

Final Proposed Filing - Coversheet

Instructions:

In accordance with Title 3 Chapter 25 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated and the “Rule on Rulemaking” adopted by the Office of the Secretary of State, this filing will be considered complete upon filing and acceptance of these forms with the Office of the Secretary of State, and the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules.

All forms shall be submitted at the Office of the Secretary of State, no later than 3:30 pm on the last scheduled day of the work week.

The data provided in text areas of these forms will be used to generate a notice of rulemaking in the portal of “Proposed Rule Postings” online, and the newspapers of record if the rule is marked for publication. Publication of notices will be charged back to the promulgating agency.

**PLEASE REMOVE ANY COVERSHEET OR FORM NOT
REQUIRED WITH THE CURRENT FILING BEFORE DELIVERY!**

Certification Statement: As the adopting Authority of this rule (see 3 V.S.A. § 801 (b) (11) for a definition), I approve the contents of this filing entitled:

**Rules and Regulations: Visitor Conduct and Fees and
Charges for State Park Services and Commercial Activities
on Department Lands**

/s/ Julia S. Moore

(signature)

, on 7/1/2022

(date)

Printed Name and Title:

Julie Moore, Secretary of Agency of Natural Resources

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- Adopting Page
- Economic Impact Analysis
- Environmental Impact Analysis
- Strategy for Maximizing Public Input
- Scientific Information Statement (if applicable)
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- Clean text of the rule (Amended text without annotation)
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1. TITLE OF RULE FILING:

Rules and Regulations: Visitor Conduct and Fees and Charges for State Park Services and Commercial Activities on Department Lands

2. PROPOSED NUMBER ASSIGNED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

22P007

3. ADOPTING AGENCY:

Natural Resources

4. PRIMARY CONTACT PERSON:

(A PERSON WHO IS ABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CONTENT OF THE RULE).

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Agency: Natural Resources

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5. SECONDARY CONTACT PERSON:

(A SPECIFIC PERSON FROM WHOM COPIES OF FILINGS MAY BE REQUESTED OR WHO MAY ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT FORMS SUBMITTED FOR FILING IF DIFFERENT FROM THE PRIMARY CONTACT PERSON).

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6. RECORDS EXEMPTION INCLUDED WITHIN RULE:

(DOES THE RULE CONTAIN ANY PROVISION DESIGNATING INFORMATION AS CONFIDENTIAL; LIMITING ITS PUBLIC RELEASE; OR OTHERWISE, EXEMPTING IT FROM INSPECTION AND COPYING?) No

IF YES, CITE THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE EXEMPTION:

PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE REASON FOR THE EXEMPTION:

7. LEGAL AUTHORITY / ENABLING LEGISLATION:

(THE SPECIFIC STATUTORY OR LEGAL CITATION FROM SESSION LAW INDICATING WHO THE ADOPTING ENTITY IS AND THUS WHO THE SIGNATORY SHOULD BE. THIS SHOULD BE A SPECIFIC CITATION NOT A CHAPTER CITATION).

Title 10 V.S.A. Chapter 83 S2603 ©;S2606b

8. EXPLANATION OF HOW THE RULE IS WITHIN THE AUTHORITY OF THE AGENCY:

Section 2603(c) requires the Commissioner to establish rules and fees for use of department-managed lands.

9. THE FILING HAS CHANGED SINCE THE FILING OF THE PROPOSED RULE.

10. THE AGENCY HAS INCLUDED WITH THIS FILING A LETTER EXPLAINING IN DETAIL WHAT CHANGES WERE MADE, CITING CHAPTER AND SECTION WHERE APPLICABLE.

11. SUBSTANTIAL ARGUMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS WERE NOT RAISED FOR OR AGAINST THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL.

12. THE AGENCY HAS INCLUDED COPIES OF ALL WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS AND SYNOPSSES OF ORAL COMMENTS RECEIVED.

13. THE AGENCY HAS INCLUDED A LETTER EXPLAINING IN DETAIL THE REASONS FOR THE AGENCY'S DECISION TO REJECT OR ADOPT THEM.

14. CONCISE SUMMARY (150 WORDS OR LESS):

Removed designation of 2 or 4 night camping reservation minimums. Changed Waterbury Reservoir to standard minimum stay. Price changes: Adult day use increased \$1 per person. VT resident camping increased \$1 per night. Non-resident camping increased \$7 per night. VT resident lean-to camping increased \$2 per night. Non-resident lean-to camping increased \$8 per night. Cabin rentals increased VT resident \$9 per night, non-resident \$15 per night. Price for overnight pets increased by \$1. The Stone Hut nightly rental increased from \$225 to \$300 per night. Pavilion rentals increased \$25 per rental. Seyon Lodge 1/2 day boat rental increased \$5 per use. The Burton Island Marina slip price increased by \$0.50 to \$2.25 per linear foot and the Burton Island Mooring price increased by \$0.25 to \$1 per linear foot. Allow for some seasonal slip space at Burton Island Marina. Removed Green River Reservoir unique camping reservation structure. Add pass for organized groups. Adjust municipal recreation rates.

15. EXPLANATION OF WHY THE RULE IS NECESSARY:

Periodic price increases are necessary to help recover upward pressure costs of state park system operation and maintenance.

16. EXPLANATION OF HOW THE RULE IS NOT ARBITRARY:

All park-related changes are a direct outcome of deliberate consideration from a combination of park system, visitor, and stakeholder needs and interests.

17. LIST OF PEOPLE, ENTERPRISES AND GOVERNMENT ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THIS RULE:

State park camping visitors, day use visitors, visitors renting cabins overnight, visitors renting day use event shelters, visitors with pets, visitors paying for 1/2 day rental of boats at Seyon Lodge, boaters using Burton Island marina, and Stone Hut guests.

18. BRIEF SUMMARY OF ECONOMIC IMPACT (150 WORDS OR LESS):

The increase in park fees will result in an additional \$1.5 million to support park operation and maintenance. The increases fall within the median of similar offerings in other states in the region and there should be no appreciable effect on any park visitation. The increases for Vermonters are minimal and the increases for out of state visitors is well within the range of other states in the region. None of the other changes will have any economic impact on anyone.

19. A HEARING WAS HELD.

20. HEARING INFORMATION

(THE FIRST HEARING SHALL BE NO SOONER THAN 30 DAYS FOLLOWING THE POSTING OF NOTICES ONLINE).

IF THIS FORM IS INSUFFICIENT TO LIST THE INFORMATION FOR EACH HEARING, PLEASE ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET TO COMPLETE THE HEARING INFORMATION.

Date: 6/7/2022

Time: 05:00 PM

Street Address: The Catamount Room, 1 National Life Drive,
Davis 2, Montpelier, VT

Zip Code: 05620

Date: 6/7/2022

Time: 05:00 PM

Street Address: Online

Zip Code:

Date:

Time: AM

Street Address:

Zip Code:

Date:

Time: AM

Street Address:

Zip Code:

21. DEADLINE FOR COMMENT (NO EARLIER THAN 7 DAYS FOLLOWING LAST HEARING):

6/14/2022

KEYWORDS (PLEASE PROVIDE AT LEAST 3 KEYWORDS OR PHRASES TO AID IN THE SEARCHABILITY OF THE RULE NOTICE ONLINE).

State park

Fees

Camping

Day use

Pets

Rules

Stone Hut

Marina

Moorings

Boat slips

Adopting Page

Instructions:

This form must accompany each filing made during the rulemaking process:

Note: To satisfy the requirement for an annotated text, an agency must submit the entire rule in annotated form with proposed and final proposed filings. Filing an annotated paragraph or page of a larger rule is not sufficient. Annotation must clearly show the changes to the rule.

When possible, the agency shall file the annotated text, using the appropriate page or pages from the Code of Vermont Rules as a basis for the annotated version. New rules need not be accompanied by an annotated text.

1. **TITLE OF RULE FILING:**

Rules and Regulations: Visitor Conduct and Fees and Charges for State Park Services and Commercial Activities on Department Lands

2. **ADOPTING AGENCY:**

Natural Resources

3. **TYPE OF FILING (PLEASE CHOOSE THE TYPE OF FILING FROM THE DROPDOWN MENU BASED ON THE DEFINITIONS PROVIDED BELOW):**

- **AMENDMENT** - Any change to an already existing rule, even if it is a complete rewrite of the rule, it is considered an amendment if the rule is replaced with other text.
- **NEW RULE** - A rule that did not previously exist even under a different name.
- **REPEAL** - The removal of a rule in its entirety, without replacing it with other text.

This filing is **AN AMENDMENT OF AN EXISTING RULE** .

