



**PALISADES INTERSTATE PARKS**  
**2024-25 BUS PERMIT PACKET FOR BEAR MOUNTAIN STATE PARK**  
**CONDITIONS and REQUIREMENTS**

Any group planning to travel to our parks with buses must obtain bus permits well in advance of their outing. Groups are required to comply with the rules and regulations of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the Palisades Interstate Park Commission.

1. All applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Each bus permit entitles the group to one day of recreation at the site stated on the permit and permission to travel on the Palisades Parkway. Additional fees may apply for some activities. Please inquire with us or see the enclosed information.
2. All mailed requests must be postmarked at least fourteen (14) business days, prior to the date of the outing and include the following:
  - a. Completed Application
  - b. A copy of your IRS 501(c)(3) certification (if required)
  - c. A certified check, company check, or money order made payable to NYS OPRHP/PIPC (we do not accept purchase orders).
  - d. Separate applications and payments for separate outings

Applications that are not complete or not written clearly will be returned.

3. Bus permits are valid only for the number of buses, date(s), and Park(s) specified on the permit. Bus groups that arrive at the park without permits will be charged the on-site fee, if space is available, regardless of the group's not-for-profit status. If space is not available, the group will not be permitted to enter. If space is available at one of the nearby parks, the group will be sent there.

Please Note:

- A phone call is not a confirmation
- Bear Mountain will not be accepting buses on weekends (Saturday & Sunday) or Holidays, from May through October 2024.

**BUS FEES**

IRS 501(c)(3) GROUP (copy of IRS 501(c)(3) certification required) \$60.00 per bus  
Examples: Churches, Schools, Government Offices, etc.  
*Note: A NYS sales tax exemption certificate does not qualify your group for this rate.*

NON 501(c)(3) GROUP \$100.00 per bus  
Examples: Tours, Family outings, Businesses, etc.

ON-SITE FEE\* \$150.00 per bus  
(Regardless of the group's non-profit status.)

\*This is for any groups arriving to the park, on the day of outing, without having purchased a bus permit in advance or have not submitted their completed applications within five (5) business days.

4. In the event of inclement weather, such as rain, the group may call on or before the original date to reschedule. A request to reschedule will be granted only if space is still available on the new date you are considering. There are no refunds due to the weather.

5. Refunds will be issued only if advance notice of cancellation is received, in writing, seven (7) business days before the outing date. Bus groups that do not arrive at the park on the date reserved are not entitled to a refund.
6. A validated bus permit must be displayed on the right front window of each bus. The permit must be made available to officials and employees upon entry of the park.
7. All buses must leave the park by 6:00 p.m.
8. Buses are not allowed to travel on Perkins Memorial Drive in Bear Mountain State Park.
9. The discharge or pick up of passengers along roads, at park entrance, or in any area other than that designated by a park employee is strictly prohibited.
10. Groups must be supervised by competent adult supervisors with at least one (1) supervisor to every ten (10) children. *Supervisors must be at least 18 years of age and the person in charge must be at least 21 years of age.* Park personnel have the right to request proof of age for any supervisor. In addition to providing adult supervision, *camps must provide one (1)-certified lifeguard for every 25 children.* Children must be under close supervision, observation and control at all times. Appropriate male and female supervisors must supervise minors using the bathhouse and comfort stations.
11. Any camps/groups paying with a check at the pool, must have the check made out for the exact amount. If amount is made out for too much, there will be no cash refund given back. However, your group will receive the difference in wristbands.
12. All facilities within the park are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
13. The bringing of alcoholic beverages into the park or areas under the jurisdiction of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission is strictly prohibited.
14. No items are to be sold, nor is catering allowed without written permission from Bear Mountain's concessionaire. They can be reached at (845) 786-2731.
15. Bear Mountain State Park does not have barbecue grills. You may bring your own.
16. No tents or covers are allowed. Attaching rope, banners, hammocks, nets or other artificial objects to trees or rocks is prohibited.
17. Areas used by a group must be left in the condition equal to that existing upon arrival. Groups will be held responsible for all clean-up.

**Please direct all correspondence about bus permits to:**

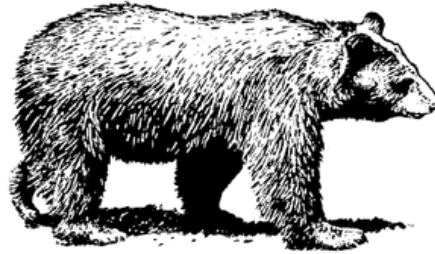
NYS OPRHP/P.I.P.C.  
Bear Mountain State Park  
C/O Bus Permits  
3006 Seven Lakes Drive  
P.O. Box 427  
Bear Mountain, NY 10911-0427  
Telephone (845) 786-2702 ext. 2 Fax (845) 947-3654  
Email: bearmountainsp@parks.ny.gov



Groups looking to book the Merry-Go-Round need to contact Guest Services, Inc. at the Bear Mountain Inn.

