



FISCAL SNAPSHOT

STATE PARKS

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Background

The [Parks and Recreation Division](#) in the [Department of Natural Resources](#) manages 103 facilities designated as state parks as defined by the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act ([1994 PA 451](#)). These facilities are divided into four categories: parks, recreation areas, historic parks, and trails.

Facility Type	Number	Area
Parks	73	195,529 acres
Recreation areas	22	104,422 acres
Historic parks	3	1,747 acres
Trails	5	196 miles

State Parks Funding

Funding for state park operations has steadily increased since the Recreation Passport program replaced daily and annual state park passes in 2010. Recreation Passport rates were increased to from \$11 to \$12 in 2020, and participation rates have continued to climb. Fiscal year 2022-23 includes the addition of \$13.7 million Gross (\$0 GF/GP), primarily from available restricted revenues, for new FTE positions, wage increases, campsite operations, and harbor operations.

