



## Welcome Educators!

### Vermont State Park Day Use Offerings and things to do.

Those of us here at Vermont State Parks are incredibly excited to become part of the Vermont Educator Wellness and Appreciation program. We hope every teacher and support staff will join the more than 1 million visitors who annually come to explore and discover firsthand what makes Vermont State Parks so special.

The evidence is clear. Spending time outside recreating or relaxing is tremendous for the body, mind, and spirit. Matching the iconic features and natural playgrounds of Vermont State Parks with the state's noble education professionals is a perfect combination and wonderful initiative.

Our largest rate of growth in visits is coming from Vermonters. They are rediscovering the exceptional parks within the Green Mountain State. Every Vermonter is a stakeholder in Vermont's parks and should view the state parks as their very own vacation property, shared with others.

#### **The vehicle pass:**

- The annual vehicle pass provides unlimited day use entry to any park open for day use, all season (mid-May to mid-October), for up to 8 people in one vehicle.
- Each pass is assigned to one vehicle. At your first park visit you will be asked to write the license plate number of the vehicle you want assigned to the pass.
- You will need to present your pass each time you visit a park.
- Pass is non-transferable and cannot be used by other vehicles.
- Pass should be displayed on dashboard of vehicle while in the park.
- Pass does not include camping.

#### **Where you can go and what you can do:**

- If you're looking to go for a swim, cool off by the lake, take a hike, have a picnic or just kick back and read a book, Vermont State Parks are a great option and there is one nearby everyone who lives in Vermont. We have amazing waterfronts, trails, scenic vistas, nature programming, special events and many other features and activities.
- Our parks provide a safe, welcoming, and inclusive place for staff and visitors where you can count on a clean and friendly park.

**Parks Amenities:**

Most day use areas have beaches with swimming areas, grassy expanses of lawn, boat rentals, grills, and clean restrooms, and are universally accessible. Many also have playgrounds, concession areas and picnic pavilions. In all we have 26 beaches with outstanding swimming and other water-based activities.

**Where to find information:**

Vermont State Parks have many miles of world class hiking and walking trails including history hikes, nature hikes, boardwalks, and mt. biking.

At [www.vtstateparks.com](http://www.vtstateparks.com) you can use the Park Finder feature or Trail Finder link to explore the best places nearby to fish, walk, hike, bike, forest bathe, rent boats, run, take a history hike or nature walk. Our myriad of events and programs are listed on the events calendar.

At [vtstateparks.com](http://vtstateparks.com) you can also sign up for Venture VT, our very popular outdoor activities program where participants track their pursuits, keep score, earn rewards, and have a blast while enjoying the outdoors.