4. **LAST ADOPTED (PLEASE PROVIDE THE SOS LOG#, TITLE AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE LAST ADOPTION FOR THE EXISTING RULE):**

According to the history section in the Code of Vermont Rules (CVR 12-020-009) the last adoption of this rule was SOS # 19-055 effective 10/30/2019



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Kristin L. Clouser, Secretary

INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (ICAR) MINUTES

Meeting Date/Location: April 11, 2022, virtually via Microsoft Teams
Members Present: Chair Douglas Farnham, Brendan Atwood, Diane Bothfeld, Jared Adler, Jennifer Mojo, John Kessler, Diane Sherman, Michael Obuchowski and Donna Russo-Savage
Members Absent: None
Minutes By: Melissa Mazza-Paquette

- 2:02 p.m. meeting called to order, welcome and introductions of new ICAR members: Jared Adler, Department of Labor; and Donna Russo-Savage, Agency of Education
- Review and approval of minutes from the March 29, 2022 meeting
- No additions/deletions to agenda. Agenda approved as drafted.
- The following emergency rules were supported by ICAR Chair Farnham:
 - ‘Transitional Housing Program Emergency Rules’, Agency of Human Services, Department for Children and Families, on 03/31/22
 - The purpose of the Transitional Housing Program is to offer more stability to households experiencing homelessness. The Transitional Housing Program will provide financial assistance to eligible households for up to 18 months in the form of direct monthly payments to motel and hotel owners who have executed an Occupancy Agreement with an eligible household. Eligible households include households experiencing homelessness category one or two as defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with income at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) in the town in which the household is seeking housing. Recipients of Transitional Housing Program assistance must participate in Coordinated Entry - the system to refer and connect households to housing assistance – to find long term housing. The Transitional Housing Program will be funded by the federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) and will conform to all federal law and guidance governing ERAP.
 - ‘Access to Health Care Services Related to COVID-19’, Department of Financial Regulation, on 04/01/22
 - The emergency rule requires health insurers to provide continuing coverage of COVID-19 diagnosis, testing (including rapid antigen testing), and treatment without member cost-sharing.



Proposed Rule: Rules and Regulations: Visitor Conduct and Fees and Charges for State Park Services and Commercial Activities on Department Lands, Agency of Natural Resources
Presented By: Nate Mckeen and Rochelle Skinner

Motion made to accept the rule by Diane Bothfeld, seconded by Mike Obuchowski, and passed unanimously except for Jen Mojo who abstained, with the following recommendations:

1. Proposed Rule Coversheet, #12: Clarify “are centered” language.
2. Proposed Rule Coversheet, #14: Include information to attend virtually.
3. Proposed Rule Coversheet, #16: Add ‘boat slips’, ‘moorings’ and ‘Stone Hut’.
4. Adopting Page, #4: Complete.
5. Economic Impact Analysis: Include a simple table of comparison data to neighboring states, and how much money it’ll generate both in and out of state. Include a link in the rule filing to the analysis on your website.
6. Public Input Maximization Plan: Clarify the timing of distribution of information through the channels listed and public hearing.
7. Annotated Text, page 9, #2(b): Include language of what will happen if it's not paid in one lump sum (i.e., it's subject to regular fees).
8. Not mentioned during the meeting but subsequently communicated to presenters:
 - a. Economic Impact, #8: If appropriate, change ‘state’s’ (singular) in the last sentence on page two pertaining to “neighboring state’s park fees” to states’ (multiple).
 - b. Economic Impact, #8: Clarify the following sentence where italicized: “The alternative to increasing state park camping prices is *to rely on more General Fund* for the additional \$1.5 million per year to support the operation and maintenance of Vermont's 55 state parks.” Perhaps to read something like “rely more on the General Fund for the additional \$1.5M” or “rely on more General Fund monies for the additional \$1.5M”.
 - c. Public Input Maximization Plan, #3: The parenthetical “825,000 unique users” is missing the closing parenthetical.
 - d. Check for consistency throughout the filing, such as the following examples:
 - i. Sometimes when an answer is a single sentence it ends in a period and sometimes it doesn't.
 - ii. The Economic Impact form refers both to the ‘General Fund’ in #8 and the ‘general fund’ in #9.

Economic Impact Analysis

Instructions:

In completing the economic impact analysis, an agency analyzes and evaluates the anticipated costs and benefits to be expected from adoption of the rule; estimates the costs and benefits for each category of people enterprises and government entities affected by the rule; compares alternatives to adopting the rule; and explains their analysis concluding that rulemaking is the most appropriate method of achieving the regulatory purpose. If no impacts are anticipated, please specify "No impact anticipated" in the field.

Rules affecting or regulating schools or school districts must include cost implications to local school districts and taxpayers in the impact statement, a clear statement of associated costs, and consideration of alternatives to the rule to reduce or ameliorate costs to local school districts while still achieving the objectives of the rule (see 3 V.S.A. § 832b for details).

Rules affecting small businesses (excluding impacts incidental to the purchase and payment of goods and services by the State or an agency thereof), must include ways that a business can reduce the cost or burden of compliance or an explanation of why the agency determines that such evaluation isn't appropriate, and an evaluation of creative, innovative or flexible methods of compliance that would not significantly impair the effectiveness of the rule or increase the risk to the health, safety, or welfare of the public or those affected by the rule.

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3. CATEGORY OF AFFECTED PARTIES:

LIST CATEGORIES OF PEOPLE, ENTERPRISES, AND GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES POTENTIALLY AFFECTED BY THE ADOPTION OF THIS RULE AND THE ESTIMATED COSTS AND BENEFITS ANTICIPATED:

The only people affected by the rule changes are state park visitors. More specifically, there will be minimal impact on Vermonters and a slightly higher impact on visitors from out of state. The economic impact on

these users is minimal. No other changes have any economic impact.

4. IMPACT ON SCHOOLS:

INDICATE ANY IMPACT THAT THE RULE WILL HAVE ON PUBLIC EDUCATION, PUBLIC SCHOOLS, LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS CLEARLY STATING ANY ASSOCIATED COSTS:

The proposed rule changes have no impact on public education or schools.

5. ALTERNATIVES: CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES TO THE RULE TO REDUCE OR AMELIORATE COSTS TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHILE STILL ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVE OF THE RULE.

The proposed rule changes have no impact on costs to public schools.

6. IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES:

INDICATE ANY IMPACT THAT THE RULE WILL HAVE ON SMALL BUSINESSES (EXCLUDING IMPACTS INCIDENTAL TO THE PURCHASE AND PAYMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES BY THE STATE OR AN AGENCY THEREOF):

The proposed rule changes will have no impact on any small businesses.

7. SMALL BUSINESS COMPLIANCE: EXPLAIN WAYS A BUSINESS CAN REDUCE THE COST/BURDEN OF COMPLIANCE OR AN EXPLANATION OF WHY THE AGENCY DETERMINES THAT SUCH EVALUATION ISN'T APPROPRIATE.

The proposed rule changes will not create a burden on any small businesses.

8. COMPARISON:

COMPARE THE IMPACT OF THE RULE WITH THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF OTHER ALTERNATIVES TO THE RULE, INCLUDING NO RULE ON THE SUBJECT OR A RULE HAVING SEPARATE REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL BUSINESS:

The purpose of the state park price increase is to help offset the continued increase in costs to operate and maintain the park system during a period of unprecedented attendance growth. Revenue from sale of services comprises about 65% of the total necessary revenue with most of the balance coming from proceeds generated from ski area leases on FPR lands. With the camping and day use price increases, Vermont State Parks are still within market ranges of private campgrounds and neighboring states' park fees. The

alternative to increasing state park camping prices is to rely more on the General Fund for the additional \$1.5 million per year to support the operation and maintenance of Vermont's 55 state parks. With increasing demand from visitation levels and visitor expectations, it is also not practical to reduce costs further. Rather, some costs for such items as staffing must increase given the challenging labor market.

9. SUFFICIENCY: DESCRIBE HOW THE ANALYSIS WAS CONDUCTED, IDENTIFYING RELEVANT INTERNAL AND/OR EXTERNAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION USED.

State Parks are operated as efficiently as possible while meeting the growing demand for their services and increasing complexity of operations. The two primary sources of revenue are gate receipts and ski area lease receipts. There is also a relatively small percentage of General Fund support. Park use prices are the only revenue source within our purview to adjust. We do this with caution. A high percentage of our operating and maintenance costs are fixed and those are increasing. Our analysis for adjusting park prices is done with an eye toward fairness to park visitors, what the market will support, and covering the gap between revenue and expenses. A table comparing proposed fees to neighboring states' fees is included on the attached Supplemental Information page.

Environmental Impact Analysis

Instructions:

In completing the environmental impact analysis, an agency analyzes and evaluates the anticipated environmental impacts (positive or negative) to be expected from adoption of the rule; compares alternatives to adopting the rule; explains the sufficiency of the environmental impact analysis. If no impacts are anticipated, please specify "No impact anticipated" in the field.

