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March 28, 2023

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
 Fiscal Committee of the General Court
 State House
 Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

1. Pursuant to RSA 216-A:3-g and RSA 216:3, the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation (Division) requests approval for a \$1.00 increase to the hourly metered parking rates at the seacoast parking facilities during peak season, effective upon Fiscal Committee approval beginning May 1, 2023. The metered parking rates were part of the Division's Fee Package that was last approved by the Fiscal Committee on April 13, 2012, item #FIS 12-139.
2. Further, the Division requests approval to change its seasonal operations dates for metered parking from the current Peak Season dates of May 1 through October 1 to the new Peak Season dates of May 1 through September 30; and from the current Off-Season dates of October 2 through April 30 to the new Off-Season dates of November 1 through March 31; and adding a Shoulder Season as the months of April and October, effective upon Fiscal Committee approval beginning May 1, 2023.

EXPLANATION

In accordance with RSA 216-A:3-g, "The fees approved by the commissioner, after prior approval of the fiscal committee, shall not be subject to the provisions of RSA 541-A, so as to provide the department with the ability to maximize revenues and to adjust fees according to market conditions and trends as is common practice in private industry..." and "Fees for the use of park areas shall be designed to recover a reasonable portion of budget expenses consistent with the purposes of RSA 216-A:1 and 216-A:3..."

In accordance with RSA 216:3, Operation of Beach Parking Facilities, "The department of natural and cultural resources shall operate, maintain, and manage the parking facilities at Hampton Beach, and shall be authorized to charge for the use of the parking facilities by meters or fees, including parking violation fines, whichever is determined most practical..." and "Each fiscal year, the sum of \$200,000 shall be transferred from the Meters Fund to the revolving fund to be used for capital improvements and capital equipment for the Hampton Beach-area state parks' parking and beach facilities.

The State Park System Advisory Council (SPAC) was established under RSA 216-A:3-kk, to advise the Parks Director on issues relating to the operation and development of the state park system. The Council created a subcommittee, that met in October and December 2020 and January 2021, to review the Division's Fee Package and make recommendations for revisions.

The SPAC subcommittee found that private parking lots located on the seacoast charge \$10/day weekdays, \$25-\$30/day weekends and up to \$80/day on extremely busy days. Comparatively, the state park metered lots will cost \$24 for 8 hours (at \$3/hr.) and provide prime parking locations directly in front of the beach. We have found that visitors are willing to accept parking tickets because it is still less expensive and more convenient than parking in a private lot. The SPAC voted at their regular meeting on April 2, 2021 to recommend implementation of a new fee package, including revisions to the parking meter rates.

The proposed changes are highlighted in **bold** in the following table:

Location	Current Off Season when meters are running Oct 2-31 & April	Current Peak Season May 1 – Oct 1	Proposed Off Season Nov 1 – Mar 31	Proposed Shoulder Season April & October	Proposed Peak Season May 1 – Sep 30
Hampton Main Beach	\$1.00/hr.	\$2.00/hr.	Meters	\$1.00/hr.	\$3.00/hr.
North Beach	\$1.00/hr.	\$2.00/hr.	are	\$1.00/hr.	\$3.00/hr.
Jenness Beach	\$1.00/hr.	\$2.00/hr.	not	\$1.00/hr.	\$3.00/hr.
North Hampton Beach	\$1.00/hr.	\$2.00/hr.	running	\$1.00/hr.	\$3.00/hr.
Rye Harbor State Park	Previously unmetered	Previously unmetered	-	\$1.00/hr.	\$3.00/hr.

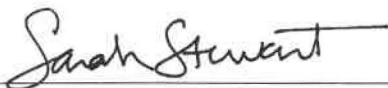
As with many businesses in the hospitality industry, finding staff to work in the park system has been challenging. As a result, we added metered parking at Rye Harbor State Park to enable the Division to generate revenue at that park despite not being able to consistently find a tollbooth attendant for the park.

