

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 so they can participate in community-based leisure services. 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 their 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.

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 6 months. When it expires, simply contact our office at 477-6314. We will be happy to issue a new pass.

People with disabilities who are economically disadvantaged are encouraged to contact us or the Manager of your 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)
- Blanshard, Fairfield, Fernwood, Burnside Gorge, James Bay, and Oaklands 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)
- National Geographic IMAX Theatre (www.imaxvictoria.com, 250-480-4887)
- Royal BC Museum (www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca, 250-356-7226)
- Royal London Wax Museum (www.waxmuseum.bc.ca, 250-388-4461)
- Seaparc Pool, Sooke (www.film.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
- Undersea Gardens (www.pacificunderseagardens.com, 250-382-5717)
- University of Victoria Athletic & Recreation Card Holders (ARAC members only) (www.uvic.ca, 250-721-7211)
- Victoria Butterfly Gardens (www.butterflygardens.com, 250-652-3822)
- Victoria YM/YWCA, Vic West Community Y (www.victoriay.com, 250-388-6120) 0