

Sweetwater Wetlands Park

City of Gainesville

Policy for Military and Related Discounts on Entrance Passes and Admission Fees

In accordance with Florida Statute 166.0447, The City of Gainesville provides the following discounts on Sweetwater Wetlands Park entrance passes and admission fees to persons who present satisfactory written documentation which demonstrates their eligibility.

You are eligible for a free entrance pass if you are:

- An honorably discharged United States veteran of the United States Armed Forces, their reserve components, or the National Guard, who has a service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- A surviving spouse and parent of a deceased member of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard, their reserve components, or the National Guard, who died in the line of duty under combat-related conditions.
- A surviving spouse and parents of a law enforcement officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1), a firefighter, as defined in s. 633.102, or an emergency medical technician or paramedic employed by state or local government, who died in the line of duty.

You are eligible for a 50% discount on entrance passes and admission fees if you are:

- An active duty or honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard or reserve units of the U.S. Armed Forces or National Guard.

Active duty service members or honorably discharged veterans who would like reduced admission fees but who do **not** wish to purchase an entry pass can receive a **discount tag**. Discount tags must be displayed on a vehicle dashboard whenever visiting the park for a discounted fee.

HOW TO OBTAIN A FREE OR DISCOUNTED ENTRANCE PASS OR DISCOUNT TAG

Free or discounted SWP entrance passes or discount tags can be obtained by visiting the PRCA offices at Thomas Center Building B, 306 NE 6th Ave., 3rd floor, Gainesville, during business hours (Mon-Thurs 7 am-6 pm and Friday 8 am to 1 pm)

Anyone requesting a free or discounted entrance pass or a discount tag must present satisfactory documentation demonstrating their eligibility. Acceptable documentation of eligibility is listed below:

For honorably discharged United States veterans who have service-connected disabilities:

Personal identification (e.g.: driver's license), and

- Current official documentation from the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Veterans Affairs or an appropriate branch of one of those agencies, naming the bearer as having sustained a service-related disability, and
- Most recent DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, showing the named individual's Character of Service as Honorable, or
- Other current official documentation from the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Veterans Affairs or an appropriate branch of one of those agencies, naming the bearer as veteran, or retired military, or
- Florida Department of Motor Vehicles driver license or identification card with a capital "V" designation printed on the card indicating the bearer is a veteran.

For surviving spouses and parents of deceased members of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard or reserve units of the U.S. Armed Forces or National Guard who have fallen in combat:

Personal identification (e.g.: driver's license) and

- The DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty, showing the Place of Casualty was a combat or war zone on the Date of Casualty, the Circumstances indicate that the casualty was due to enemy action and the Interested Person/Remarks indicates the bearer is the spouse or parent of the military member who has fallen in combat, or
- The final DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, showing the date of death as the same date as the date of separation, or
- The DD Form 2064, Certificate of Death (Overseas), indicating the bearer is the surviving spouse or a parent of the military member who has fallen in combat, or
- A similar official US Armed Forces or National Guard form indicating the bearer is the surviving spouse or parent of the military member who has fallen in combat, and
- A marriage certificate or license, birth or death certificate, or adoption papers showing the bearer as the spouse or parent of the military member who has fallen in combat.

For surviving spouses and parents of Florida law enforcement officers and Florida firefighters who have died in the line of duty.

Personal identification (i.e.: driver's license, etc.) and

- Official documentation identifying the bearer as the spouse or parent of the law enforcement officer or firefighter who has died in the line of duty. Examples include but are not limited to: a marriage certificate; birth or death certificate or adoption papers; official documentation from a

government agency; or official documentation from a police or firefighter professional organization, and

- Official documentation indicating the Florida law enforcement officer or Florida firefighter died in the line of duty. Examples include but are not limited to: official documentation from a government agency or official documentation from a police or firefighter professional organization.

for active duty and honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard or reserve units of the U.S. Armed Forces or National Guard:

Current military identification card showing the bearer as active duty, reserve, or retired member of a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, or

Personal identification (i.e.: driver's license, etc.) and

- Most recent DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, showing the named individual's Character of Service as Honorable, or
- Other current official documentation from the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Veterans Affairs or an appropriate branch of one of those agencies, naming the bearer as active duty, reserve, veteran, or retired member of the U.S. Armed Forces.
- Florida Department of Motor Vehicles driver license or identification card with a capital "V" designation printed on the card indicating the bearer is a veteran.