The Division has expanded its seasonal operations on the seacoast to accommodate more park patrons who are visiting earlier and later in the year. We now plow the boardwalk in the winter and open the restrooms earlier and close them later in the year. The COVID-19 pandemic had a major impact on outdoor recreation visitation, and not only did NH State Parks remain open, but also had to increase services across the system to manage the increased demand. This included additional staffing, the need to pay higher wages, and increased costs associated with providing added maintenance and contracting services.

It is estimated that the \$1.00/hr. metered rate increase will generate an additional \$1.1 million annually.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Respectfully submitted,


 Sarah L. Stewart, Commissioner
 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources



April 5, 2023

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Chairman Weyler & Committee Members;

On behalf of the Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce, I am writing this letter to ask for your support and approval for the NH State Parks Request to increase parking meter rates at Hampton Beach along with the other three State Parks in North Hampton and Rye.

Being a Governor appointed member of the State Parks Advisory Council (SPAC) since 2017, I was directly involved with a SPAC sub-committee on reviewing all fees within State Parks since they had not been increased since 2012. Our sub-committee spent four months in the fall of 2021 reviewing and comparing the fee structure of NH State Parks and other state parks in New England and across the United States. Along with looking at camping fees etc., we examined the parking meter fees and how they compare with local and private parking areas and determined that the current \$2.00 per hour for "premier" meter parking was the cheapest within the entire New England area. Specifically in Hampton Beach, comparing an eight hour stay of \$24.00 for direct beach parking is much lower than both town and private lots that are located as far as one to two blocks away from the beach. On any given day during the summer, those rates range anywhere from \$30 up to \$45 for a parking space.

As a Chamber that represents over two hundred business members directly along the seacoast, I can honestly tell you that there would not be any opposition to the increase from \$2 to \$3 per hour that the State Parks is requesting during May 1st and September 30th of each year.

So once again, I ask you to approve State Parks request in time for May 1, 2023.

Thank You.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John B. Nyhan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

John B. Nyhan, President
47 Winnacunnet Rd., Hampton NH 03842

Seacoast Metered Parking

Estimated revenue with a \$1/hr increase during Peak Season May 1 - Sept 30

	A	B	C	D	E	F
		# parking receipts purchased in 2022	2022 Total Revenue (\$2/hr)	Total Additional Revenue if increased by \$1/hr (C/2)	Estimated 2023 Revenue at \$3/hr (C + D)	% change (E/D)
1						
2	May	58,676	\$ 293,062	\$ 146,531	\$ 439,593	
3	June	85,007	\$ 435,963	\$ 217,982	\$ 653,945	
4	July	114,357	\$ 706,154	\$ 353,077	\$ 1,059,231	
5	August	101,981	\$ 602,503	\$ 301,252	\$ 903,755	
6	September	47,909	\$ 243,667	\$ 121,834	\$ 365,501	
7	Total	407,930	\$ 2,281,349	\$ 1,140,675	\$ 3,422,024	50%

State Park System Advisory Council (RSA 216-A:3-kk)
April 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes (*Approved 06/11/21*)

A regular meeting of the State Park System Advisory Council (SPAC) held by Zoom videoconference. Chairman Gilbert called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in accordance with the *Checklist compliant with the Right-to-Know Law during the State of Emergency*.

Attendance was taken by roll call with the following members PRESENT: Rick Blanchette/Friends of the Wapack; Dir Bryce/DNCR designee; Tom Chrisenton for Forestry; Jeff Gilbert for business; Rep Robert Harb/House; Jennifer Kennedy/Blue Ocean Society; Matt Leahy/SPNHF; John Nyhan/Hampton Area Chamber; Sen Tom Sherman/Senate; and Rep Suzanne Smith/RR&D. Rep Andrew Renzullo/RR&D Chair arrived later. Chair Gilbert welcomed the new legislative members.