Examples of Environmental Impacts include but are not limited to:

- Impacts on the emission of greenhouse gases
- Impacts on the discharge of pollutants to water
- Impacts on the arability of land
- Impacts on the climate
- Impacts on the flow of water
- Impacts on recreation
- Or other environmental impacts

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3. **GREENHOUSE GAS:** *EXPLAIN HOW THE RULE IMPACTS THE EMISSION OF GREENHOUSE GASES (E.G. TRANSPORTATION OF PEOPLE OR GOODS; BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE; LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT, WASTE GENERATION, ETC.):*

The proposed rule changes will have no impact on greenhouse gas emissions.

4. **WATER:** *EXPLAIN HOW THE RULE IMPACTS WATER (E.G. DISCHARGE / ELIMINATION OF POLLUTION INTO VERMONT WATERS, THE FLOW OF WATER IN THE STATE, WATER QUALITY ETC.):*

The proposed rule changes will have no impact on water resources.

5. **LAND:** *EXPLAIN HOW THE RULE IMPACTS LAND (E.G. IMPACTS ON FORESTRY, AGRICULTURE ETC.):*

The proposed rule changes will not have an impact on forestry, agriculture, or any other land uses.

6. **RECREATION:** *EXPLAIN HOW THE RULE IMPACT RECREATION IN THE STATE:*

The proposed rule changes will have a positive impact on recreation. These price increases will prevent parks from having to cut recreation services. The other rule adjustments should make for better recreation experiences.

7. **CLIMATE:** *EXPLAIN HOW THE RULE IMPACTS THE CLIMATE IN THE STATE:*

The proposed rule will have no impact on climate in the state.

8. **OTHER:** *EXPLAIN HOW THE RULE IMPACT OTHER ASPECTS OF VERMONT'S ENVIRONMENT:*

The proposed rule will not have impacts on Vermont's environment.

9. **SUFFICIENCY:** *DESCRIBE HOW THE ANALYSIS WAS CONDUCTED, IDENTIFYING RELEVANT INTERNAL AND/OR EXTERNAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION USED.*

The rule changes are very limited in scope to park operations and park visitors within the confines of state parks with no external impacts on resources or environment. The nature of these rules are limited in complexity and impacts.

Public Input Maximization Plan

Instructions:

Agencies are encouraged to hold hearings as part of their strategy to maximize the involvement of the public in the development of rules. Please complete the form below by describing the agency's strategy for maximizing public input (what it did do, or will do to maximize the involvement of the public).

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3. **PLEASE DESCRIBE THE AGENCY'S STRATEGY TO MAXIMIZE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE, LISTING THE STEPS THAT HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE TAKEN TO COMPLY WITH THAT STRATEGY:**

Outreach will begin upon Proposed Rule acceptance at Secretary of State's office and will continue throughout the public comment period. Outreach will be repeated multiple times on all channels. In addition to conducting a public hearing, the strategy includes notifying the public via the state parks web page (825,000 unique users), the parks blog page (310,000 annual views), the parks Twitter feed (30,000 followers), Instagram (30,000 followers), Facebook (51,000 followers), and e-newsletter (26,300 subscribers).

4. **BEYOND GENERAL ADVERTISEMENTS, PLEASE LIST THE PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE:**

Please refer to #3 above.

Supplemental Information:

The content below was posted on Vermont State Parks' Blog Site and includes additional detail about proposed fee changes and comparisons to other states.

Vermont State Parks are Seeking Public Input on 2022 Proposed Rule & Fee Changes



By rochelle - May 10, 2022

Visitors to Vermont State Parks come to recreate in a safe and welcoming environment. During their stay they count on a clean, friendly and relaxing experience. To help guide that experience rules are established for visitor behavior and to help protect these amazing places for the long term. Even though managing Vermont State Parks and hosting well over 1 million visitors each year is a complex operation, our aim is to keep the associated rules as simple as possible and to maintain an environment where expectations are clear and opportunities are available to all.

The establishment of rules and fees for Vermont State Parks is governed through legislative authority, State Statute Title Ten Section 2603c, and there is a lengthy process set in place for changing rules and setting fees.

Periodically we consider changes and must follow the rule making process to do so. An important piece of this process is the opportunity for elected officials and the general public to weigh in. Proposed changes are carefully considered by agency professionals and our goal is to remain as affordable as possible while ensuring that the majority of the costs to operate the state park system are covered. 100% of fees collected go directly back into operating the parks system.

We are at our best when we hear from you. If you have any concerns, questions or specific feedback on the proposed rule and fee changes summarized below, please send them prior to June 14, 2022.

PROPOSED DAY USE POLICY CHANGES

Pass Replacement

Vehicle and Individual Passes can now be replaced if lost or stolen. Our new reservation system allows us to cancel, and re-issue lost or stolen passes.

New Organization Pass

We've created new season pass that will allow up to 17 people in one vehicle free entry into all Vermont State Park Day Use areas for the season. Cost of new pass is \$180.00. Regular household Vehicle Passes will remain at \$90.00.

Simplified Municipal Rate

Municipal Recreation Groups

1 – 25 persons including staff and drivers = \$250.00 per month.

Each additional group of 25 persons or parts thereof, additional \$250.00 per month.

PROPOSED DAY USE FEE CHANGES

DAY USE FEES

FEE	NEW RATE	OLD RATE	INCREASE
Adult Day Use	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$1.00
Branbury Pavilions	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Pavilions - Open Air	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$25.00

PROPOSED CAMPING POLICY CHANGES

New 1-night Minimum Stay Policy

1-night reservations are now permitted Sunday – Thursday nights beginning March 1 for current season reservations. Applies only to tent/RV sites and lean-to's.

No Show Policy

Visitors must occupy their sites no later than 2PM the second day after their reservation begins or must contact the park staff to notify them of their late arrival. Visitors failing to do so will forfeit their site and will not be entitled to any refund.

Green River Reservoir

Campsites at Green River Reservoir will now be charged the same camping fees as other Vermont State Park campgrounds.

PROPOSED CAMPING FEES

CAMPING FEES	NEW FEE PER NIGHT	OLD FEE PER NIGHT	CHANGE PER NIGHT
Standard Tent or RV Site			
Vermont Residents	\$20.00	\$19.00	\$1.00
Non-Residents	\$28.00	\$21.00	\$7.00
Prime Tent or RV Site			
Vermont Residents	\$22.00	\$21.00	\$1.00
Non-Residents	\$30.00	\$23.00	\$7.00
Standard Lean-to Site			
Vermont Resident	\$30.00	\$28.00	\$2.00
Non-Residents	\$38.00	\$30.00	\$8.00
Prime Lean-to Site			
Vermont Residents	\$32.00	\$30.00	\$2.00
Non-Residents	\$40.00	\$32.00	\$8.00
Burton Island Lean-to Site			
Vermont Residents	\$40.00	\$38.00	\$2.00
Non-Residents	\$50.00	\$40.00	\$8.00
Regular Cabin Fees			
Vermont Residents	\$60.00	\$51.00	\$9.00
Non-Residents	\$68.00	\$53.00	\$15.00
Pet Fees	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Stone Hut	\$300.00	\$225.00	\$75.00

Vermont Proposed Fee Increases Compared to Other States

	Tent Camping		TENTS	Lean-to Camping	
	In-State Rate	Out-of-State Rate	Non-Resident Surcharge	In-State Rate	Out-of-State Rate
VT PROPOSED	\$20 - \$22	\$28 - \$30	\$8 add-on	\$30 - \$40	\$38 - \$48
MASS	\$14 - \$17	\$40 - \$55	\$26 - \$38 add-on	n/a	n/a
NH	\$23 - \$25	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
NY	\$15 - \$70	\$20 - \$75	\$5 add-on	n/a	n/a
CT	\$14 - \$20	\$24 - \$45	\$10 - \$25 add-on	n/a	n/a
PA	\$15 - \$25	\$20 - \$30	\$5 add-on	\$17 - \$27	\$22 - \$32
RI	\$18 - \$28	\$36 - \$55	\$18 - \$27 add-on	n/a	n/a
NJ	\$17 - \$20	\$22 - \$25	\$5 add-on	35	40
DE	\$15 - \$37	\$20 - \$43	\$5 - \$6 add-on	n/a	n/a
MD	\$15 - \$28	n/a	n/a	37	n/a
OH	\$17 - \$27	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

PROPOSED BURTON ISLAND FEES

BURTON ISLAND FEES

FEE	NEW RATE
Docking	\$2.25/per foot/day or part day
Moorings or Anchoring	\$1.00/per foot/day or part day
Seasonal Slips	\$65.00/foot; 18-foot minimum vessel length Each slip includes 4 Island Runner Season Passes \$100.00/per day penalty if boat is not removed by final day of operating season
Island Runner Ferry	\$2.00/per person for K-12 Schools during regular school year
School Group Rate	\$70.00/per season
Island Runner Season Pass	\$425.00/for two-hour trip
Charter Rate	

