Children's Museum: <http://www.thchildrensmuseum.com/>
- WonderLab Museum of Science, Health, Technology: <https://www.wonderlab.org>

Check with the participating venue prior to your visit to ensure program participation and family eligibility, particularly for special events or programs. Additionally, you can call venues to learn more about available accessibility and accommodations and that location.

### **Indiana Department of Natural Resources Golden Hoosier Passport**

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) maintains a multitude of state parks, recreation and wilderness areas, forests, and preserves. Indiana residents who are at least 65 years of age or are a resident eligible for Social Security disability payments under *42 USC 401* may be entitled to a **Golden Hoosier Passport**: <https://www.in.gov/dnr/state-parks/rates-and-fees/entrance-fees/>, which offers a 50% discount on annual entrance pass fees\*. Proof of eligibility must be presented at time of purchase, and the disabled individual must be present in the vehicle at time of use. The only Indiana State Historic Sites that the Golden Hoosier Passport is valid at are those owned and operated by the Department of Natural Resources.

### **The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Access Pass**

The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands **Access Pass** is available free for eligible US citizens or permanent residents with permanent disabilities. Applications may be submitted in-person or online. Photo ID and proof of permanent disability is required. This Access Pass provides free entrance to all participating Federal Recreation sites, including Indiana Dunes National Park.

- The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Access Pass: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/accessibility/interagency-access-pass.htm>.
- Indiana Dunes National Park: <https://www.nps.gov/indu/index.htm>.
- Additional information about accessibility at the Indiana Dunes National Park, visit: <https://www.indianadunes.com/blog/post/accessible-adventures-in-the-indiana-dunes/>

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