



PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION

DISABLED PERSON ACCESS PERMIT-STATE GAME LANDS PERMIT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

This permit allows permitted individuals to use devices defined as mobility devices on designated routes on State Game Lands. There is no fee for this permit.

Fully complete the accompanying application. Mobility devices shall adhere to all regulatory requirements found in accompanying regulations. This permit is not required for wheelchairs. Completed applications must include at one of the following additional documents:

- (1) A disability parking placard issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Such proof can be either the placard itself or an identification card issued by the Department documenting the issuance of a disability parking placard.
- (2) A disability vehicle registration plate issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Such proof will be the vehicle registration card bearing a registration number beginning in "PD."
- (3) A formal document issued by a state other than Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, Virgin Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and Northern Mariana Islands officially recognizing the existence of a mobility disability.
- (4) A disabled person permit issued by the Commission under section 2923 of the act (relating to disabled person permits).
- (5) A formal document issued by a medical doctor certifying that the applicant has a mobility disability.
- (6) Other satisfactory evidence indicating that the applicant has a mobility disability.

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION

**DISABLED PERSON ACCESS PERMIT-STATE GAME LANDS PERMIT
APPLICATION**

This application may only be used to apply for the Disabled Person Access Permit-State Game Lands. Fully review the instruction page and regulations for the Disabled Person Access Permit-State Game Lands that you are applying for. Fully complete each applicable section below. All information must be printed or typed. Attach any additional documentation that is required. Illegible Disabled Person Access Permit-State Game Lands Applications will not be processed. Insufficient information or documentation will delay or prevent the issuance of the Disabled Person Access Permit-State Game Lands that you are applying for.

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1. Last Name:		2. First Name:		3. Middle Name or Initial:	4. Suffix:
5. Physical Address (Street address; Apartment #, Suite # or Room; no P.O. Boxes):					
6. City:		7. State:	8. Zip Code/Postal Code:	9. County/Province:	10. Country:
11. Mailing Address (Include if different than Physical Address listed in boxes 5-10 above):					
12. City:		13. State:	14. Zip Code/Postal Code:	15. County/Province:	16. Country:
17. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):		18. Telephone Number:	19. Fax Number:	20. E-Mail Address:	
21. Additional Space if Needed. (Attach additional pages if necessary):					
22. Certification: <i>I certify that I have read and understand the laws and regulations as they apply to the Disabled Person Access Permit-State Game Lands that I am applying for and that all statements are true, correct and complete.</i>					
Signature of Applicant:			Date of Signature:		

Return completed application and required documentation to:

District: - -
(Game Commission use only)

**PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION
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Applicable Title 58 (Regulations) regarding Disabled Person Access Permit-State Game Lands.

Subchapter C. STATE GAME LANDS

§ 135.48. Purpose and scope.

It is the policy of the Commission to promote public access to State game lands for persons with mobility disabilities in compliance with the United States Department of Justice regulations in 28 CFR Part 35 (relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in state and local government services). Sections 135.49—135.55 set forth how, where and when persons with mobility disabilities may access State game lands with powered wheel-chairs, powered mobility devices and motor vehicles.

§ 135.49. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

ATV—All-terrain vehicle—A device meeting the definition in 75 Pa.C.S. § 7702 (relating to definitions).

Designated route—

(i) State game land access or maintenance roads and trails that have been designated by the Director to be open for travel by persons with mobility disabilities using certain powered vehicles and conveyances.

(ii) The term does not include roads that are open to motor vehicle access by the general public.

Disability—A person's physical or mental impairment that substantially limits his mobility.

Disabled person access permit—A permit issued by the Commission under Chapter 147, Subchapter AA (relating to disabled person access permit) to authorize persons with mobility disabilities to utilize mobility devices and motor vehicles to access designated routes on State game lands.

Mobility device—

(i) A power-driven device, other than a wheelchair, that is used by a person with a mobility disability for the purpose of locomotion. The term includes ATVs, golf carts, Segways® and other mobility devices designed to operate in areas without defined pedestrian routes, regardless of whether it is designed primarily for use by persons with mobility disabilities.

