

## Accessible and Affordable Hoosier Travel

Traveling with a family member with special health care needs requires additional planning and preparation to minimize stress and challenges. It is important to remember that travel requires a degree of flexibility. Contacting attractions and vendors, such as hotels and transportation providers, prior to travel to discuss an individual's needs and available accommodations is recommended. Indiana offers residents and other travelers a variety of travel options and services.

### Access Pass

Several attractions across the state of Indiana have joined forces to offer an Access Pass, which offers families who are currently receiving assistance the opportunity to take advantage of cultural offerings. The Access Pass offers visitors \$2 general admission per family member per visit. To qualify for an Access Pass, families must participate in one of the following state assistance programs:

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Food Stamps (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program/SNAP)
- Hoosier Healthwise Insurance HIP Basic and Plus
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
- Hoosier Works

To apply for a pass, visit any of the participating venues and show an Indiana-issued photo ID and proof of state assistance (confirm necessary documentation prior to arrival). Access Passes are renewable annually. Read the complete Access Pass policy [here](#).

Participating venues include:

- The Children's Museum of Indianapolis: [www.childrensmuseum.org](http://www.childrensmuseum.org)
- Conner Prairie: [www.connerprairie.org](http://www.connerprairie.org)
- The Eiteljorg Museum: [www.eiteljorg.org](http://www.eiteljorg.org)
- The Indiana Historical Society: [www.indianahistory.org](http://www.indianahistory.org)
- The NCAA Hall of Champions: [www.ncaahallofchampions.org](http://www.ncaahallofchampions.org)
- Terre Haute Children's Museum: <http://thchildrensmuseum.com/>
- WonderLab Museum of Science, Health, Technology: [www.wonderlab.org](http://www.wonderlab.org)
- Indiana Sate Museum & Historic Site: [www.indianamuseum.org](http://www.indianamuseum.org)
- Newfields: <https://discovernewfields.org/>
- Bellaboo's: <https://lakecountyparks.com/269/Visit>
- Indiana Repertory Theater: <https://www.irtlive.com/>
- Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum: <https://imsmuseum.org/>
- Rhythm Discovery Center: <https://shop.pas.org/>

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

To learn more about these and other programs supporting families of children with special health care needs, contact Family Voices Indiana.

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## Indiana Department of Natural Resources

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) maintains a multitude of state parks, recreation and wilderness areas, forests, preserves, and others. 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](#), 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 Golden Hoosier Passport is not valid at Indiana Historic Sites that charge an entrance fee. Visit <http://www.in.gov/dnr> for more information about Indiana parks, recreation guides, and entrance fees.

## Other Attractions

**Holiday World & Splashin' Safari** is an amusement park in Southern Indiana. The park has created an [accessibility guide](#) to assist guests during their visit. Admission discounts are offered to military, veterans, police, EMS, firefighters, and nurses, as well as groups. Discount coupons are frequently found on locally made or packaged products and at other organizations.

**Great Wolf Lodge** is located just over the Indiana border in Mason, Ohio. The lodge offers a year-round waterpark, fun attractions, events, and dining – all indoors! <https://www.greatwolf.com/mason>

Additional Hoosier tourism and trip planning resources are available at <http://www.visitindiana.com/>. Here families can search for activities by category or price, trip ideas, and other travel resources.

Family Voices Indiana has an *Accessible Travel* fact sheet for families interested in traveling out of state. The fact sheet includes air and lodging travel tips, as well as links to additional travel resources.