

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 fee, for a person their age, when accessing a leisure service.

On presentation of the Leisure Assistant's Pass the 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 time (e.g. a volunteer, contract worker, parent, teaching assistant, etc.), the card is made out to the person with a disability. There is no charge 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.

Each pass is issued for 1 year. Please **note the expiry date** on your card. Facilities and attractions **will not** honour an expired card. Photocopies of passes or altered expiry dates on cards will not be accepted as valid passes either. When the Leisure Assistant's Pass expires, simply contact our office at 250-477-6314 and we will be happy to issue a new pass.

N.B. We recognize that an individual may be independent in one environment and not in another. We ask those individuals with passes to only use the pass when and where they require assistance. 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 a particular activity, we reserve the right to cancel the pass at anytime.

People with disabilities who are economically disadvantaged are encouraged to contact us or the Manager of their local recreation centre 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)
- **Burnside Gorge, Fernwood, Fairfield, James Bay, Oaklands, Quadra Village, and Victoria West Community Centres**

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- 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)
- Maritime Museum (www.mmbc.bc.ca , 250-385-4222)
- Miniature World (www.miniatureworld.com, 250-385-9731)
- 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 a 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.bc.ca, 250-384-2847)
- Victoria Butterfly Gardens (www.butterflygardens.com, 250-652-3822)
- Victoria YM/YWCA (www.victoriay.com, 250-388-6120)
- 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.