Minutes: Mr Nyhan MOVED to accept the minutes of Sept 1, 2020; Mr Leahy SECONDED. The minutes were ADOPTED as written by roll call YES vote from Mr Blanchette, Dir Bryce, Mr Chrisenton, Chair Gilbert, Ms Kennedy, Mr Leahy, Mr Nyhan and Rep Smith; and two ABSTENTIONS from Rep Harb and Sen Sherman.

Advise the Director: Director's Report. Mr Nyhan supports the food truck idea at Odiorne and suggested having a food truck at South Beach to support the day visitor. Dir Bryce said Parks will release a Request for Information to determine the feasibility of a food truck at Odiorne. He is sensitive to the concerns from local businesses at the seacoast. Rep Harb appreciated the report and asked whether the Council had any action items. Dir Bryce said the report can include issues addressed by the Council.

Roundtable Discussion. Members discussed the use of the cottage at Rye Harbor for staff housing or as a lodging rental. Sen Sherman offered to serve as a go-between with the Town. Parks will research the property's history and present options at the next meeting.

Parks Financial Report. Dir Bryce is working with the DNCR Business Administrator to develop a forecast report in an easy format. In 2019, Parks generated \$15.3M and expended \$15.3M, including towards improvement project funding to supplement the capital budget projects. Parks budgeted \$14.9M in 2020, but brought in \$13.1M in revenue in 2020. The losses are due to COVID-19 related closures, reductions in capacities and difficulty in finding staff. Parks will reduce expenses (i.e. improvement projects and equipment) and has requested GOFERR reimbursement of COVID-related expenses. Dir Bryce expects a balance of \$2.2M and the rebuild of the Parks Fund. He appreciates the support for the state park system from legislature and Governor's Office; and looks forward to the 2021 season. Chair Gilbert said it is a testament to the Director and park staff on maintaining the park system over the past year.

Operating Budget FY2022-2023. Dir Bryce said the House response to the Parks operating and capital budgets has been supportive and positive. There is always pressure on units supported by the General Fund. As such, Parks will support the Bureau of Historic Sites and 100% of DNCR's Design, Development & Maintenance unit from the State Parks Fund. Parks' operating budget is based on its revenue goals, as an "authorization to expend."

In response to the offer to advocate for Parks' budgets, Dir Bryce said he anticipates support from the Senate. Sen Sherman agreed that Parks has strong bi-partisan support. He asked if Parks is able to obtain federal funds for infrastructure projects. Dir Bryce has provided parks improvement projects to legislature and the Governor's Office and is hopeful of support for long-term, capital investments that strengthens revenue generation, public safety and facility maintenance needs. Park staff are participating in the development of Electric Vehicle charging stations, alternative transportation modes, DOT's rail trail efforts and the seacoast greenway linkage to parks.

Park Ops. Mr Housman and Shawn Hamilton reported on park operations. Parks had an unprecedented number of visitors, especially at the hiking parks. To manage crowds and ensure public safety under COVID guidance, Parks expanded its use of the reservation system with great success and positive response from the public. Although campgrounds opened late following re-opening guidance, Parks saw a 53% increase in

revenue from the previous period covering July 1-Nov 11, with a 37% increase in occupancy for weekdays and 12% increase on weekends. Hiking parks and campgrounds are opening earlier in 2021, with reservations to many hiking parks already selling out on weekends. Camping reservations are 92% booked for Memorial Day weekend and 87% booked for the July 4th weekend.

Dir Bryce responded to Rep Smith that park openings are based upon staffing. Parks has had to hire contractors to support the seacoast's sanitation and janitorial operations. He appreciates the support of the Governor's Office for the J1 foreign student employment program relied upon by many seasonal hospitality businesses.

Food Truck concept. Retail Supervisor Grant Goulet looks forward to a great season in Parks. With increased visitation at Odiorne, he proposes a Request for Information (RFI) to determine the feasibility of food truck services. Providing food services would encourage longer stays at the park and at the Seacoast Science Center, operated by Parks' partner, and would improve traffic conditions and increase park revenue.