(ii) This term does not include motor vehicles.

Transport vehicle placard—A placard provided by the Commission to disabled person access permit holders that must be displayed on the dashboard or in a window of the transport vehicle.

Universal access symbol—A symbol displaying a wheelchair, generally blue and white, that is widely recognized as evidence that the person who is displaying the symbol is disabled.

Wheelchair—

(i) A manually-operated or power-driven device designed primarily for use by individuals with mobility disabilities for the main purpose of indoor or outdoor locomotion, or both.

(ii) The term includes power-driven scooters.

(iii) For the purposes of this subchapter, a wheelchair may not be construed as a mobility device.

§ 135.50. State game lands open to wheelchair access.

(a) Persons with mobility disabilities may use wheelchairs to access any portion of State game lands where pedestrian foot travel is authorized. In the event the Commission restricts pedestrian foot travel in any location through posted signage, wheelchair access will also be restricted.

(b) Access to State game lands under this section does not require a permit issued under section 2923 of the act (relating to disabled person permits) or Chapter 147, Subchapter AA (relating to disabled person access permit).

(c) Persons using motorized wheelchairs are subject to the restrictions of section 2308(a)(7) of the act (relating to unlawful devices and methods) concerning on the use of power-driven vehicles or conveyances to hunt, except as may otherwise be authorized under section 2923 of the act.

(d) Persons using motorized wheelchairs on State game lands are subject to the restrictions on loaded firearms in, on or against a vehicle under section 2503 of the act (relating to loaded firearms in vehicles), except as may otherwise be authorized under section 2923 of the act.

§ 135.51. Designated routes open to mobility devices and motor vehicles.

(a) Persons in possession of a valid disabled person access permit issued under Chapter 147, Subchapter AA (relating to disabled person access permit) may use mobility devices and motor vehicles to access designated routes on State game lands that have been approved by the Director. Designated routes will be classified to authorize mobility device and motor vehicle combined access or mobility device only access, as determined by route selection assessment criteria approved by the Director.

(b) Designated routes will be open for use by persons with disabled person access permits from 14 days prior to the opening day of the archery season to the closing day of the late muzzleloader/archery season and during the spring turkey season. Travel authorized by this section is subject to further limitation based upon existing weather or road conditions or the need for emergency or administrative closure, as indicated by conspicuous signage or postings.

§ 135.52. Towing vehicle placard for persons using mobility devices.

A vehicle used to transport a mobility device for use on designated routes must be marked with a transport vehicle placard issued by the Commission if the transport vehicle is parked on State game lands. The transport vehicle placard must be conspicuously displayed on the dashboard or in a window of the transport vehicle. A transport vehicle placard will be issued by the Commission upon issuance of a disabled person access permit issued under Chapter 147, Subchapter AA (relating to disabled person access permit).

§ 135.53. Operation of mobility devices and motor vehicles on designated routes.

Persons with a valid disabled person access permit issued under Chapter 147, Subchapter AA (relating to disabled person access permit) may operate mobility devices and motor vehicles on designated routes subject to all of the following conditions:

(1) *Safe operation.* Mobility devices and motor vehicles may not be operated on a designated route:

- (i) In negligent disregard for the safety of persons or property.
- (ii) In excess of 25 miles per hour on any designated route classified for mobility device and motor vehicle combined access.
- (iii) In excess of 5 miles per hour on any designated route classified for mobility device only access.

(2) *Marking required.* Mobility devices operated on designated routes must be marked with a universal access symbol placard or sticker that is at least 3 inches by 3 inches in size and displayed in a conspicuous manner.

(3) *ATVs and snowmobiles as mobility devices.* An ATV or snowmobile used as a mobility device on a designated route must be registered with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and display the valid registration plate or registration decal as required under 75 Pa.C.S. §§ 7711.1 and 7711.2 (relating to registration of snowmobile or ATV; and limited registration of snowmobile or ATV).

(4) *Spark arrestors required.* Mobility devices powered by an internal combustion engine must be equipped with a fully functional spark arrestor while operating on a designated route.