They can be contacted at  
(845) 786-2731 ext. 1002.

## Trailside Museums and Zoo at Bear Mountain State Park



Open to the public

April 1 – Oct 31, 10 AM-4:30 PM

Nov 1 – Mar 31, 10 AM-4 PM

(Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas Day)

Suggested donation: \$1 per visitor

For general zoo information, contact:

Trailside Museums and Zoo

Bear Mountain State Park

P.O. Box 427

Bear Mountain, NY 10911

[www.trailsidemuseumsandzoo.org](http://www.trailsidemuseumsandzoo.org)

(845) 429 – 2960

To **schedule a visit** for your group,  
please contact the Trailside Educator:

(845) 942 – 3861

Or

[chris.osullivan@parks.ny.gov](mailto:chris.osullivan@parks.ny.gov)

Preferred

## Education Programs

We are lucky enough to have a dedicated group of volunteer educators, called the Trailside Docents, who interpret our exhibits. For registered groups, we will do our best to have a docent present during your visit.

Depending on their availability, they will conduct tours for smaller-sized groups (approx. 20). Please make your tour requests with the educator a minimum of two weeks before your visit.

We hope to make your visit a pleasant and worthwhile one.

☺ Suggested Donation \$1.00 per person ☺

Donations go to the care and feeding of our animals and the upkeep of the facility. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

*Pets are not permitted in the zoo.*

*Food, roller skates, skateboards, heelies, sports equipment, pets, etc. are not permitted at the zoo. Please leave them at the picnic area or in your vehicle.*

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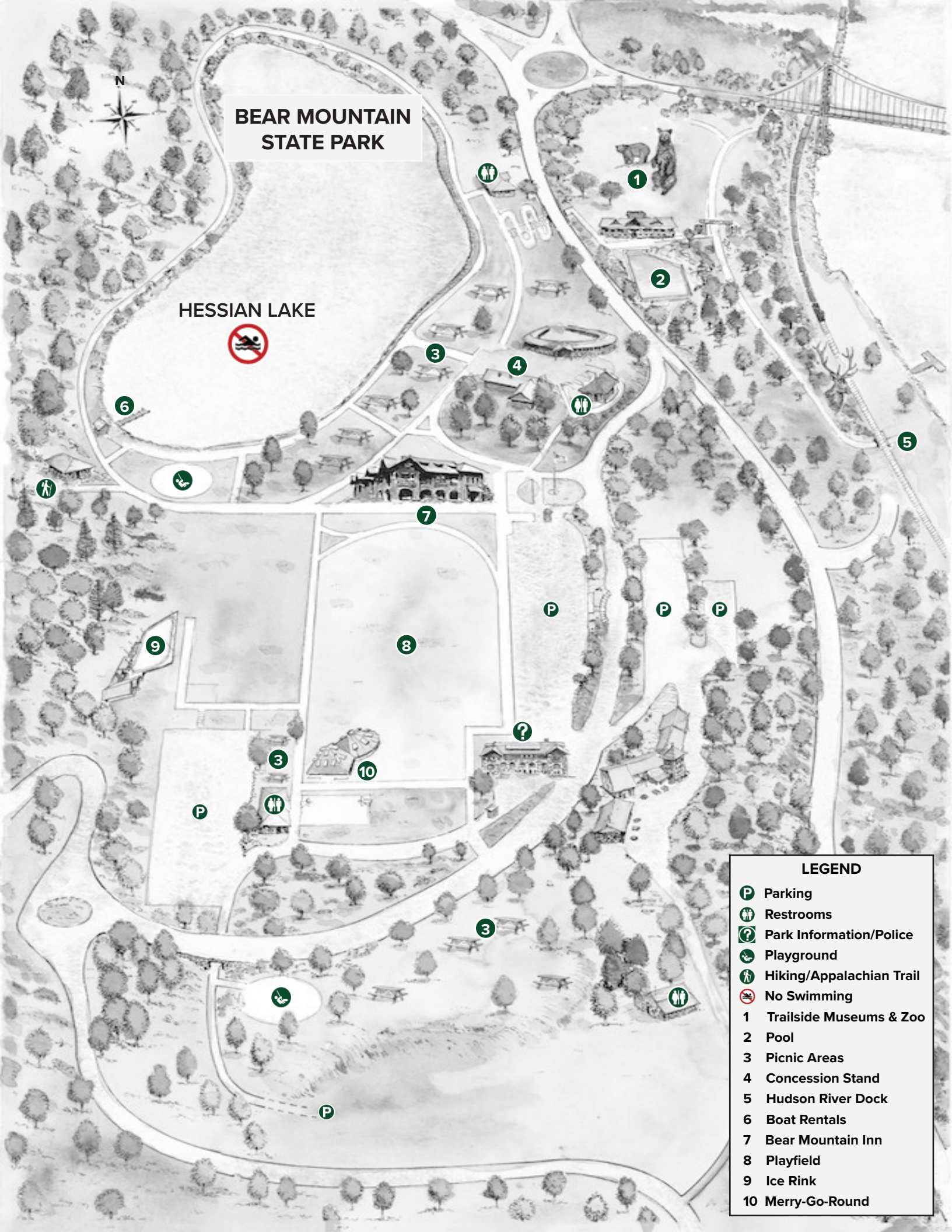
Please follow these rules and regulations to ensure your safety while visiting the Bear Mountain State Park Pool.