Northwood Meadows. A lending library kiosk was installed at Northwood Meadows as a memorial, without permission from Parks. Members agreed that a lending library would need monitoring, maintenance, and removal during the winter season. It was suggested that unless the local library were willing to provide such oversight, it should be removed. The person who installed the memorial should be referred to Parks' Memorial Bench Program.

No Turn-Away campground policy. Charlie Niebling, who chairs the DNCR Forest Advisory Board, proposed for consideration a policy that would accommodate bicycle tourists that arrive at state park campgrounds without a reservation. It is often difficult for bicyclist to know when they might reach their destination, due to unanticipated bicycle repairs, sickness, fatigue and route changes. They require little space for their tent, are early to bed and aren't noisy. If the campground is full, bicyclists would greatly appreciate being able to tent in any available area. Large bicycle tour groups would require advance planning and reservations. Mr Niebling asked if Parks would consider allowing, with reasonable limitations and restrictions, small groups of cyclists (1-4) to camp at park campgrounds on short notice.

Members were supportive of the concept. Their comments included: if space allows, fees are paid, large organized tour groups require advance reservations, and consider a pilot program. Hearing no negative comments, Dir Bryce will bring this forward and talk with park staff.

Park Fees & Fines. Mr Nyhan thanked Mr Gilbert, Rep Smith, Dir Bryce and park staff for their participation during the Fee and Fine Subcommittee meetings. Park fees are set under RSA 216-A:3-g, and are approved by the Fiscal Committee. Parks has not changed its fees since 2012. Mr Nyhan had requested a review of the park fees and the SPAC subcommittee was formed. Its objective was to review park fees and fines within the statutory framework, and to make recommendations to the full Council. The SPAC would make its final recommendations to Commr Stewart and Dir Bryce, and a new Fee Package would be presented to Fiscal Committee for approval. The subcommittee met several times, with the Hampton Area Chamber and park staff conducting a fact-finding effort using seven references for comparisons. Mr Nyhan also spoke with public officials.

Mr Nyhan, Dir Bryce and Mr Hamilton presented the fee recommendations, including a reasonable increase in fees by adding a non-resident fee; a \$1 increase for metered parking and an increase in the parking fine; adding a "premium" campsite classification, new camping offerings, non-resident camping fees and updating the camping policies; fine-tuning the function space rental fees; and increasing the non-resident fee for season passes. Phase I implementation of the fee changes would encompass all fee categories except for camping, effective for the 2021 season following Fiscal Committee approval. Phase II implementation of the camping fees would become effective for the 2022 season, due to the 11-month advance reservation timeline for campgrounds.

Members discussed the fee changes. The parking fee at Monadnock was first piloted in 2019. NH residents can opt to purchase a State Park Plate and park there without charge of the parking fee. The increase to the metered parking fine is proposed because people find it cheaper to risk a \$25 parking citation than to pay

\$10-80 for parking at the private lots located further away from the beach. Meter Patrol is not able to determine how long a person may have been parked without payment. Dir Bryce will discuss with staff about setting a separate fine from all other violations for parking without displaying a payment receipt.

An increase in camping fees are proposed for “premium” campsites, as well as an alternative fee for non-residents. The rates fall within the range for comparable campsites and yet remain accessible. Members discussed the \$10/night pet fee and supported it as reasonable compared to the cost of boarding one’s pet.

Mr Nyhan made a MOTION that the Council support the subcommittee’s recommendations for Phase I implementation of fee changes for the 2021 season and Phase II implementation of camping fee changes for the 2022 season, including all alternatives; and that Dir Bryce consult with Commissioner Stewart to bring a Fee Package forward to the Fiscal Committee for approval. Rep Smith SECONDED. During discussion on the motion, Sen Sherman AMENDED the motion by adding that the Council supports Commr Stewart and Dir Bryce adjusting the recommended fees in the Fee Package, as may be needed following the public involvement process and discussions with the Governor’s Office. Mr Nyhan SECONDED.

