

New York State

Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation



Taughannock Falls State Park



178 State Parks

Sackets Harbor Battlefield State Historic Site



35 Historic Sites



Letchworth State Park



55 Million Annual Visitors to State Parks



Chittenango Falls State Park



325,000 Acres



First in Operating Facilities



First in Campgrounds
(with DEC)



Fifth in Total Acreage

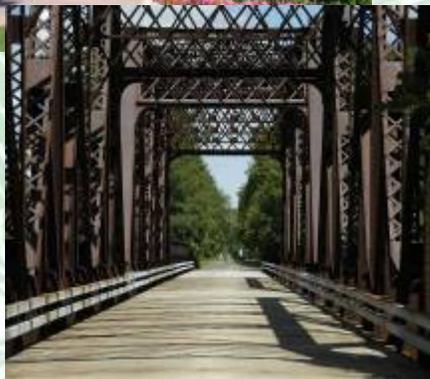
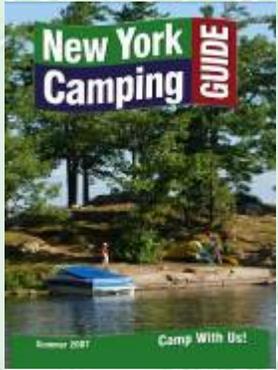


Third in Total Annual Visitation

New York State Parks



Recreational Inventory Includes.....



-  5,000 Buildings
-  29 Golf Courses
-  53 Swimming Pools
-  76 Beaches
-  27 Marinas
-  40 Boat Launches
-  18 Nature Centers
-  824 Cabins
-  8,396 Campsites
-  1,350 Miles of Trails
-  106 Dams
-  640 Bridges

Niagara Falls State Park



Oldest State Park in the Nation



Washington's Headquarters



Nation's First Publicly Owned State Historic Site



Bethpage Black Golf Course



First Publicly Owned Golf Course in Nation to Host U.S. Open Golf Championship



Revitalize New York State Parks

EDITORIALS Make parks a priority

Long Island's most beautiful spots must be adequately maintained

A large part of what draws people to Long Island is its physical beauty — much of it protected by our state parks, such as Jones Beach and Sunken Meadow. But behind the vistas is the crumbling infrastructure that occurs when maintenance is deferred. To fix it, Gov. Eliot Spitzer must put forward a credible plan to provide the needed funding. Spitzer's predecessor, Gov. George Pataki, expended a lot of energy on acquiring additional land for parks. And the state's Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation has excelled at setting up public-private partnerships to get money from sources other than taxes.



At Her
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But the agency's very success at raising funds has made it all too tempting for budget-makers to hold back on to fund support for the parks," said last November by a nonprofit group called Parks & Trails. That report said state support in the parks budget fell 68 percent in 1994. Support from the federal government had risen from 1990 to 1994. Overall, state parks have had inflation. State parks have had inflation. State parks have had inflation.

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State parks Commissioner targets infrastructure

New York has a rich and abundant state park system, amply displaying the state's natural beauty and making available a variety of recreational opportunities for visitors.

Certainly Northern New York exemplifies what the state has to offer in its park system. Many beautiful parks dot the shoreline of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River. The Adirondack Park provides a wealth of outdoor experiences for visitors, with its woodland trails, mountain vistas, lakes and streams.

Truly, New York has a treasury of scenic parks and recreation areas that require competent, caring management.

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A former executive director of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, Ms. Ash has much experience in park management and conservation policy. As acting parks commissioner earlier this year, she informed incoming Gov. Eliot L. Spitzer that the state's parks and historic sites need an estimated \$600 million in infrastructure upgrades.

Ms. Ash said the governor has been receptive. The plans include improving electrical and water services at state parks, as well as marinas, road systems and maintenance facilities. Accommodating larger recreational vehicles is a priority as well.

New York has a wonderful park system that needs to be improved and updated on a regular basis. There also should be an effort to attract more visitors to our parks.

New York State Parks Capital Revitalization



Year One: Historic Commitment in the Making



New York State Parks Capital Revitalization



\$100 Million Capital Program Launched

THE BUFFALO NEWS
Niagara Falls State Park gets \$8 million

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LOCAL STATE PARKS'
Outdoor upgrades

**Unprecedented funds
put projects in motion**

Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park to get facelift

YORKTOWN - Work is underway on the rehabilitation of Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park's mammoth outdoor pool - one of several improvement projects taking shape under a \$132 million plan to jumpstart the revitalization of New York state parks and historic sites. The park is in the Town of Yorktown.

