

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,



I am pleased to present New Hampshire's 2013 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), developed through the collaborative efforts of the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning and the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development. The purpose of each SCORP is to meet the state's eligibility requirements to participate in the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant program by identifying current needs and trends for outdoor recreation in New Hampshire.

The people of New Hampshire have entrusted their state and local parks to the perpetual care of our state's leaders so that future generations can experience the same benefits and quality of life that have made New Hampshire a world-class destination. New Hampshire's extraordinary landscapes and range of outdoor recreation activities are unparalleled. Visitors to our state are always surprised that within the borders of New Hampshire one can find such a diversity of outdoor recreation experiences. From Mount Washington State Park located on the summit of the tallest peak in the Northeast to the newly redeveloped Hampton Beach State Park on the seacoast, residents and guests are constantly discovering new parks, trails, forests, and historic sites to explore in New Hampshire.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund, established by Congress nearly a half century ago, administered by New Hampshire's Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Parks and Recreation in partnership with the National Park Service, is an integral and essential grant program that helps our state preserve, protect, and provide the best possible recreation experience for visitors and residents. I believe this SCORP will prove to be an excellent resource in planning for future outdoor recreation resources in New Hampshire to ensure that the outdoor recreation heritage of our state remains as vibrant for future generations as it is today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which reads "John H. Lynch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

John H. Lynch
Governor