In response to questions, Dir Bryce said that his priorities for fee changes are, in descending order: metered parking fees and fines; Franconia Notch parking fee when the hiker shuttle is operating; changes to the premium parks list; premium campsite fees; and pavilion rental fees. Comments at the Mt Washington Commission meeting suggested that the Fiscal Committee may not support a new entry fee at Mt Washington State Park. Members discussed the timeline and resident/non-resident fee structure. Commr Stewart thanked the Council for their thoughtfulness and support of Parks. It will be important to explain the need for new rates to build support. Dir Bryce added that the basic fees for residents have not changed since 2008, that the State Park Plate and season passes provide value options, and revenue from fees help support park investments and improvements.

The MOTION with AMENDMENT is adopted by roll call YES vote from Mr Blanchette, Mr Chrisenton, Chair Gilbert, Rep Harb, Mr Leahy, Mr Nyhan, Rep Renzullo, Sen Sherman and Rep Smith. Dir Bryce ABSTAINED.

Other business. In the interest of time, Dir Bryce referred members to Tom Mansfield’s report on capital and park improvement projects. The House added more funding in HB25 for park roofing projects, which is appreciated. Contact Dir Bryce directly with questions about the reports or other materials.

Adjourn. Mr Nyhan MOTIONED to adjourn; Rep Smith SECONDED. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. by roll call YES vote from Mr Blanchette, Dir Bryce, Mr Chrisenton, Chair Gilbert, Rep Harb, Mr Leahy, Mr Nyhan, Rep Renzullo, Sen Sherman and Rep Smith.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 4, 2021 at 10 a.m. at Pawtuckaway State Park. A barbeque lunch will be served immediately following the meeting.

Summary of Action items include:

1. Odiome food truck RFI update
2. Rye Harbor cottage for staff housing or lodging rental
3. Parks Forecast Report, new & easy format
4. No Turn-away campground policy
5. Park fees & fines update