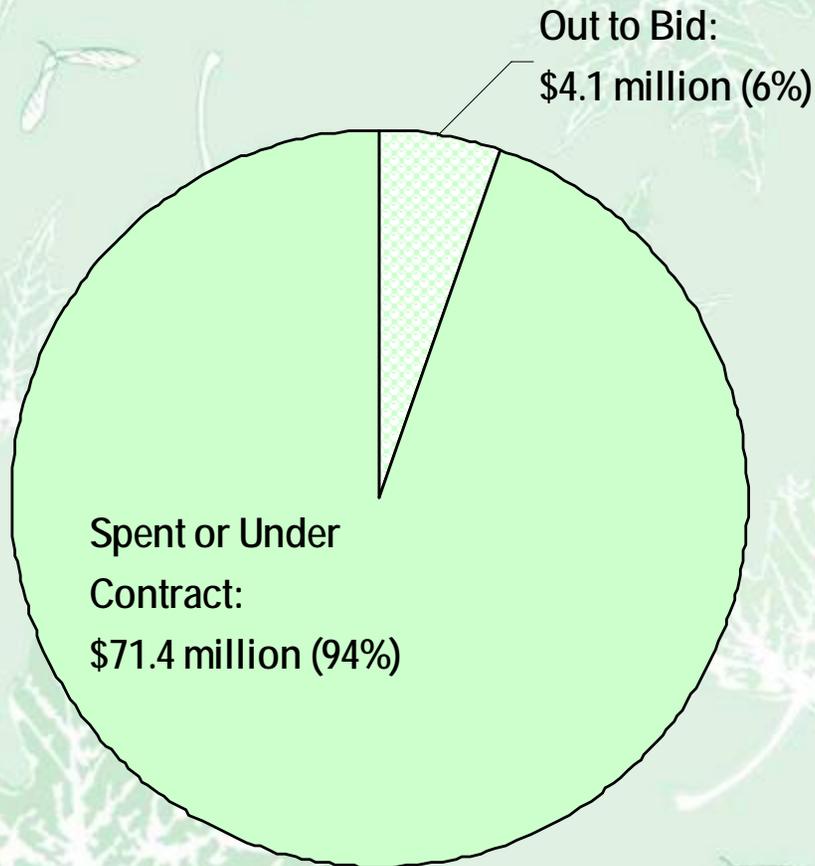
Journal News
June 6, 2008

**Bear Mtn. State Park
shows off upgrades**

New York State Parks Capital Revitalization



Year One Underway: Funds Appropriated



Total OPRHP
Appropriation:
\$75.5 million

Spent or under contract:
\$71.4 million (94%)

Projects out to bid:
\$4.1 million (6%)

Estimated contracted or
spent by March 31, 2009:
\$75.5 million (100%)