1. The Bear Mountain Pool accepts **cash only**.
2. Groups must be supervised by competent adult supervisors with at least one (1) supervisor to every ten (10) children. Supervisors must be at least 18 years of age, and the person in charge must be at least 21 years of age. Park Personnel have the right to request proof of age for any supervisor. In addition to providing adult supervision, camps must provide one (1)-certified lifeguard for every 25 children. Children must be under close supervision, observation, and control at all times. Use of the bathhouse and comfort stations must be supervised by appropriate male or female counselors/supervisors.
3. Any camps/groups paying with a check at the pool, must have the check made out for the exact amount. If the amount is made out for too much, there will be no cash refund given back. However, your group will receive the difference in wristbands.
4. The following items are not permitted in the pool area:
  - A. Radios
  - B. Food, Beverages and/or Coolers
  - C. Strollers
  - D. Swimming Aids (i.e. floatation devices/"swimmies," etc.)
  - E. Swimming Masks that cover the nose
  - F. Sporting Equipment
  - G. Smoking
5. Diving is only permitted in the diving area.
6. No horseplay.
7. NO REFUNDS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.
8. Children who are not toilet trained must wear swim diapers in the pool.

These rules and regulations are to ensure that you have a safe and enjoyable time at our park.

Those who fail to comply with these rules and regulations will be asked to leave the pool area.





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## LEGEND

- Parking
- Restrooms
- Park Information/Police
- Playground
- Hiking/Appalachian Trail
- No Swimming
- 1 Trailside Museums & Zoo
- 2 Pool
- 3 Picnic Areas
- 4 Concession Stand
- 5 Hudson River Dock
- 6 Boat Rentals
- 7 Bear Mountain Inn
- 8 Playfield
- 9 Ice Rink
- 10 Merry-Go-Round

# **BEAR MOUNTAIN STATE PARK GENERAL PARK INFORMATION**

**VEHICLE USE FEE:** \$10.00 per car

**BUSES:** Must have a bus permit prior to arrival. Call (845) 786-2702 ext. 2 or email us at [bearmountainsp@parks.ny.gov](mailto:bearmountainsp@parks.ny.gov) for the bus permit packet at least (2) weeks in advance.

**BUS FEES:** \$60.00 - 501(c)(3) Group (copy of IRS 501(c)(3) certification required)  
\$100.00 - Non-501(c)(3) Group

## **POOL HOURS:**

Mon. – Fri. 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Sat., Sun. & Holidays 11:00 AM – 6:30 PM

Last admission at 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM

## **POOL ADMISSION FEE:**

\$5.00 per person

**\*\* ALL FEES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## **PICNIC PERMITS (for groups not obtaining bus permits):**

Groups of 50 or more must obtain a picnic permit prior to arrival. To obtain a permit, submit a letter with the following information:

- Name of Group
- Date, arrival and departure time
- Description
- Number of people
- Preferred location
- Contact Person and Information

## **TRAILSIDE MUSEUMS AND ZOO:**

April 1-Oct 31, 10 AM-4:30 PM

Nov 1-Mar 31, 10 AM-4 PM

Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas Day

Suggested Donation: \$1.00/per person

## **MERRY GO ROUND:**

Labor Day - Last week in June:

Weekends & Holidays

Last Week in June – Labor Day:

Wednesday – Sunday (Closed Mon. & Tues.)

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Admission: \$2.00/per ride

## **MAIL LETTER TO:**

Bear Mountain State Park

C/O Permits

3006 Seven Lakes Drive

P.O. Box 427

Bear Mountain, NY 10911

## **DIRECTIONS TO BEAR MOUNTAIN STATE PARK**

### **- From New York City and Palisades Interstate Parkway (PIP) (North/South)**

Take the upper level of the George Washington Bridge and take the very first right onto the Palisades Interstate Parkway (PIP) North. Go approximately 42 miles to Exit 19 (Bear Mountain State Park) and bear right on to Seven Lakes Drive for 3.5 miles to the Bear Mountain Circle. At the circle, take the second right. Follow signs to the parking lots.