Submitted by T. Tango-Lowy

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2023 Fee Package

03/22/2023 Revised

Day Use (\$ per person)										SEASON PASSES				
Parks			Cannon/Flume Gorge**			Historic Sites			(Passes are non-transferable; Photo ID required)					
Age	Standard	High Use*	Age	Flume Gorge	Age	NH	Non-NH	NH Resident	Non Resident	Comment				
Adult	12 - 64	\$4	\$5	13-64	\$18 online sale, \$21 at ticket window	18-64	\$4	\$5	Family (up to six people)	\$105	\$120			
Youth	6 - 11	\$2	\$2	6-12	\$16 online sale, \$19 at ticket window	6-17	\$0	\$3	Individual Adult	\$60	\$60	Excludes Hampton-South beach, Wallis Sands, metered parking, and camping		
Child	Under 6	\$0	\$0	Under 6	\$0	Under 6	\$0	\$0	Individual Youth (Ages 6-17)	\$25	\$25			
NH Senior	65 & Over	\$0	\$0	65 & Over	\$0	65 & Over	\$0	\$5	Hampton-South beach & Wallis Sands Vehicle Parking Pass	\$175	\$175	Excludes metered parking		
Child must be accompanied by a ticketed adult. ** Approved by Fiscal Committee, 05/15/2015. Subject to change annually. Non-NH Seniors pay regular adult rate. * - Ellacoya, Monadnock, Pawtuckaway, Sunapee, Wellington, and White Lake														
CAMPING										Seacoast Day Use Parking				
	Site fee *	Additional (\$ per person)		NH Senior Nightly Discount	Comment	Hampton South & Wallis Sands Lots - Per spot		SEACOAST METER PARKING (\$ per hour)						
		18 & Over	Youth Under 17			\$15 per Day		Peak Season May 1 - Oct 1		Off Season				
Standard Camp Sites														
Standard	\$25	\$10	\$5	\$5										
Standard w/water & electric **	\$35	\$10	\$5	\$5										
Waterfront	\$30	\$10	\$5	\$5										
Primitive (Pit Toilets)	\$23	\$10	\$5	\$5										
RV Standard Sites														
Cannon **	\$40	\$10	\$5	\$0	Hook Ups Include:									
Ellacoya	\$47	\$10	\$5	\$0	Water/Sewer/Elec									
Hampton	\$50	\$10	\$5	\$0										
Hampton Dry Camping (no hook-ups)	\$30	\$10	\$5	\$0	No Hook Ups									
Hampton Visitors Fee (per Vehicle)		\$15												
* - Site Fee unless indicated includes 2 adults & 4 Children under 17.														
** - \$5 rate increase.														
OTHER CAMPING										Violations				
Family Camping Sites (White Lake only)					Additional (\$ per person)				Fine		Violations		Fine	
8 adults and 8 children					\$75	\$10	\$5	\$5						
6 adults and 6 children					\$75	\$10	Included in base site fee	\$5						
Lean-to (Sunapee)														
2 adults & 2 children					\$29	\$10	\$5	\$5						
Cabins														
Umbagog (Max 2-6 people based on cabin size)														
Nightly					\$80	\$10	\$5	\$5						
Weekly					\$560			\$5						
Pawtuckaway (Max 6 people/cabin, flat rates)														
Nightly					\$65	\$0	\$0	\$5						
Weekly					\$390	\$0	\$0	\$5						
Yurts														
Milan (Max 6 people/yurt)														
Nightly					\$50	\$0	\$0	\$5	\$5 Rate Increase					
Weekly					\$350	\$0	\$0	\$5	\$80 Rate Increase					
										Camping Comments & Reservation Policies (excerpts only)				
										a) Reservation Fee and Reservation Change Fee: Each reservation is subject to a non-refundable processing fee of \$6.50				
										b) Reservation Cancellations: Cancellations may be made up to the day prior to arrival. Cancellations made up until 6 days before arrival are subject to a \$10.00 handling fee. Cancellations made 5 days or less from the arrival date will be charged \$15.00. These fees are in addition to the non-refundable \$6.50 initial reservation fee.				
										c) Camping fees are for a maximum of 6 people per site. Site fee includes 2 adults & up to 4 children. Max. 4 adults/site. Other adults and children will be charged a per person fee as indicated above. Some remote sites at Umbagog allow up to 16 adults. Max. occupancy per cabin is 2 - 6 persons depending on the cabins design.				
										d) Cabins/Yurts: Only 7 night reservations can be made between the period of July 1st through March 31st for the following year. Starting April 1, reservations can be made for the current season for a minimum of two (2) nights based on availability.				
										e) Umbagog: All remote sites are considered and charged the waterfront site rate.				
										f) The Division reserves the right to allow tent campers on standard sites with hookups at a first-come, first-serve basis when such sites are unreserved and unoccupied. Such tent campers so placed, shall be charged the standard site rate.				

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2012 Fee Package - Notes

IV. OTHER

A) Statewide Programs

1) Collective Bargaining Agreement – State Employees

Any full-time state employee other than University System employees shall be entitled to a 50% discount. Includes camping, day use areas and season pass, which is valid for the bearer only. Does not apply to any promotional and or group use pavilion area. Does not apply to cabins or yurts. Employees must abide by the established discount rules and regulations to obtain discount on the admission price of any state-owned recreation area, see <http://admin.state.nh.us/hr/cba2011/cba2011.html>.

2) Complimentary Pass

These are issued by the Commissioner, Director, Deputy Director, or Bureau administrator.

3) Discount Book \$24.00 for a \$30.00 value

Ticket coupon books reflecting a 20% discount from day-use rates during summer operations pursuant to RSA 218:5-b

4) Division Employees

Division employees are provided a season's pass for themselves and a member of their family accompanying them, up to two seasons passes granting free day-use admission for themselves and/or their family (up to 6 persons), available from their supervisor. Includes entry for one vehicle using a single parking space at Hampton Beach-South and Wallis Sands. They are also permitted two nights free camping, as space is available through first-come, first-serve. Does not apply to attractions, metered parking, function space, permits, other enterprise and concession activities.