New York State Parks Capital Revitalization

🍁 Year One Underway: Construction Begins



🍁 201 capital construction projects initiated

🍁 1,000 construction and engineering jobs



🍁 Improvements at 80 parks and historic sites

Bear Mountain State Park



New Pedestrian Tunnel



Four Mile Creek State Park

Comfort Station Rehab

Before



After



Letchworth State Park

Highbridge Road Reconstruction



Saratoga Spa State Park

Peerless Pool Rehabilitation



Before



After

Allegany State Park

Cabin Loop Restoration

Before



After



FDR State Park

Comfort Station Renovation

Before



After



Green Lakes State Park

🍃 Bathhouse Reconstruction



Jones Beach State Park



Boardwalk Rehabilitation In Progress



Riverbank State Park



Traffic Circle Repair In Progress



Brentwood State Park

Park Development



Walkway Over the Hudson

🍁 Linking Public Trails Across the Hudson River



New York State Parks



Capital Revitalization



Saratoga Spa State Park

🍁 Replacing Natural Gas Lines



Verona Beach State Park



Seawall Reconstruction



Allegany State Park



Cricks Landfill Closure



Seneca Lake State Park

Rusting Dock Supports at Marina



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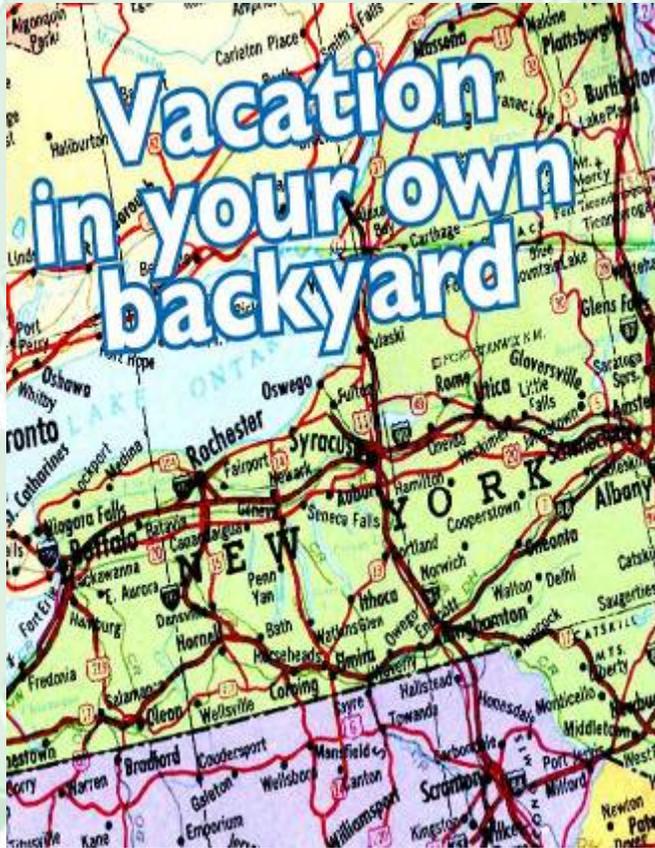
Capital Revitalization



Parks for New York



Safe and Affordable Destinations



On Vacation, Close to Home

“Campgrounds in Connecticut, New York and New Jersey report being packed. Advance bookings at state campgrounds on Long Island are up 7.5 percent.”

New York Times, August 3, 2008

Parks for New York

Job Creation



-  150 Construction and consultant contracts in 57 counties
-  Additional 400 sub-contracts
-  13% of agency spending directed to minority and women owned businesses
-  1,000 construction and engineering jobs

Parks for New York

Upstate Economic Impact Samples



🍁 Cattaraugus \$4,007,978

🍁 Erie \$3,135,014

🍁 Jefferson \$4,463,224

🍁 Onondaga \$3,943,850

🍁 Niagara \$4,998,086

🍁 St. Lawrence \$3,949,611

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Tourism



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LETCWORTH STATE PARK
GREATER NIAGARA

Stretching over 14,350 acres along the Genesee River gorge, escape into the magnificent landscape of Letchworth State Park. This unforgettable destination is a year-round show-stopper with 66 miles of trails, three waterfalls, the historic Glen Iris Inn, and recreational opportunities galore. Enjoy performing arts programs, whitewater rafting, rich Seneca history, exhibits, geologic wonders, kayaking, hot air ballooning, wagon rides, horseback riding and a swimming pool complex. Bring your camera!

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Places to stay | **Things to do nearby**

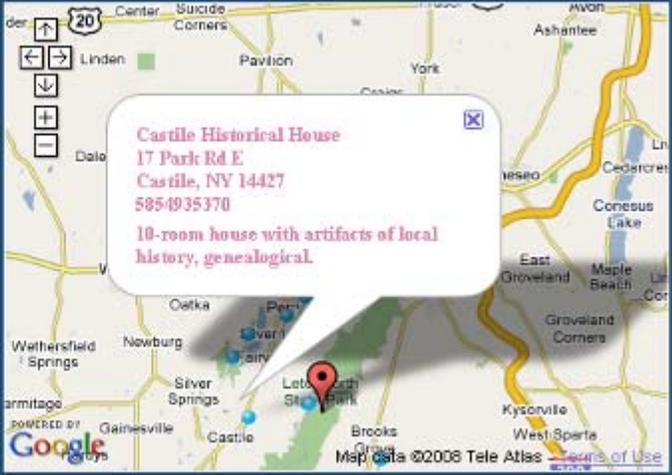
All Attractions

Arts Council for Wyoming County Gallery , Perry , NY 14530
Nature and outdoor recreation paintings, large canvases and local photography by famous artists.

Beard's Creek Golf Course , Leicester , NY 14481
An 18 hole, links type course with natural traps. Very scenic, open to the public.

Castle Historical House , Castile , NY 14427
10-room house with artifacts of local history, genealogical.

Genesee Valley Greenway Trail , Mount Morris , NY 14510
90-mi recreational trail. Following former route of the Genesee Valley Canal and Pennsylvania RR.



Castle Historical House
17 Park Rd E
Castile, NY 14427
585-4935370

10-room house with artifacts of local history, genealogical.

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Parks for New York

Economically Vibrant Communities



Infusing more than \$100 million into local communities



Improving the quality of life and investing in our future



Attracting large and small businesses

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 Healthy Parks, Healthy Kids



Parks for New York

Seeking Additional Sources of Funding



 Securing increased funding through federal Land and Water Conservation Fund

 Working with our Congressional delegation to secure funds for high priority projects

 Launching a private fundraising campaign

Planting Fields Arboretum



Gantry Plaza State Park



Allegheny State Park



Wellesley Island State Park

