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KEY EVENTS AND ACQUISITION TIMELINE FOR
NEW HAMPSHIRE'S STATE PARK SYSTEM
1881-1985

<u>Key Events</u>	<u>Parks Acquired</u>
1881	Board of Inquiry appointed to investigate indiscriminate timber cutting.
1891	South Pack Monadnock (now Miller State Park) acquired by donation.
1893	State Forestry Commission established.
1901	Wallis Sands, Cathedral Ledge.
1905	Monadnock
1909	Forestry Department established.
1911	<i>mt. Sunnyside</i>
1913	Crawford Notch
1918	Cardigan
1920	Pillsbury
1922	Annett
1923	Pawtuckaway
1928	Franconia Notch
1931	Wellington Beach
1933	State/Federal funds (\$118,000) go to Forestry Department for CCC and WPA relief programs.
1934	Wadleigh Beach, Moose Brook, Forest Lake Beach, Wentworth Beach and Farm, Hampton Beach, Kingston
1935	Forestry and Recreation Commission replaces Forestry Commission. Russell B. Tobey appointed to oversee state parks and staff of thirteen.
1936	Rye Harbor
1937	First fees charged for state park use. Dixville Notch

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1938	Aerial Tramway built at Cannon by Tramway Commission.	
1941	Pearl Harbor. Sixty parks personnel on payroll.	Weeks
1942	First women hired for parks jobs.	
1943	Five parks close/operate part-time to reduce operations costs.	Bear Brook (CCC camp transferred to state for military maneuvers and recreation.
1945	Division of Recreation established within Forestry Department. Russell Tobey named Director of the Division.	
1946	The Flume comes under Parks management. \$70,000 worth of capital improvements at Hampton Beach, Franconia Notch, Lafayette Campground, etc.	Rhododendron
1948		Chesterfield Gorge
1949	Downhill skiing with chairlift installed at Sunapee as Park's first commercial ski venture.	Silver Lake, Sunapee
1950	Reorganization Act of 1950 -- Parks took on administration of all shore properties from the abolished Shore and Beach Preservation Commission; also, acquired the Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway (built in 1938) from the Tramway Commission.	Franklin Pierce Homestead, Daniel Webster Birthplace, Hannah Dustin Memorial.
1954		Wentworth Coolidge Mansion
1957		Coleman
1959		Greenfield
1960		Fort Constitution
1961	Department of Resources and Economic Development established, replacing the Forestry Department, Forestry and Recreation Commission and Planning and Development Commission. Russell Tobey continued as head of the Parks Division within the Department.	

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1964		Mt. Washington, Odiorne Point
1965	Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund established. First <u>NH Outdoor Recreation Plan</u> published.	Robert Frost Farm
1966		Plummer's Ledge, Umbagog
1968		Pisgah Wilderness
1969		Ossipee Lake
1970		Bedell Bridge
1971		Mt. Crosby
1972	George Hamilton named Director of Parks.	
1973	Policy established for free use of parks by the elderly, free skiing for the physically disabled.	
1974		Gardner Memorial
1976	Pillsbury-Sunapee trail opened.	Lake Francis
1978	Paul Doherty named Director of Parks.	Fort Stark
1979		Eisenhower Wayside
1980		Jenness Beach, North Hampton Beach
1981	Budget cuts forced reduced schedules, elimination of naturalist position, and cutting of six seasonal interpretive positions.	
1982	Snowmaking installed at Mt. Sunapee, completed to summit of Cannon Mountain. Access for handicapped persons to state parks initiated.	
1982	Ronald Poltak named Director of Parks.	
1984	Wilbur LaPage named Director of Parks.	
1985	New Hampshire State Parks 50th Anniversary Celebration. 64 persons on state parks staff.	