5) Donations

The Division is authorized to accept donations pursuant to RSA 216-A:3-g VII (b) and 216-A:3-l, deposited into the State Park Fund.

6) General Court / Governor and Executive Councilors

Current members of the general court, state senators and representatives, and members of governor and council are granted free admission to day-use areas for themselves and one guest with presentation of their credentials. Includes entry for one vehicle using a single parking space at Hampton Beach-South and Wallis Sands. Does not apply to camping, attractions, metered parking, function space, permits, other enterprise and concession activities.

7) Military

Active members of any military branch, regardless of residency, are granted free admission to day-use areas for themselves only, with presentation of their military ID. Includes entry for one vehicle using one parking space at Hampton Beach-South and Wallis Sands. Does not apply to camping, attractions, metered parking, function space, permits, other enterprise and concession activities.

During times of declared war, such members and their immediate family are granted 50% discount on function space, with proof of active service and upon written request to the Director. Immediate family mean parents, their dependent children, and grandparents.

During times of declared war, such members are granted free use of function space for "send-off" or "deployment" events, and for "welcome home" events, with proof of active service and upon written request to the Director.

8) National Parks / America the Beautiful Access Pass

The Golden Access pass has been replaced by the America the Beautiful – National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass– Access Pass; however the Golden Access pass is still in circulation and both are accepted. It is a lifetime pass for U.S. citizens or permanent residents with permanent disabilities. The Division grants the pass holder plus one guest free day-use admission. Includes entry for one vehicle using one parking space at Hampton Beach-South and Wallis Sands. Does not apply to camping, attractions, metered parking, function space, permits, other enterprise and concession activities.

9) NH Disabled Veterans

RSA 216-A:3-g IV. No disabled veteran of this state, upon providing satisfactory proof of a service-connected disability, shall be charged a fee for day-use admission to the state park system. Special number plates issued to disabled veterans pursuant to RSA 261:86 or a letter issued by the US Dept of Veterans Affairs certifying that the veteran suffers from a service-connected disability shall constitute satisfactory proof under this section.

Includes entry for one vehicle using one parking space at Hampton Beach-South and Wallis Sands. Does not apply to camping, attractions, metered parking, function space, permits, other enterprise and concession activities.

10) NH National Guard

RSA 216-A:3-g V. (a) Any active member of a federally recognized unit of the New Hampshire national guard who is a legal resident of this state, and who meets the minimum requirements for satisfactory membership, as defined in the United States Department of the Army and the United States Department of the Air Force regulations, and is serving in pay grades E1 through E6 shall not be charged a fee for admission to the state park system. This section shall apply to members of the Active Guard and Reserve program in the New Hampshire national guard. (b) Any New Hampshire national guard member who retired in pay grade E6 or below shall not be charged a fee for day-use admission to the state park system. (c) Any fees for the use of enterprise activities such as including ski lifts, food service, retail facilities, campgrounds, and other concession activities shall be charged.

By Division policy: Any active member, and active guard or reserve member, of a federally recognized unit of the NH national guard who is a legal resident of this state, and who meets the minimum requirements for satisfactory membership, as defined in the US DOD regulations, regardless of pay grade, shall not be charged a fee for admission to the state park system.

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11) NH Senior Citizens

RSA 218:5-c. Any person who is a resident of this state and who has attained the age of 65 shall, upon proper identification, be admitted to any state recreation area, including but not limited to parks, historical sites, beaches, and state-operated ski areas, without charge. Persons qualifying under this section shall be allowed to use any state owned facility within the recreation area without charge for the use of the facility, except persons qualifying under this section shall be charged the usual fee for the use of so-called "uphill devices" on Saturdays and Sundays. Provided further that other special charges at state owned recreation areas, such as fees charged for parking at parking meters, shall be charged persons qualifying under this section at the usual rates.

Includes entry for one vehicle using one parking space at Hampton Beach-South and Wallis Sands. Does not apply to camping, attractions, metered parking, function space, permits, other enterprise and concession activities.

