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178 State Parks



35 State Historic Sites

# Parks by the Numbers

Total Acreage - 325,000

Annual Visitation - 55 million

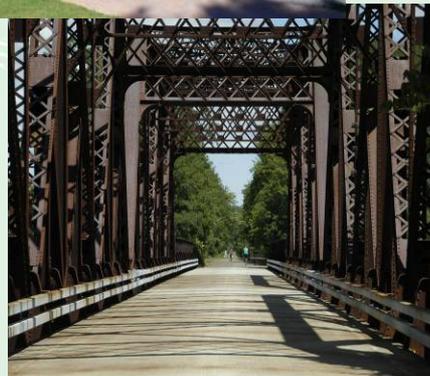


Letchworth State Park

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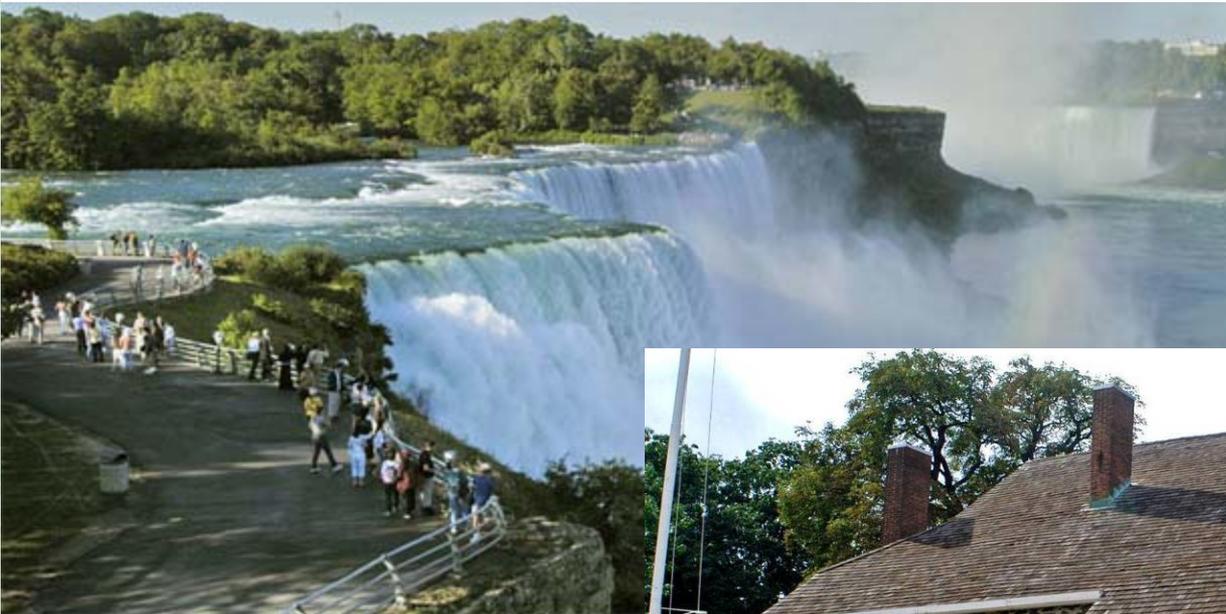
## Recreational Inventory Includes.....

- 5,000 Buildings
- 29 Golf Courses
- 53 Swimming Pools
- 76 Beaches
- 27 Marinas
- 40 Boat Launches
- 18 Nature Centers
- 817 Cabins
- 8,355 Campsites
- 1,350 Miles of Trails
- 106 Dams
- 640 Bridges



# New York State Parks and Historic Sites

Niagara Falls State Park: Nation's Oldest State Park



Washington's Headquarters:  
Nation's First Publicly Owned Historic Site

# First Publicly Owned Golf Course to Host the US Open



Bethpage State Park: Black Course

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Hudson Valley

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Western New York

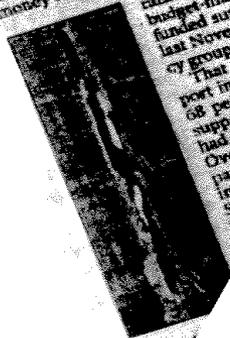
# Revitalize New York State Parks

## 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.

"But the agency's very success at revenue-raising has made it all too tempting for budget-makers to hold back on its funded 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 an inflation-adjusted loss of 25 percent since 1990.



At Her  
Stat

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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 larger recreational facilities. Accommodating more 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



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## \$100 Million Capital Program Launched