(5) *Classification of designated route.* Mobility devices meeting the requirements of this subchapter may access designated routes classified for mobility device and motor vehicle combined access and mobility device only access. Motor vehicles meeting the requirements of this subchapter may access only designated routes classified for motor vehicle access.

(6) *Limited deviation from designated route authorized.* Persons with a valid disabled person access permit issued under Chapter 147, Subchapter AA may traverse a maximum of 100 yards perpendicular to the nearest designated route road or trail edge to establish a hunting or trapping location, and may not traverse streams, springs, wet areas, food plots or other areas posted against travel.

(7) *Size, weight and noise limited.* Mobility devices may not exceed 65 inches in width and 1,800 pounds in weight. The noise level may not exceed 99 decibels when measured at 20 inches.

(8) *Use of vehicle to hunt restricted.* Persons using mobility devices and motor vehicles on designated routes are subject to the restrictions of section 2308(a)(7) of the act (relating to unlawful devices and methods) concerning the use of power-driven vehicles or conveyances to hunt.

(9) *Loaded firearms.* Persons using mobility devices and motor vehicles on designated routes are subject to the restrictions on loaded firearms in, on or against a vehicle under section 2503 of the act (relating to loaded firearms in vehicles), except as may otherwise be authorized under section 2923 of the act (relating to disabled person permits).

The provisions of this § 135.53 issued under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. § 721(a); amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 721(a) and 2901.

§ 135.54. Transport of passengers restricted.

A person with a valid disabled person access permit issued under Chapter 147, Subchapter AA (relating to disabled person access permit) who is incapable of operating the mobility device or motor vehicle, whichever is applicable, may be accompanied by up to one other person who will serve as the operator, provided the mobility device or motor vehicle is designed and manufactured to carry a passenger. Additional passengers are not authorized.

§ 135.55. Unlawful acts; penalties.

It is unlawful to operate a mobility device, motor vehicle or other conveyance on State game lands outside of the authorizations in this subchapter. A person who violates a provision of this subchapter shall be subject to the penalties provided in the act.

Subchapter AA. DISABLED PERSON ACCESS PERMIT

§ 147.1021. Purpose and scope.

This subchapter provides for disabled person access permits to be issued to eligible persons to authorize their holders to utilize mobility devices and motor vehicles to access designated routes on State game lands.

§ 147.1022. Eligibility and application.

(a) A disabled person access permit will only be issued to a person who provides satisfactory evidence of a mobility disability, which includes any of the following:

(1) A disability parking placard issued by the Department of Transportation (Department). This proof can be either the placard or an identification card issued by the Department documenting the issuance of a disability parking placard.

(2) A disability vehicle registration plate issued by the Department. This proof will be the vehicle registration card bearing a registration number beginning in "PD."

(3) A formal document issued by a state other than the Commonwealth, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, Virgin Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and Northern Mariana Islands officially recognizing the existence of a mobility disability.

(4) A disabled person permit issued by the Commission under section 2923 of the act (relating to disabled person permits).

(5) A formal document issued by a medical doctor certifying that the applicant has a mobility disability.

(6) Other satisfactory evidence indicating that the applicant has a mobility disability.

(b) A state-issued proof of a mobility disability must be in the applicant's name and unexpired. If the state-issued proof of a mobility disability evidences an expiration date or the mobility disability is temporary in nature, the Commission will apply a corresponding expiration date to a permit issued under this subchapter.

(c) An application for a disabled person access permit issued under this subchapter shall be made on a form provided by the Commission.

(d) An application must include the name, customer identification number and contact information of the permit applicant.

(e) There is not a fee for a disabled person access permit.

§ 147.1023. Disabled person access permits.

A disabled person access permit issued under this subchapter authorizes the permittee to use mobility devices and motor vehicles to access designated routes on State game lands as is more specifically set forth in Chapter 135, Subchapter C (relating to State game lands).

§ 147.1024. Violations.

The Director may deny, revoke or suspend a permit for a violation of this subchapter upon written notice to the permittee.