Firewood \$8.00/Armload
\$32.00/Cart load

PROPOSED SEYON LODGE FEES

SEYON LODGE

FEE	NEW RATE	OLD RATE	CHANGE
Conference fees			
Non-profit	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
All others	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$100.00
Weddings*			
up to 50 persons	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	-\$1,000.00
51-150 persons	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Overnight Full Lodge Rental*			
Monday - Thursday	\$750.00/per night	\$650.00/per night	\$100.00
Friday - Sunday	\$800.00/per night	\$700.00/per night	\$100.00
Half-day boat rental	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$5.00

*Plus VT Rooms & Meals Tax

View Complete Annotated Proposed Rule Change Document

HOW TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON PROPOSED CHANGES

Send an email to parks@vermont.gov

Send snail mail to:

Vermont State Parks Rules Feedback
1 National Life Drive, Davis 2
Montpelier, VT 05620

Attend a public hearing:

In person:

6/21/22, 2:00 PM

Vermont State Parks are Seeking Public Input on 2022 Proposed Rule & Fee Changes

Tuesday, June 7, 2022, 5:00 PM

Catamount Room

1 National Life Drive, Davis 2

Montpelier, VT 05620

Virtually:

Tuesday, June 7, 2022, 5:00 PM

Microsoft Teams Meeting Link

PLEASE SUBMIT FEEDBACK NO LATER THAN 4:00 PM TUESDAY, JUNE 14.



Annotated
Text

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Visitor Conduct

&

Fees and Charges

for

State Park Services and Commercial Activities on Department Lands

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Definition:

Operating Season: When visitor fees are being collected.

I. GENERAL VISITOR CONDUCT

(Applies to all Department lands, except where noted)

1. Posting bills without the permission of authorized personnel, cutting, peeling, defacing, writing upon or destroying or damaging any building, sign, plant, rock or other natural or manmade structure or object is prohibited.
2. No plant may be uprooted or cut without a special written permit from the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation or their designee except wild berries, fruits, seeds, nuts, or mushrooms may be collected only for personal use at the risk of the collector. Commercial harvesting of such items for profit is allowed only with a special written permit from the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation or their designee.
3. Removal of any earth material, including but not limited to rock, sand, gravel, topsoil and minerals, is allowed only with a special written permit from the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation or their designee. Exempt from this requirement is the personal collection of small stones for educational or hobby collecting purposes unless the stones contain fossils or are otherwise historically significant.
4. Animals, other than species taken legally according to Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife laws and regulations, may not be collected without a special written permit from the Commissioners of Forests, Parks and Recreation and Fish and Wildlife or their designees and/or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "Animals" include mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, and invertebrates.
5. The feeding of wildlife in State Parks by visitors is prohibited.
6. The use of metal detectors is permitted only in areas designated by the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation and when their use does not conflict with other visitors to Department lands, or disturb lawn areas, rare or fragile plant or animal habitats or archeologically sensitive areas. Users must report to authorized personnel before using a metal detector. Probing in permitted areas may be done only with a small hand tool to a maximum depth of three (3) inches. Any artifacts which may have historical or archeological significance are the property of the State of Vermont and shall be surrendered immediately to authorized personnel. All disturbed areas must be restored to their original state. Use of metal detectors is prohibited in areas of obvious historic significance, e.g., cellar holes, stonewalls, etc.
7. The use of mechanical techniques for gold panning is prohibited. Gold panning is permitted only by traditional hand panning technique.
8. Glass containers or other materials which may pose a hazard to swimmers are not allowed in pools, beaches or other swimming areas.
9. All refuse and separated recyclables shall be placed in containers provided for that purpose. In remote camping and day use areas, waste and rubbish must be carried out and disposed of at

proper locations.

10. Alcoholic beverages in bulk containers (larger than 1 gallon or 4 liters) are prohibited in State Parks except day use areas when served to an organized group by an individual possessing the appropriate license.
11. In situations when alcoholic beverages are being consumed or when otherwise appropriate, the park manager or park staff may require legal identification and proof of age.
12. Children under the age of 14 must be supervised by an adult, while visiting the State Parks.
13. Swimming is encouraged only in designated areas. Persons who swim in areas without lifeguard protection, or when a lifeguard is not on duty, do so at their own risk.
14. There is no fishing in marked, designated State Park swimming areas during the operating season.
15. Using soap is not allowed in any surface waters in, or adjacent to, State Parks.
16. Chainsaws may not be used in State Parks by visitors.
17. Aircraft are not allowed in State Parks and Forests facilities without the written approval of the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation except in an emergency.
18. Disorderly conduct is prohibited (per 13.V.S.A. § 1026).
19. Urinating, defecating or disposing of human waste shall be in facilities designated for that purpose.
20. Smoking of tobacco is prohibited in designated Smoke Free areas of state parks and forests. Smoke Free areas shall be established by the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation on a site-by-site basis to protect the health and well being of nonsmoking park and forest visitors. Smoke Free areas shall include, but not be limited to playgrounds and intensively used day use areas such as busy beaches and picnic areas.

I.a. Vehicle Use

1. The maximum speed limit on State Parks and Forests roads is 15 miles per hour unless otherwise posted.
2. Use of mountain bicycles and motorized all terrain vehicles shall be permitted only on roads and trails designated for such use.
3. Parking is allowed only in designated areas or as directed by park or forestry staff. Violators may be towed at owner's expense.

I.b. Fires and Firearms

1. In developed State Parks areas, fires are allowed only in fire rings, fireplaces, or charcoal grills at designated picnic and camping areas. All fires must be attended and under control at all times.
2. No firecrackers or other explosive devices, firearms, air rifles or pistols, gas weapons, slingshots, crossbows, bow and arrows except by special permit shall be discharged in any developed recreation area during the park operating season. No firearm shall be discharged within 500 feet of any occupied building or structure in any park or recreation area.

I.c. Pets

1. Visitors may bring domesticated or trained animals to designated campgrounds and day use areas provided they are safely confined or securely restrained on a leash not longer than 10 feet at all times. No animals will be allowed in certain day use areas including parking lots, beaches, pools, picnic areas and playgrounds. EXCEPTION: Dogs/animals to assist people with disabilities and Police Canine Corps dogs are allowed in any public area of the park, if under leash or harness control of an owner or handler.
2. Pet owners are required to repair damage caused by their animals including digging and defecation in developed areas.

II. CAMPING AND OTHER OVERNIGHT LODGING

(Applies only to State Parks, except where noted)

1. Camping is allowed only on designated sites. Off season camping is available only by permission of parks regional managers.
2. All campers and campground visitors are required to register with the park staff.
3. Not more than eight (8) people, regardless of age, may occupy one campsite. In the interest of protecting the natural resources of the park, the limit at some campsites may be lower.
4. Visitors to campers must register with the park staff before entering the campground and must pay the regular day use fee. Day visitor hours in the campground are 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The total number of day visitors per site may be limited at the discretion of the park manager.
5. The designated head of the camping party staying overnight on the site must be at least 18 years of age and is responsible for the conduct of all campers and visitors on the site.
6. No part of any sleeping unit or vehicles on the campsite may be placed outside the cleared area designated as the site. The maximum number of vehicles allowed per site, including self-propelled sleeping units, shall be two. Other vehicles shall be parked in areas designated by park manager.
7. Campsites shall be kept in a neat and clean condition at all times.

8. Dishwashing is allowed only at individual campsites or areas specifically designated as dishwashing areas.
9. Gray water and other direct discharges on the ground from camping vehicles and trailers are not permitted. Holding tanks or other appropriate containers must be emptied at the campground "sanitary dump station" or other suitable facility.
10. Quiet hours are between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. except in areas otherwise designated by the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Visitors who violate quiet hours may be evicted from the camping area and may forfeit their fees and reservation. Reasonable quiet must be maintained at all times in both camping and day use areas. Sound that is audible on adjacent occupied campsites may be prohibited at the discretion of the park staff.
11. Generators and rechargers may be used only in areas and/or at times designated by the park manager. They may not be operated during quiet hours.
12. Camping in designated overflow areas will be limited to one night per camping party.
13. The park manager, with the approval of the parks regional manager, may designate a storage area during the summer season for camping trailers, boat trailers, R.V.'s or other similar equipment and vehicles of hikers, bicyclists or paddlers. A fee shall be charged. The State is not liable for theft or damage to equipment stored in these areas. All equipment and vehicles shall be removed from the storage area no later than the seasonal closing date of the park.

