



# 2023 Annual Parking Pass Decals



## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the Ultimate Parking Pass?

The Ultimate Parking Pass is the best value for a year of parking at Galveston's beaches. The window decal for your car gives you a year of entry at seasonal beach parks (East Beach Park, Stewart Beach Park, Dellanera RV Park and Pocket Park 1) PLUS a year of parking on Seawall Boulevard.

### How do I buy the Ultimate Parking Pass?

Just go to Dellanera RV Park (open all year) or Park Board Plaza at 601 Tremont Street. The guest service team will ask you to provide your contact information and your car's license plate number in order to complete the transaction. You will receive a numbered decal to stick on your windshield.

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## **Why do you need my license plate information?**

Your window decal is tied to your license plate for your Ultimate Pass to be valid. Seawall parking is enforced by the City of Galveston using your license plate. If your license plate is not provided, then your vehicle will receive a parking citation if you park on the Seawall; or you could be denied entry at a beach park.

## **Is the Ultimate Pass transferrable to any of my vehicles?**

No. The Ultimate Pass windshield decal has a number that is unique to the vehicle you registered. It is valid only for the vehicle with the decal and the matching license plate that was registered. If you have more than one vehicle visiting Galveston's beaches in the coming year, then you need one pass for each vehicle.

## **What if I change my license plates or my windshield decal is destroyed?**

Decals are not refundable, replaceable or transferrable to other vehicles. A new decal must be purchased in the event a new license plate is issued or a new decal is needed.

## **Are there any special offers or discounts on the Ultimate Parking Pass?**

No discounts are permitted as part of the Beach Access Plan of the City of Galveston. This access plan follows the State of Texas General Land Office requirements. Designated free parking spaces are provided at each seasonal beach park and along Seawall Boulevard. Vehicles with disabled plates or placards receive free parking.

## **Who is exempt from parking fees?**

Owners of vehicles displaying handicap tags or placards as well as Disabled Veterans (which includes):

- Congressional Medal of Honor, Former Prisoner of War,
- Pearl Harbor Survivor,
- Purple Heart Recipient,
- Legion of Valor (Air Force Cross, Distinguished Service Cross, Army Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross or Medal of Honor) or
- Legion of Merit License Plates

are exempt from the payment of parking fees, including a fee collected through a parking meter, charged by a governmental authority other than a branch of the federal government. These vehicles are only exempt from the parking fees if they are being operated by or for the transportation of the person who registered the vehicle with the above-mentioned license plates. Texas law allows parking placards to be removed and displayed in any vehicle used for transportation of a person with a disability. People with disabilities can apply for placards even if they do not own a car.

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## **How long does it take to get my license plate registered for Seawall parking?**

When you buy an Ultimate Pass, your license plate is registered immediately upon completion of your transaction. There is a 15 minute grace period when parking along the Seawall.

## **How do I know when my Ultimate Pass will expire?**

Your Ultimate Pass decal will have a hole punched on the month in which your decal expires next year. Note that your Seawall parking expires on the same date of purchase in one year.

## **What if I do not have a credit card?**

Payment by credit card is the most convenient and fastest way to complete your transaction. The Pay By Phone payments encrypt credit card information for your safety and privacy. To pay with cash, you can get your Ultimate Pass at the Park Board Plaza at 601 Tremont Street during normal operating hours.

## **Can I buy an Ultimate Pass to give as a gift?**

Yes! Just come to the Park Board Plaza or Dellanera RV Park and be able to provide the contact information and license plate of the vehicle for the lucky person receiving the gift.

## **Does the Ultimate Pass provide preferred, guaranteed or reserved parking?**

No. There are no designated or guaranteed parking spaces for beach parking pass holders, as beach access must comply with the State of Texas requirements and be available to all on a first-come, first-served basis.

## **Does my Ultimate Pass permit me to park my vehicle overnight on Seawall Boulevard?**

No. Parking with your pass on Seawall Boulevard is restricted per City of Galveston regulations. Vehicles must be removed from Seawall Boulevard from 3:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. Some limited exceptions may apply during certain times of the year for certain events and activities. Contact the City Marshal's office for all parking regulation and enforcement inquiries at 409-797-3647.

## **Can I buy the Seasonal Beach Pass and upgrade to an Ultimate Pass?**

The best way to add annual Seawall parking to your Seasonal Beach Pass, is to use the PayByPhone Parking app and buy 12 months of parking along the Seawall using Location 5004.

## **Who do I call if I have questions about the Ultimate Pass?**

For assistance, please call the Galveston Island Park Board at 409-797-5000.