

ADA: SERVING SEATTLE PARKS AND RECREATION PATRONS WITH DISABILITIES

What is the ADA?

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in employment, public entities, public accommodations, commercial facilities, transportation and telecommunications.

How does Seattle Parks and Recreation (PARKS) comply with ADA mandates?

The intent of the law is to provide persons with disabilities equal access to PARKS facilities, informational resources, computer technology, programs, and other services.*

How to request an accommodation:

Kyle Bywater is the designated ADA coordinator for Seattle Parks and Recreation and may be contacted for assistance by mail, phone or email:

ADA Coordinator
Seattle Parks and Recreation
4554 NE 41st St.
Seattle, Washington 98105
(206) 206-684-7548 or (TTY) 206-233-1509

You may also approach any staff member in any of the PARKS locations to request reasonable accommodation. The staff member will direct you to the appropriate ADA contact for that location. That individual will discuss your needs and may provide you with the reasonable accommodation request form. PARKS is committed to providing accommodation whenever possible. The process for finalizing an accommodation request may vary slightly depending on the nature of the request, the duration of the desired accommodation and the number of locations involved in the request. Certification by a Health Care Provider may be required. PARK's response to reasonable accommodation requests shall be in writing, and when appropriate, in a format accessible to the requestor. Appeals of reasonable accommodation requests should be directed to the Recreation Director at 100 Dexter Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98109.

Complaints regarding the provision of services or accommodations in programs or activities for persons with disabilities should be directed to ADA Coordinator Brenda Kramer at the contact information listed above. A copy of the complaint procedure will be made available upon request. (Note: Any concerns regarding the provision of services under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 may also be directed to the ADA Coordinator.)

*The ADA does not require Seattle Parks and Recreation to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

How does Seattle Parks and Recreation (PARKS) serve patrons with disabilities?

PARKS has several programs that serve patrons with disabilities:

Specialized Programs: recreation opportunities for youth and adults with disabilities, including classes, sports, trips and summer camps.

Partnership with Adaptive Sports: wheelchair basketball , Track and Field and other Paralympic activities

Aquatics programs, including swimming at 8 indoor and 2 outdoor pools, boating and sailing

Accommodations on an individual basis to participate in Parks programs and activities

Please contact Kyle Bywater for details 206-684-7548 or 206-684-4950 (TTY) 206-233-1509.

**Please make arrangements at least 7 calendar days in advance.

For more information about these programs, please visit <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/> or ask a staff member at any PARKS location for help.