### **- From I-87 East & 287 South (New York Thruway)**

Cross the Tappan Zee Bridge. Stay on the New York Thruway to Exit 13N (Palisades Interstate Parkway North). Go approximately 19 miles to Exit 19 (Bear Mountain State Park) and bear right on to Seven Lakes Drive for 3.5 miles to the Bear Mountain Circle. At the circle, take the second right. Follow signs to the parking lots.

### **- From the North via I-87 South (New York Thruway)**

Take I-87 South to Exit 16 (Harriman). At traffic light, turn left onto Route 32. At the third light, turn left onto Route 6 East. Take Route 6 East to the Queensboro Traffic Circle and make the third right onto the Palisades Interstate Parkway (PIP) North. Take Exit 19 (Bear Mountain State Park) and bear right on to Seven Lakes Drive for 3.5 miles to the Bear Mountain Circle. At the circle, take the second right. Follow signs to the parking lots. \*\*In the event that you miss Exit 19, continue on the PIP to the Bear Mountain Bridge Circle. At this circle, make the first right onto 9W south and go to the traffic light. Bear right at the light and go up the hill.

### **- From the West via Route 17**

Take Route 17 East to Exit 130A (Bear Mountain) to Route 6 East/Long Mountain Parkway. Take Route 6 East to the Queensboro Traffic Circle and make the third right onto the Palisades Interstate Parkway North. Take Exit 19 (Bear Mountain State Park) and bear right on to Seven Lakes Drive for 3.5 miles to the Bear Mountain Circle. At the circle, take the second right. Follow signs to the parking lots. \*\*In the event that you miss Exit 19, continue on the PIP to the Bear Mountain Bridge Circle. At this circle, make the first right onto 9W south and go to the traffic light. Bear right at the light and go up the hill.

### **- From the South via Garden State Parkway**

Take the Garden State Parkway North to the last exit (I-87/287, New York Thruway) and take I-87 East/South to Exit 13N (Palisades Interstate Parkway North). Go approximately 19 miles to Exit 19 (Bear Mountain State Park) and bear right on to Seven Lakes Drive for 3.5 miles to the Bear Mountain Circle. At the circle, take the second right. Follow signs to the parking lots.

### **- From the East via I-84**

Take I-84 West to the second exit after the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge (Route 9W South). Take Route 9W South approximately 18 miles to the Bear Mountain Bridge Circle and take the second right to continue on Route 9W South. At the first traffic light, bear right and go up the hill.

### **- From the North via Route 9W**

Take Route 9W South to the Bear Mountain Bridge Circle and take the second right to continue on Route 9W South. At the first traffic light, bear right and go up the hill.



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PERMIT # \_\_\_\_\_

TICKET # \_\_\_\_\_

**PALISADES INTERSTATE PARK COMMISSION**  
**2024-25 BUS PERMIT APPLICATION FOR BEAR MOUNTAIN STATE PARK**

\*\* PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT and FILL OUT COMPLETELY (may be rejected if not complete)\*\*

A SEPARATE APPLICATION IS REQUIRED FOR EACH LOCATION AND EACH DATE. THIS MAY BE DUPLICATED.

**DATE OF OUTING** \_\_\_\_\_ (only one date per application)

Arriving @ \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM (no earlier than 9 AM)

Leaving @ \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM (no later than 6 PM)

# of Buses \_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults (min. age of 18) \_\_\_\_\_

# of Children \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Bus Company \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ ext. \_\_\_\_\_

PERSON-IN-CHARGE \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Fax # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I have read, understand, and will comply with the enclosed information, conditions, and requirements. Park rules and regulations prohibit the bringing of alcoholic beverages into state parks. Bear Mountain will not be accepting buses on weekends (Saturday & Sunday) or Holidays, from May through October 2024.

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Buses must travel in the right-hand lane of the Palisades Interstate Parkway. The Permit must be displayed on the right side of the windshield. The bus ticket must remain attached to the permit until the bus leaves all state lands. Park rules and regulations prohibit the bringing of alcoholic beverages into state parks.

Send completed application, required information, and fees to:

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**OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Date Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_ On Calendar \_\_\_\_\_ Amt Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_

Ck # \_\_\_\_\_ MO # \_\_\_\_\_ CC \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

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## Credit Card Payment Form

Please check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ Bus Permit  
\_\_\_\_\_ Special Event

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Name (as it appears on card): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Must be the same as applicant.

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*As it appears on credit card

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Daytime Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ ext. \_\_\_\_\_

### *Choice of Card*

Mastercard \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Visa \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Discover \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

American Express \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CVC Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount to be paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this completed form along with the application*

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