II.a. Reservations and Site Occupancy

1. Reservation requests shall be confirmed only when accompanied by payment of full camping and reservation fees. Payment must be received within two weeks of making the reservation if there is sufficient time to do so. For reservations made within two weeks of arrival, payment is due at time of reservation.
2. The minimum reservation period for campsites and cabins is ~~either four (4) or two (2) consecutive nights~~ as determined by the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation. This determination shall be based on use patterns for particular parks in an effort to maximize occupancy.
 - a. Exceptions:
 - (i) Campers hiking or using bicycles or paddle craft as their mode of travel or their tour agents, may make a one (1) night reservation in developed campgrounds. Such reservations will not be for specific sites.
 - (ii) Campers traveling as touring groups intending to stay at multiple campgrounds during their trip may make one (1) night reservations for individual park stays.
 - (iii) There will be no minimum reservation period for camping groups in group camping areas or in other campgrounds before June 15 and after Labor Day, except over Memorial Day weekend.

(iv) There will be no minimum reservation period for Green River Reservoir State Park or Molly's Falls State Park or ~~Waterbury Reservoir remote sites.~~

3. The minimum reservation requirement for cottages shall be set by the Commissioner of Forests, Parks & Recreation based on individual cottage characteristics, use and occupancy pattern. Reservations may be made up to 11 months in advance.
4. Check out time is 11:00 a.m. at which time the site must be vacated. Check in time is 2:00 p.m. If the site is reserved for the succeeding night and the party has not re-registered by check out time or declared their intent to re-register, the park manager, at their discretion and in the presence of two witnesses, not employees of the State Parks Division, may inventory and remove gear from the site.
- ~~5. A confirmed reserved campsite shall be held available for the reserving camper until park staff is notified that the camper is either not coming or is leaving early.~~
- 6.5. The maximum stay on any campsite shall be up to twenty-one (21) consecutive nights unless adjusted by the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation to improve occupancy. A camper occupying a campsite for the maximum stay shall vacate the campsite and may not occupy that site or any other site in that campground for a period of at least 7 days.
- 7.6. The period of occupancy, reservation period, duration and number of reservations per season for a campsite or lean-to may be adjusted at the discretion of the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the purpose of improving the occupancy rate or protection of the natural resource.

II.b. Group Camping

1. The definition of a camping group shall be 8 or more people regardless of age.
2. In addition to those areas specifically designated for group camping, prior to June 15 and after Labor Day, group camping may be accommodated in any camping area in the park system on a space available basis except over Memorial Day weekend.

II.c. Remote Camping

1. Remote camping areas are located throughout a large forest complex, island or shoreline. They differ from "primitive camping" areas because the location is specific and may include pit toilets, fireplaces, lean-tos and/or tables.
2. Woods and Knight Islands, Waterbury Reservoir shoreline, Molly's Falls shoreline, Groton, Coolidge, Victory and Darling State Forests CCC campsites, and portions of Kingsland Bay and Jamaica State Parks are designated as remote areas. The Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation has the authority to designate or remove designation of remote areas on Department lands.
3. Remote camping is only by reservation or permit and payment of fee.

4. The maximum stay per camper at any remote area is seven (7) consecutive nights.
5. Regulations in remote areas shall be the same as for camping in developed areas.

II.d. Horse Camping

Note: The following rules apply to overnight use of certain state park campgrounds at which horse camping is permitted during the operating season.

1. Proof of current (within one year) negative Coggins test is required prior to entry into the campground.
2. Horses may be used only on marked bridle trails, parks or forests roads, or other areas designated for equine use. Horses are not allowed on nature trails, or in day use or campground areas not designated for equine use.
3. The maximum number of horses allowed at each campsite is two (2).
4. Horses shall be securely restrained in paddocks, at hitch rails, high lines with tree saver straps, or tied to a trailer at the campsite when not being used.
5. Bathing of horses is only allowed at designated bathing areas.
6. Owners are responsible for all accidents or any damage caused by their animals on state lands.
7. The park manager may require horse owners remove their animal from the park, if determined that the horse poses an unreasonable threat to park visitors, or other horses.
8. Galloping of horses is prohibited in developed areas.
9. Horses shall be watered only at designated areas or by tubs or buckets filled from the park water supply.
10. Owners are responsible for cleaning up the manure and placing in the designated area.
11. Horses shall not be left unattended at any time. Owners may be asked to leave without a refund for leaving unattended horses.

II.e. Fees and Charges Camping and Other Overnight Lodging

1. The base rate for a tent, lean-to, cabin or remote site permits up to four (4) people. An additional fee shall be charged for each additional camper beyond four. (see II.e.2-7 for definitions)
2. There is no charge for children three years and under for camping.

3. Fees for camping at any campground or designated remote sites shall be as follows, but the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation may adjust fees downward at his or her discretion to improve occupancy as necessary.

Standard Tent or Trailer Site:

Vermont Residents = ~~\$19.00~~ \$20.00 per night; extra person, \$5.00 per night.

Non-Vermont Residents = \$28.00 per night; extra person, \$5.00 per night.

Prime Tent or Trailer Site:

Vermont Residents = ~~\$21.00~~ \$22.00 per night; extra person \$5.00 per night.

Non-Vermont Residents = \$30 per night; extra person, \$5.00 per night

Standard Lean-to Site:

Vermont Residents = ~~\$28.00~~ \$30.00 per night including VT Meals and Rooms Tax; extra person, \$5.00 per night including VT Meals and Rooms Tax.

Non-Vermont Residents = \$38.00 per night including VT Meals and Rooms tax; extra person, \$5.00 per night including VT Meals and Rooms Tax.

Prime Lean-to Site:

Vermont Resident = ~~\$30.00~~ \$32.00 per night including VT Meals and Rooms Tax; extra person, \$5.00 per night including VT Meals and Rooms Tax;

Non-Vermont Resident = \$40.00 per night including VT Meals and Rooms Tax; extra person, \$5.00 per night including VT Meals and Rooms Tax.

Burton Island State Park waterfront lean-to sites:

Vermont Residents = \$40.00 per night including VT Meals and Rooms Tax; extra person, \$5.00 per night including VT Meals and Rooms Tax.

Non-Vermont Residents = \$ 48 per night including VT Meals and Rooms Tax; extra person, \$5.00 per night including VT Meals and Rooms Tax.

4. GROUP CAMPING - In group camping areas = \$6.00/per person/per night regardless of age, tent site or lean-to.

Group camping in non-group campgrounds shall be per site rates as established in Section II.e.3

5. CABINS, COTTAGES, RESIDENTIAL RENTALS

- a. Cabins are semi-furnished, enclosed structures in a camping area used for overnight lodging during the park season on a nightly basis. The per night charge for cabins will be based on the comparable market rate for the region of the state.
- b. Cottages are furnished lodging units available for weekly rental during the park season. Rental rate for cottages shall be based on the comparable market rate for the region of the state.
- c. Residential rentals are park staff quarters made available for rental during the off season (generally the first of November to the first of April). Rental rates for residential rentals will be based on the comparable market rate for the region of the state.

7. MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

- a. Mt. Mansfield Stone Hut = ~~\$225~~ \$300.00 including VT Meals and Rooms Tax, per group per night. \$200 security deposit is required in advance and is refundable if Hut is left in acceptable condition. Maximum reservation is for five (5) consecutive nights.
- b. Sanitary Dump Station = There is no charge for dumping camping vehicle holding tanks for campers registered in the campground. All other RVs up to 30 feet in length = \$15 per dump or pump out. RVs over 30 feet in length and buses = \$30 per dump or pump out.
- c. Vehicle/Equipment Storage = The fee by the week, or any part thereof, shall equal the tent or trailer site fee for one night paid in advance. The fee for vehicles of hikers, bicyclists, and paddlers shall equal one adult day use fee for each calendar day or part thereof.
- d. Reservation fee = ~~\$7-\$8.00~~ per campsite, cabin, cottage or group reservation. ~~and will be increased to \$8 at the time of rollout of the updated and improved reservation system.~~
- ~~e. Non-resident camping fees = \$2.00 per night for all tent/trailer sites and lean tos and cabins (Section II.e.).~~
- f.e. Pet fee = ~~\$1.00~~ \$2.00 per night for all overnight camping accommodations where pets are permitted. Horse fee = \$5.00 per night for all overnight camping accommodations where horses are permitted.

III. DAY ACTIVITIES (Applies only to State Parks)

1. State Park day use areas are open to the public during the operating season from 10:00 a.m. to official sunset but no later than 9:00 p.m. unless by special arrangement.
2. Registered campers can use day use areas at no charge. A camper receipt allows the holders to use day use areas until normal closing hour on the scheduled day of check out.
3. The day use punch card entitles entrance to a day use area at the rate of one punch per person. ~~bearing~~ No refunds or replacements will be issued for destroyed or lost punch cards.
4. The annual vehicle pass entitles vehicle assigned to the pass ~~the sticker or stickers~~ and its occupants entrance at all State Parks for day use activities. Each vehicle pass allows up to eight (8) people in legal seats to enter per day. In areas accessible by water, vehicle passes may be used on boats.
 - a. ~~The vehicle pass must be placed on the driver's side of the front bumper. If placed on a boat, it will be placed on the left side of the bow.~~
 - b.a. Replacement for vehicle passes on traded, sold or damaged vehicles may be applied for by presenting to the State Parks headquarters office, or at the park where purchased during the

park season, ~~a written statement~~ accompanied by as much of the vehicle pass which is identifiable, including, at least, the serial number.

e.b. Under extenuating circumstances, upon the recommendation of the park's regional manager, the Director of State Parks may permit the temporary use of the purchaser's receipt in lieu of the vehicle pass.