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

DEMOCRATANDCHRONICLE.COM  
LOCAL STATE PARKS'  
**Outdoor upgrades**

**Unprecedented funds  
put projects in motion**

**Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park to get facelift**

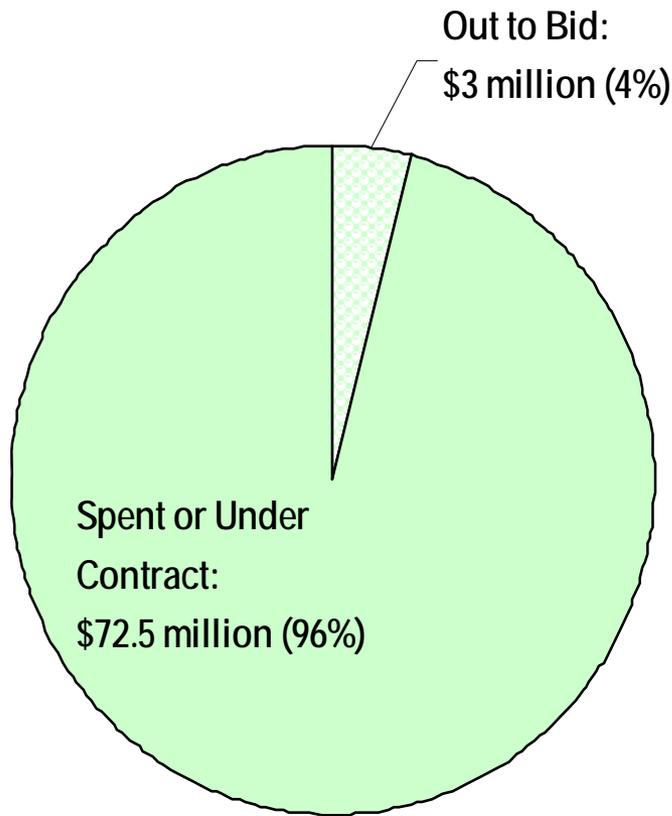
**YORKTOWN** - Work is underway on the rehabilitation of Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park's mammoth outdoor pool - one of several improvement projects taking shape under a \$132 million plan to jumpstart the revitalization of New York state parks and historic sites. The park is in the Town of Yorktown.

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:**  
\$72.5 million (96%)

**Projects out to bid:**  
\$3 million (4%)

**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 Projects Initiated

- 1,000 FTE (Full Time Equivalent) Construction and Engineering Jobs



- Improvements at 80 Parks and Historic Sites

# Four Mile Creek State Park

## Comfort Station Rehab



Old Comfort Station



New Comfort Station

# 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

# FDR State Park

## Improvements Underway



# Green Lakes State Park

## Improvements Underway



# Green Lakes State Park

## Bathroom Reconstruction



# Riverbank State Park

1993-2008 - Serving the Community for 15 Years



# Riverbank State Park

## Traffic Circle Repair In Progress



# Brentwood State Park

## Park Development



# New York State Parks

## Capital Revitalization



# Saratoga Spa State Park

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## Replacing Natural Gas Lines



# Verona Beach State Park

## Seawall Reconstruction



# Allegany State Park

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## Cricks Landfill Closure



# Seneca Lake State Park

## Rusting Dock Supports at Marina



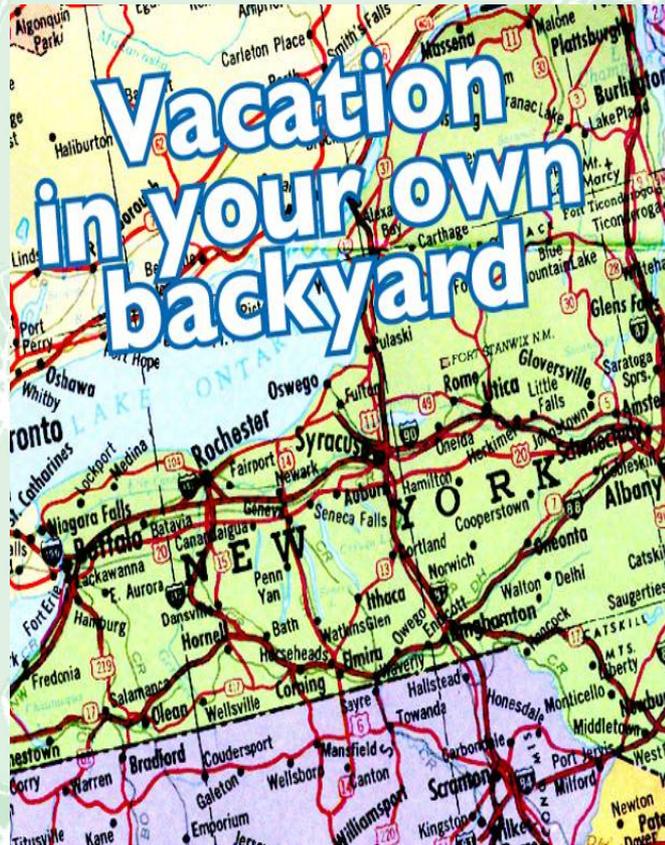
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## Capital Revitalization



# 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

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## Supporting Private Sector Jobs



- 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 FTE construction and engineering jobs

# Parks for New York

## 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!

[Check out all NYS Parks and Historic Sites](#)

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

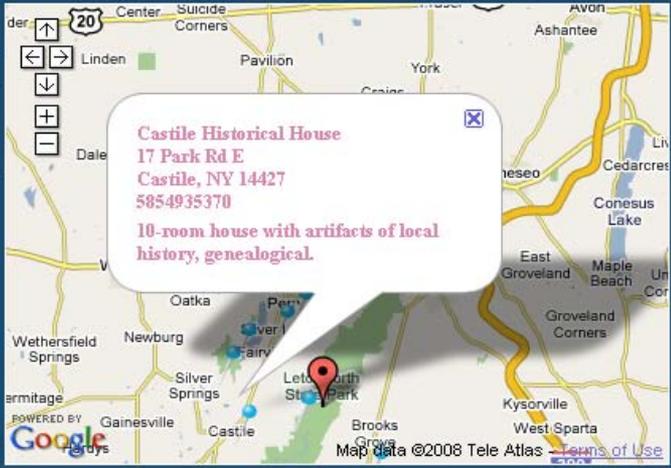
All Attractions

**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.

**Castile 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.



**Castile Historical House**  
17 Park Rd E  
Castile, NY 14427  
5854935370  
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# Parks for New York

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## 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

# Parks for New York

Healthy Parks, Healthy Kids



# Planting Fields Arboretum



# Gantry Plaza State Park



# Chittenango Falls State Park



# Minnewaska State Park

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