



Virginia State Parks-2020 Legislative Session

This budget package represents a **Mission Critical** effort to address staffing and operational needs of the Virginia State Park System, a system that has been creating memories since 1936.

FACTS...

- Over the past ten years our parks have experienced an 18% increase in overall attendance. It is critical to properly fund the operational and staffing needs to meet demand and protect our existing investment.
- The last major state park budget rebenchmarking was 15 years ago and it was inadequate at the time to meet staffing and operational needs. Since then, nine new state parks have been opened and four more are scheduled to open in 2020.
- For every **\$1** of tax money spent on the Virginia State Park system, roughly **\$1.30** in state and local taxes are generated.
- State Parks generate **\$17.68** in new money in return for every **\$1** in General Fund support. State parks contribute over **\$343 m** in economic impact to the Commonwealth as well as support **4,180** private and public sector jobs.*
- In addition to the economic role, state parks provide recreational experiences that are memorable and promote physical and mental health, educational opportunities, and help in industrial recruitment.

Budget Amendment Requests-FY21 & FY22

Need	Year 1	Year 2	FTE
Youth Conservation Corps in All Parks	\$623,000	\$623,000	1.0
Inclusion of DCR Conservation Officers into VaLORS	\$370,762	\$370,762	
Daniel Boone Interpretive Center Operations and Staffing - Satellite of Natural Tunnel State Park	\$563,568	\$350,648	1.0
Pocahontas State Park – New Cabin Support	\$152,273	\$152,273	
Sweet Run State Park Operations and Staffing	\$563,568	\$350,648	2.0
Natural Bridge State Park Operations and Staffing	\$376,364	\$376,364	5.0

* Source: Virginia State Parks Economic Impact Report, January 2020
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VIRGINIA STATE PARKS

Tidewater - 1

- FL** First Landing
- BI** Belle Isle
- CP** Chippokes Plantation
- FC** False Cape
- KP** Kiptopeke
- YR** York River
- MP/MA** Middle Peninsula/
Machicomoco

Potomac - 2

- LE** Leesylvania
- CA** Caledon
- LA** Lake Anna
- MN** Mason Neck
- WE** Westmoreland
- WW** Widewater
- SN** Sweet Run

Shenandoah - 3

- DO** Douthat
- JR** James River
- SH** Shenandoah River
- SK** Sky Meadows
- NB** Natural Bridge
- SE** Seven Bends

Central - 4

- PO** Pocahontas
- BC** Bear Creek Lake
- HB** High Bridge Trail
- HL** Holliday Lake
- SC** Sailor's Creek Battlefield
- TL** Twin Lakes
- PW** Powhatan

Piedmont - 5

- SR** Staunton River
- FS** Fairy Stone
- CL** Claytor Lake
- OC** Occoneechee
- SB** Staunton River
Battlefield
- SM** Smith Mountain Lake
- MR** Mayo River

Southwest - 6

- HM** Hungry Mother
- GH** Grayson Highlands
- NT** Natural Tunnel
- NR** New River Trail
- SW** Southwest Virginia
Museum
- WR** Wilderness Road
- BR** Breaks Interstate
- ST** Shot Tower
- CR** Clinch River

 Under Development