5. The annual individual season pass entitles holder to enter all State Parks for day use activities.
 - a. Damaged individual passes may be replaced upon presentation of as much of the pass as possible, including, at least, the serial number.
6. Recreation programs organized by cities or towns, including swimming instruction programs, shall be admitted under a special group rate by advance arrangement.
7. Day use visitors shall remove their own refuse from the park except as follows: caterers or organizers of group day use activities shall make their own refuse removal arrangements or pay a supplemental disposal fee, at the going market rate, for access to park disposal facilities where available. In some areas, park visitors may pay a fee to leave refuse at "carry in/carry out" parks.

III.a. Fees and Charges Day Activities

1. Day Use Daily Fee
 - a. Day use fee per person, 14 years and older = ~~\$4.00~~ \$5.00
 - b. Day use fee per person, four years through 13 years = \$2.00.
 - c. No charge for persons three years old and younger.
2. Special Group Day Use
 - a. Municipal Recreation Groups (~~monthly or any part thereof fees per park~~)
~~The first 50 persons including staff and drivers = \$150.00 per month.~~
~~For each additional 50 persons or part thereof = \$150.00 per month.~~
1 - 25 persons including staff and drivers = \$250.00 per month.
Each additional group of 25 persons or parts thereof, additional \$250.00 per month
 - b. Other Group Day Use (*more than 25 people*) = \$3.00 per person when paid in one lump sum. If group members wish to pay individually, they will be subject to the regular day use fees.
3. School groups of grades K-12 on field trips = \$.50 per person during the regular school year.
4. Season Passes
 - a. Vehicle pass = \$90.00 per season. Additional vehicles registered to the same person(s) or other household members = \$50.00.

b. Individual pass = \$30.00 per season.

c. Organization Vehicle Pass = \$180.00 for up to 17 persons in one (1) vehicle. Timeline for implementation of this pass is determined by the Commissioner of Forests, Parks & Recreation.

5. Day use punch card = \$30.00 for ten visits.

6. Day Use Shelters

a. Shelters may be reserved for up to 11 months in advance of the date of the activity to take place in the shelter.

b. Button Bay Shelter = \$200.00 full shelter rental fee plus regular per person day use fee.

Mt. Philo Shelter = \$200.00 Monday – Friday full shelter rental fee plus regular per person day use fee. = \$300.00 Saturday & Sunday full shelter rental fee plus regular per person day use fee.

Branbury East and West Shelters = \$50.00 per day plus regular per person day use fee.

Camp Plymouth Dining Hall = \$300.00 rental fee plus regular per person day use fee.

Kingsland Bay Dining Hall = \$2,500.00 Friday – Sunday (package includes day use admission, use of Theatre Building and Hawley House. \$900.00 Monday – Thursday (includes regular per person day use fee but does not include Theater Building or Hawley House).

Kingsland Bay Theater Building or Hawley House = \$150.00 (each) Monday- Thursday (includes regular per person day use fee).

Elmore Beach House (function room only) = \$200.00 (including regular per person day use fee)

Kill Kare Hotel Building (including west function room, porch, lawn area and picnic shelter) = \$1,200.00 (including regular per person day use fee)

Kill Kare Hotel Building (west function room only) = \$300.00 (including regular per person day use fee)

All other shelters = ~~\$100~~ \$125.00 rental fee plus regular per person day use fee.

Note: All above shelter fees include a \$25.00 non-refundable reservation fee.

c. Group use cleaning deposit (may be refundable) = \$100.00 at all parks except Kingsland Bay Dining Hall and Kill Kare Hotel Building, which have different fee structures.

d. Canopy tents = Fees will be set to cover the cost of providing the service and will be competitive with rates charged for similar services in the area.

7. Rental Vessels
 - a. ~~Rowboats with oars and personal flotation devices = \$10.00 per hour plus VT Sales Tax. Extended period fee = \$30.00 for ½ day and \$40.00 for full day.~~
 - a. Canoes, rowboats, and single kayaks with paddles and personal flotation devices = \$10.00 per hour plus VT Sales Tax. Extended period fee = \$30.00 for ½ day and \$40.00 for full day.
 - b. Tandem kayaks with paddles and personal flotation devices = \$12.00 per hour plus VT Sales Tax. Extended period fee = \$32.00 for ½ day and \$50.00 for full day.
 - c. ~~Canoes rented with remote campsite package with paddles and flotation devices = \$35.00 per night plus VT sales tax.~~
 - d. Pedal boats with personal flotation devices = \$7.00 per ½ hour plus VT Sales Tax. No extended period fee.
 - e. Standup Paddles boards with paddle and personal flotation device = \$20.00 per half hour plus VT Sales Tax.
 - f. Minimum rental is one hour for boats, canoes, and kayaks and ½ hour for pedal boats and standup paddleboards.
8. Charge for rubbish removal = \$3.00 per bag for shelter group users unless otherwise included in rental fee; \$1.00 per bag for other day visitors where service is available.
9. The Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation may establish "deposits" for certain services. The deposit shall be administered directly by the park manager or their official designee, according to department procedures.
10. The Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation may waive the day use fee and reservation fee for use of a picnic shelter or similar facility to host a meeting of any organization of which the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation is an official bona fide member or sponsor.
11. Refunds will be granted on day use admission fees only for unusual circumstances approved by the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

IV. BURTON ISLAND STATE PARK

1. Transient dock slips shall be assigned by the Park Manager or Dockmaster. All vessels must check-in and receive a slip assignment before proceeding to their slip.
2. Slip assignments are not final until the vessel is officially checked-in at the contact station. Park staff reserve the right to change slip assignments at any time due to weather, lake level, or to maximize marina occupancy.

3. The Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation may designate certain slips as day-use only slips from 9AM until 5PM. Transient day-use slips are first come, first serve until 5pm, after which, they will be converted to overnight slips.
4. There is no minimum reservation requirement for marina slips.
5. Moorings are assigned on a first come, first served basis. There are no reservations for mooring space.
6. A portion of the dockage space may be reserved if so designated by the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Except as modified herein, all appropriate provisions of Section II.a. apply for dock reservations as well. All boats less than 36 feet in length shall be assigned a finger dock until all finger docks are full. After that point, any longside docking remaining shall be allocated. ~~No seasonal dockage is permitted.~~
7. Registered campers with boats up to 16 feet in length may use a marina slip for no additional fee. Campers with boats greater than 16 feet but less than 25 feet will be assessed at the current marina rate for each foot in length more than 16 feet. Boats greater than 26 feet in length, or boats with persons sleeping aboard overnight, will be assessed at the full marina rate.
8. Dockage does not include a continuous water hookup.
9. No refuse or drainage of any type shall be dumped in the marina area.
10. Charcoal grills or open fires are prohibited aboard boats or on docks.
11. All boats shall be operated at no greater than steerage speed in or about the marina.
12. Swimming is prohibited in the marina area.

**IV.a. Fees and Charges
Burton Island State Park**

1. The marina day, for fee purposes, shall be 11:00 a.m. to 10:59 a.m.
2. Fees may be charged for mooring or anchoring inside an officially designated mooring or anchoring area adjacent to a State Park.
3. The mooring or anchoring area subject to fee at Burton Island shall be the area inside of a line extending from the northernmost tip of the island which is northwest of the breakwater to the "red nun" marking the small boat channel between the island and Kill Kare State Park.
4. Docking = ~~\$1.75~~ \$2.25 per foot per day or any part thereof.
5. Moorings or Anchorings = ~~\$.75~~ \$1.00 per foot per day or any part thereof.
6. Seasonal Slips at Burton Island Marina:
\$65.00/per foot; 18-foot minimum vessel length;

Each slip includes four (4) Island Runner Season Passes and one (1) Vehicle Pass;
\$100.00/per day penalty if boat is not removed by final day of operating season.

- ~~6-7.~~ Passenger Ferry Service - Fees shall be set as appropriate by Commissioner of Forests, Parks & Recreation based on market value and reasonable cost recovery.
- ~~7.~~ 8. Passenger Ferry Day Excursions = fees shall be set as appropriate by the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation.
- ~~8-9.~~ Electric hookups = \$3.00 per day or any part thereof for 35 feet or under and \$4.00 per day or any part thereof for longer than 35 feet.
- ~~9-10.~~ Boat sanitary pump out station = Free for marina guests and \$10.00 per pump out for non-guests.
- ~~10-11.~~ Baggage handling fee to and from campsite = \$10.00 each way.

