

LEISURE ASSISTANT'S PASS

The Leisure Assistant's Pass is one way in which Recreation Integration Victoria (RIV) breaks down barriers for people with disabilities. The pass eliminates the financial barrier encountered by a person with a disability who requires an assistant. Simply stated, it insures that a person who **requires** assistance is not paying double. *As with any other member of the community, the person with a disability pays the regular admission for a person their age, when accessing a leisure service.

On presentation of the Leisure Assistant's Pass their assistant is given free admission. This recognizes the important role the Leisure Assistant plays in making the opportunity accessible and possible for the person with the disability. The pass is for the admission of **one (1) person** providing assistance to the person with the disability. It does not provide admission for any additional person(s) attending the facility or attraction with the person with a disability.

Recognizing that the Leisure Assistant may not be the same person each day (e.g. a volunteer, spouse, contract worker, parent, education assistant, etc.), the card is made out to the person with a disability. There is no application form or fee for the pass and a special referral is not needed to request one. The person requiring the pass or their designate can make the request by calling our office or by emailing our enquiry line: information@rivonline.org

Each pass is for 1 year from date of issue. Please **note the expiry date** on your card. Facilities and attractions **will not** honour an expired pass. Photocopies of passes or altered expiry dates on passes will also not be accepted. Upon expiry of the pass, simply contact RIV's office or email our general enquiry line. We will be happy to issue a renewed one.

N.B. We recognize that an individual may be independent in one environment and not in another. We trust that individuals with passes only use them at venues where they require assistance. Also, once within the venue, assistants are not to leave the person with a disability to participate in another location of the facility. If a pass is misused or it is evident that the individual to whom it was issued does not require assistance when they are participating in an activity, we reserve the right to cancel the pass at anytime.

People with disabilities who are economically disadvantaged are encouraged to contact us or your local recreation centre's Manager to privately discuss other forms of assistance that may be available to you.

The following facilities/attractions accept the Leisure Assistant's Pass:

- All local municipally funded recreation centres and facilities.
- Art Gallery of Greater Victoria (www.aggv.bc.ca, 250-384-4101)
- Boulderhouse Climbing (www.boulderhouse.ca, 778-265-9342)
- Boulders Climbing Gym (www.climbtheboulders.com, 250-544-0310)
- Burnside Gorge, Fairfield, Fernwood, James Bay, Oaklands, Quadra Village and Vic West Community Centres.
- Butchart Gardens (www.butchartgardens.com, 250-652-4422)

- Craigdarroch Castle. Note: not wheelchair accessible. (www.craigdarrochcastle.com, 250-592-5323)
- “Discover the Past” Ghostly Walks & History Tours (www.discoverthepast.com, 250-384-6698)
- Galey Farms: Corn Maze, Railway, Petting Farm, etc. (www.galeyfarms.net, 250-477-4450)
- Highland Pacific Driving Range (www.highlandpacificgolf.com, 250-478-4653)
- Mount Douglas Golf Club (www.mtdouggolfvictoria.ca/, 250-477-8314)
- National Geographic IMAX Theatre (provide lowest posted rate) (www.imaxvictoria.com, 250-480-4887)
- Pacific Institute for Sport Excellence (www.piseworld.com 250-220-2510). First time visitors to PISE receive 1 free drop-in admission.
- Robert Bateman Centre (www.batemancentre.org, 250-940-3630)
- Royal Theatre and McPherson Playhouse: some restrictions apply.
Enquiries: melissa@rmts.bc.ca or 250-361-0808 between 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday.
Please include the performance you are interested in.
- Royal BC Museum (www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca 250-356-7226)
- Seaparc Leisure Complex, Sooke (www.crd.bc.ca/seaparc, 250-642-8000)
- Seasonal Productions of Intrepid Theatre (eg. Vic Fringe Festival) (www.intrepidtheatre.com, 250-383-2663)
- Shaw Ocean Discovery Centre (www.oceandiscovery.ca, 250-665-7511)
- Sidney Spit Ferry: operated by Alpine Group. (250-474-5145, ext. 232) *Admission discount, not waived. Ferry schedule at www.alpinegroup.ca. Note: not wheelchair accessible.
- Steve Nash Fitness World –Victoria Facility (www.stevenashfitnessclubs.com, 250-475-6002).
First time visitors to the Victoria Facility (with valid LA Pass) also receive 8 day free club admission.
- U Vic Athletic & Recreation Card Holders (ARAC members only) (www.uvic.ca, 250-721-7211)
- Victoria Bug Zoo (www.bugzoo.ca, 250-384-2847)
- Victoria Butterfly Gardens (www.butterflygardens.com, 250-652-3822)
- Victoria YM/YWCA: Downtown, Eagle Creek and Westhills Locations (www.vancouverislandy.com) 250-386-7511
- WildPlay Element Parks Victoria. Note: by appointment only, some restrictions apply.
Enquiries/bookings: guestservices-victoria@wildplay.com, (www.wildplay.com/locations/victoria 250-595-2251).