12) NH State Park Plate

RSA 216-A:3-g VI: No admission fee shall be charged for day use of the state park system to the occupants of a vehicle with a number plate bearing a special registration plate symbol authorized by RSA 261:75-c. Any fees for the use of metered parking or enterprise activities shall be charged to such persons.

Includes entry for one vehicle using one parking space at Hampton Beach-South and Wallis Sands. Does not apply to camping, attractions, metered parking, function space, permits, other enterprise and concession activities.

13) Park Friends Groups and Volunteers

Division Friends Group under Agreement or volunteers participating in Division-approved work are admitted free to the park or trail in which they are working. A register of participating members shall be provided to the Park Manager or Trail Supervisor. This provision expires at the end of each operating season.

14) Parking Privileges for Persons With Walking Disability

RSA 265:74 Any motor vehicle carrying the special plates or hanging windshield placard issued to a person with a walking disability under RSA 261:88, or a similar license plate displaying the international accessibility symbol shall be allowed free parking in any city or town, including any state or municipal parking facility where a fee is charged. Parking places designated for persons with walking disabilities shall be utilized only if a person with a walking disability is being transported in the vehicle to or from the parking place. Valid only at meters, Hampton Beach-South and Wallis Sands. Not valid for camping.

15) Special Needs Program

For organizations that have a direct contract with a state agency to provide care for disabled persons or youth at risk (ages 17 and under). Limited to 10 vouchers per season; allows free or reduced rate admission to parks. Organizations must provide its contract number and documentation, including a copy of its NH State license, for approval prior to visiting the park.

16) Self-Pay Stations / Iron Rangers

In the absence of an attendant, standard fees are charged and payment is made using iron rangers or similar kiosks, deposited into the State Park Fund. The Division reserves the right to add self-pay stations throughout the state park system pursuant to RSA 216-A:3.

B) Park Specific Programs

1) Franconia Notch State Park / Cannon Mountain Ski Area

Refer to FNSP/Cannon Mountain Special Use Policy.

2) Jericho Mountain State Park / Berlin, Town of

Residents admitted free to certain areas pursuant to the deed, upon proof of residency. Free access applies to the day use beach area and boat launches located within Tract I ("Jericho Lake").

3) Kingston State Park / Kingston, Town of

Residents admitted free Monday-Friday, non-holidays with proper identification pursuant to Ch. 250, Laws of 1955.

4) Odiorne State Park / Seacoast Science Center

Members are admitted without charge at the gate pursuant to Lease Agreement, upon proof of current membership.

5) Wadleigh State Park / Sutton, Town of

Residents admitted free of charge pursuant to the deed, upon proof of residency.

6) Wellington State Park / Alexandria, Town of

Residents admitted without charge at the gate pursuant to Ch 339, Laws of 1955 and by Special Use Permit, upon proof of permit provided by the Town Clerk.

C) Other Programs by Commissioner or Director Approval

1) Memorial Bench Program Fee \$1,000.00

Fee includes initial creation, fabrication and installation of the bench or memorial, and cost of regular repair and maintenance, and winter storage during the life of the bench or memorial. Excludes costs associated with vandalism or acts of Nature.

2) Special Use Permits and Leases Lease Admin Fee: \$1,100.00 (RSA 4:40 III-a) Permit Admin Fee: \$100; Expedite fee: \$100 addtl.

Pursuant to RSA 227-H:9, the Commissioner may make contracts for the leasing of privileges and concessions. Additional fees and conditions shall apply, including but not limited to rent, commission, event and impact fees, and insurance coverage. Administrative fees are not subject to waiver or discounts.

D) Disclaimer

- 1) If new State Parks open for admission, or new facilities become available for guest use, approved rates for similar facilities and parks will apply.
- 2) The Division reserves the right to hold promotional and or other special programs to include pricing (e.g., Off-season promos, Discover the Power of Parks and the Great Park Pursuit) pursuant to RSA 216-A:3f.