V. SEYON LODGE STATE PARK

V.a. Concession

- 1. All rules, regulations and fees may be modified in any concession license agreement.

V.b. Angling

- 1. All anglers must hold a valid Vermont fishing license.
- 2. Fishing in Noyes Pond shall only be from rental boats or canoes provided by State Parks. Private car top boats or canoes as well as the use of outboard motors, including electric trolling motors is not allowed.
- 3. Only fly fishing with artificial flies is allowed. The flies shall be single hook only, and must be either barbless or the barb filed or crimped down. All equipment shall be subject to inspection.
- 4. To obtain optimum fishing, the number of boats and/or anglers allowed on Noyes Pond at any one time, shall be established by the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation upon the advice of the Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- 5. There is no limit to the number of fish hooked and released. Daily limit and size of trout that may be taken shall be established by the Fish and Wildlife Board according to 10 V.S.A. Section 4082-4083 after consultation with the Departments of Forests, Parks and Recreation, and Fish and Wildlife.
- 6. Fishing is permitted only between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and a half hour after official sunset. The fishing season is the same as that set by the Fish and Wildlife Board for trout fishing.

V.c. Reservations for Boats to Fly Fish

1. Reservations for boats for fly fishing shall be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis at the park beginning the first day of the annual operating season. There is a maximum consecutive reservation period of two days.

V.d. Use Restrictions

1. Fishing from the shore, swimming and wading in Noyes Pond and its tributaries is not allowed.
2. Camping is not allowed in the Seyon Lodge State Park area.

V.e. Lodge and Grounds Use

1. Groups (a minimum of five people regardless of age) may reserve the entire lodge and/or grounds up to 11 months in advance by paying the designated fees within two weeks of first contact. Individuals renting less than the entire lodge may reserve up to 6 months from the start of the rental period.
2. Groups exceeding 50 people must have catered or potluck meals.
3. Guest or visitor pets will not be allowed in the lodge. In winter, pets are not allowed on groomed cross-country trails.
4. Arrivals after 8:00 p.m. for overnight lodging will not be accommodated unless prior arrangements have been made with the lodge staff.
5. Quiet hours are 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
6. Check-out time for overnight guests is 11:00 a.m.

V.f. Fees and Charges Seyon Lodge State Park

1. All users, except anglers renting boats and those using or staying overnight at the lodge, shall pay the current park day use fee.
2. Seyon Lodge State Park Fees
 - a. Individual day use
Standard day use fees apply to all except those renting boats, and using or staying overnight at the lodge.
 - b. Boat rentals with oars and PFDs
\$7.50/hour plus Vermont Sales Tax. Half day rate = ~~\$20.00~~. \$25.00 Full day rate = \$40.00

- c. Conference fees = ~~\$300.00~~ \$400.00 plus VT Meals and Rooms Tax for conference room only for up to 50 people and includes ~~one~~ "break" and coffee/tea for the entire day. ~~\$200.00~~ \$300.00 plus VT Meals and Rooms Tax, if appropriate, for 501(c)3 non-profit groups for conference room only for up to 50 people and includes one "break" and coffee/tea for the entire day.
- d. Wedding fees :
Small wedding up to 50 people = \$500.00 plus VT Meals and Rooms Tax ~~for a wedding or civil union~~
Large wedding 50 – 150 people = \$1,500.00
Fee includes sole use of lodge and grounds for one day. ~~for up to 250 people. This~~
Fee does not include any food or beverage service.
- e. Overnight lodge fees:
Monday- Thursday nights = ~~\$650.00~~ \$750.00 plus VT Meals and Rooms Tax per night for a group's sole use of the lodge and its indoor facilities for one night.

Friday- Sunday nights = ~~\$700.00~~ \$800.00 plus VT Meals and Rooms Tax per night for a group's sole use of the lodge and its indoor facilities for one night.

Includes up to 16 overnight guests with a continental breakfast. ~~There will be a 15% reduction in the overnight lodge fee for a group if they book entire facility for a minimum of 2 night reservation.~~
- f. Per Room Rate = Rates will be based on double occupancy according to the seasonal rates charged for similar services in the area plus VT Meals and Rooms Tax. Additional individuals in a room will be charged an additional fee.
- g. Meals = Fees for food service shall be set at rates that cover the costs of providing the service and are competitive with rates charged for similar services in the area.
- h. Cleaning/damages = charges for unreasonable cleaning or repair will be assessed in accordance with methods/procedures used throughout the hospitality industry.
- j.i. Service charge = a 15% service charge will be added to all fees associated with a group.

VI. GREEN RIVER RESERVOIR STATE PARK

VI.a. Individual Use

1. The maximum individual campsite occupancy depends on the campsite but in no case is it greater than 7 people regardless of age.
2. The maximum stay is 7 consecutive nights.
3. Up to two (2) vehicles permitted per campsite. There is a fee for additional vehicles.
4. Fees:
 - Camping
 - a. ~~\$5.00 per person per night, minimum of \$15.00 per site.~~
 - b. Prime site = ~~\$6.00 per person per night, minimum of \$18.00 per site.~~

c. ~~\$5.00 per additional vehicle. [See notes document for additional information]~~

VI.b. Group Use (8-12 people)

1. Groups shall camp on designated group campsites only.
2. The maximum group size is 12 people regardless of age.
3. Up to three (3) vehicles permitted per campsite. There is a fee for additional vehicles.
4. The maximum stay on a group campsite is 3 consecutive nights, not to exceed 9 nights total by the same party in the same operating season.
5. Groups shall obtain a Group Permit. Not more than 2 Group Permits will be issued for any calendar day. Not more than 10 group permits shall be issued to any group in any one operating season.
6. Fees:
 - Group (Day Use and Camping)
 - \$25.00 Group Permit needed for each portion of a calendar day spent at park. Only two (2) group permits will be granted for each calendar day.
 - Group Campsite
 - a. ~~\$5.00~~ \$6.00 per person per night, minimum of 8 persons = ~~\$40.00~~ \$48.00 per site.
 - b. \$5.00 per additional vehicle.

VI.c. Commercial Activities

1. Commercial or non-profit groups shall obtain a license prior to making reservations and/or using the park.
2. All commercial or non-profit groups (8-12 people) shall also be subject to Group Permit requirements.
3. No commercial or non-profit group activities will be allowed on weekends (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday).

VI.d. Reservations

1. Reservations must be made at least ~~two~~ one day prior to the beginning date of the reservation.
2. There is no minimum reservation period requirement.

VI.e. Pets

1. During the operating season, visitors may bring domesticated or trained animals to designated campground areas provided they are safely confined or securely restrained on a leash not longer than 10 feet.

VII. FEES AND CHARGES: GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

(Applies only to State Parks)

1. Credit cards and personal checks (not including traveler's checks) will be accepted for only the exact dollar amount for services, rentals or merchandise.
2. Charges for merchandise such as firewood, T-shirts, hats, publications, etc. shall be priced to cover purchase and production costs and be competitive with comparable commercial sales.
3. A valid receipt or ticket must be shown for reentry to a park.
4. No service, rental, or merchandise will be rendered until non-sufficient fund checks previously passed are paid first in cash, postal or bank money order or certified check. A service charge of ~~\$15.00~~ \$25.00 will be due on all checks returned for non-sufficient funds.
5. Organized programs of the Vermont State Hospital, Vermont Veteran's Home, and Regional Correctional Centers shall be admitted free of charge upon advance written application to the Director of State Parks. The letter from the Director of State Parks will be the ticket for admission when shown to the park attendant. Foster children shall be admitted free to State Parks upon presentation of appropriate identification applied for through the Director of State Parks.
6. Individuals or organizations may volunteer their efforts for training, research or other supportive purposes on public service projects or activities which will improve any portion of a State Park or its facilities or programs, or conduct a program which will improve the health, safety, education or welfare of the general public. The Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation may authorize such projects in writing, give credit for the contribution, at his/her discretion, waive or reduce any fees and permit redemption of the credit for day use or camping within one (1) year of the contribution.
7. The Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation is permitted to temporarily (not to exceed one season per project) adjust fees and charges at any area for the purposes of bona fide research or to handle an immediate need or concern.
8. The Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation is permitted to develop State Park experimental services, vacation or special event packages and offer discounted rates for those services and packages to promote the park system and increase campground occupancy.
9. The Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation may charge restitution to any person that:

- a. does any damage to any State Park land, facility, structure, vegetation, earth materials or timber, or,
- b. is the party registered with the State Park facility for use of such facility, when the registered party and/or any visitors or guests of the registered party does any damage to any State Park land, facility, structure, vegetation, earth materials or timber.

Restitution charged shall reflect as closely as possible the actual costs of replacement or repair of facility or structure, or value of vegetation or timber, based on current market value. This provision does not preclude the Department from seeking other penalties when warranted.

10. REFUNDS OR CREDIT

The Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation shall establish policies and procedures for refunding fees and/or granting credit for future use.

XIII. COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Applies to all Department lands)

1. Soliciting, vending, sale or rental of goods, wares or services in any recreation area is not allowed except the goods and services provided by the State of Vermont, and concessionaires under contractual agreement with the State of Vermont. Other exceptions include special occasions or events such as, but not limited to, catering service for group picnics.
2. Anyone engaging in a commercial activity must obtain a special use permit or license. All associated fees, certificates of liability insurance, and endorsed license or special use permit documents must be submitted prior to the beginning of operations. Commercial business groups are distinguished from non-profit by the qualification of non-profit groups to possess a 501 C-3 IRS tax exemption.
3. Definitions:

A **license** is a formal written authorization for certain longer-term activities that may allow the user some interest in the land but does not transfer contractual, vested or property rights. The proposed use will not permanently exclude all other public uses of the land.

A **special use permit** is a formal written authorization for short-term, low-impact use by individuals and groups, requiring no or only minimal development and no permanent structures. Granting of a special use permit will be considered after it has been determined that a proposed use of public land meets the following conditions:

It will not dominate or preclude all other public uses of the lands for periods of more than one week.

It is short-term (one year or less).

It does not in any way, due to the type, scale or nature of associated development, presume annual renewals. The proposed activity must be feasible without the necessity of repeated annual renewal. If it is not legitimately possible without the guarantee of annual renewal, a special use permit is inappropriate.

It will not involve a permanent structure or any permanent significant change to the land. Minimal timber cutting, skidding, landing, and hauling especially for temporary rights-of-way may be exempted from this constraint. Any permitted timber removal will be undertaken according to a cutting plan and stumpage payment approved by the Department.

Notwithstanding the above conditions, any event or short-term special use for which an open invitation to the general public is offered shall require a special use permit.

- a. A special use permit or license is required for any activity proposed by a commercial or non-profit entity using Department lands that does not have a lease and the activity meets at least one of the following criteria:
 - 1) is organized or publicized, or
 - 2) involves a fee (charged to participants), or
 - 3) alters a site or alters/removes natural resources, or
 - 4) may conflict with other established, traditional uses.
- b. There is a fee per area charge.
- c. The terms are usually for one year or season for licenses and less than one year for special use permits.

4. License/Special Use Permit Fees:

Fees are charged to cover costs associated with administering special use permits and licenses, management and operational activities of staff for resource protection and visitor use, and to protect public resources for private use and gains.

Base Administration Fee: Minimum \$50 for all special use permits and licenses except as noted below. Base administration fees are not assessed on an annual basis, but are assessed once for the duration of the license or special use permit.

Requests for a license or special use permit that must be expedited by staff to meet the short timeframe of the applicant may be assessed an additional 'premium' base fee of \$50.00. Expedited requests for special use permits and licenses are those that are submitted to the Department less than 30 days prior to the start date of the requested activity.

Additional Fees:

- a. Guided recreational activities and services (includes for profit, educational, and nonprofit trips) \$50.00 base fee plus current state park day use or camping fee per person per day regardless of activity. If licensed activity occurs at a state park where a day use or camping fee is charged to the public, then licensee will not be assessed both this per person per day fee and the standard state park day use or camping fee. Guided hunting, fishing, and trapping activities on Department lands are not assessed any fees and do not generally require a license or special use permit. (Individuals participating in these activities must still obtain a hunting, fishing or trapping license from the Department of Fish and Wildlife.)
- b. Recreational, Cultural, and Other Special Events (including weddings and family reunions) \$50.00 base fee plus current state park day use fee for individuals or groups.
- c. Agricultural Use \$50.00 base fee plus prevailing rate for agricultural lands for specific uses (\$ per acre) as determined by the Department of Agriculture, Extension Service, or by other means, or fees may be waived for special circumstances (e.g., wildlife benefits from agricultural practices, keeping a field open to maintain a view, etc.)
- d. Utility Right-of-Way \$50.00 base fee plus \$1.00 per linear foot for Electric Distribution Lines and Telephone Lines; \$2.00 per linear foot for Fiber Optic Cable Lines and Transmission Lines; \$3.00 per linear foot for Pipelines. Minimum fee of infrastructure on Department land such as guy wire(s), etc. \$1,000.00 minimum fee for fiber optic lines, transmission lines and pipelines. Fees may be reduced or waived if the utility line services a Department facility \$1,500.00 for utility cabinet sites (up to 20 feet by 20 feet). Utility license fees are based on a ten (10) year license period. For utility projects whose scope and scale have the potential to significantly impact Department land, the Department in its discretion may decide to seek legislative authority to issue a long-term lease for a negotiated fee or to convey a permanent easement based on appraised value.
- e. Time Trials/Mountain Roads \$50.00 base fee plus minimum \$750.00/day (e.g., \$1,500.00 fee for typical 2-day reservation).
- f. Temporary Rights-of-Way \$50.00 base fee plus bond amount sufficient to insure protection of Department resources.
- g. Sale of forest products from state land (brush, seedlings, other \$50.00 base fee, plus a reasonable charge for product. Fees assessed for firewood cutting permits shall be a minimum of \$10.00 per cord.
- h. Housing Rental Market value rental rate for the area.
- i. Concessionaires/Vendors \$50.00 base fee plus negotiated percentage of gross sales.
- j. Research/Scientific. Base fee and other fees may be waived if final research results are provided to the Agency.

- k. ATV Access to Designated ANR Lands by Disabled Persons. Fees are waived.
 - l. Training Activities – Civil and Military Fees generally waived.
 - m. Commercial Photo Shoots, Advertisements, etc. \$50.00 base fee plus negotiated fee depending on impact, duration, etc.
 - n. Primitive Camping \$50.00 base fee assessed for special use permit for group of 10 or more people.
5. In addition to the minimum fees noted herein, the total fee for any license or special use permit shall be an amount sufficient to reflect the cost of accommodating the activity. Consideration shall be given to commitment of necessary human and natural resources, displacement of other uses, clean up costs, etc.
 6. The Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation may waive or reduce any fees charged to licensees or permittees providing services to enhance the Department's efforts to manage its lands or for training, research or other supporting services or activities.

X. ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

(Applies to all Department lands)

1. A person who violates any rule may be asked to leave Department land. A person refusing to leave the property may be arrested and prosecuted under State trespass law.
2. A person who violates a rule or regulation prescribed under Section 2603 (c) of Title 10 may be imprisoned not more than thirty days or fined not more than \$50.00 or both. Such person shall be liable for all damages resulting from a violation to be recovered in a civil action under this statute by the person injured (Title 10, Section 2608, Vermont Statutes, Annotated, 1977).
3. The Department will provide the same services and recreational opportunities to all legitimate state lands visitors without regard to handicap, race, sex, color, national origin, religion, age, marital status, or sexual orientation.
4. In the event any of these Rules, or any portion thereof, is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or void, the remainder thereof shall be deemed unaffected and shall continue in full force and effect.

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Visitor Conduct

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Fees and Charges

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Definition:

Operating Season: When visitor fees are being collected.

I. GENERAL VISITOR CONDUCT

(Applies to all Department lands, except where noted)

1. Posting bills without the permission of authorized personnel, cutting, peeling, defacing, writing upon or destroying or damaging any building, sign, plant, rock or other natural or manmade structure or object is prohibited.
2. No plant may be uprooted or cut without a special written permit from the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation or their designee except wild berries, fruits, seeds, nuts, or mushrooms may be collected only for personal use at the risk of the collector. Commercial harvesting of such items for profit is allowed only with a special written permit from the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation or their designee.
3. Removal of any earth material, including but not limited to rock, sand, gravel, topsoil and minerals, is allowed only with a special written permit from the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation or their designee. Exempt from this requirement is the personal collection of small stones for educational or hobby collecting purposes unless the stones contain fossils or are otherwise historically significant.
4. Animals, other than species taken legally according to Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife laws and regulations, may not be collected without a special written permit from the Commissioners of Forests, Parks and Recreation and Fish and Wildlife or their designees and/or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "Animals" include mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, and invertebrates.
5. The feeding of wildlife in State Parks by visitors is prohibited.
6. The use of metal detectors is permitted only in areas designated by the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation and when their use does not conflict with other visitors to Department lands, or disturb lawn areas, rare or fragile plant or animal habitats or archeologically sensitive areas. Users must report to authorized personnel before using a metal detector. Probing in permitted areas may be done only with a small hand tool to a maximum depth of three (3) inches. Any artifacts which may have historical or archeological significance are the property of the State of Vermont and shall be surrendered immediately to authorized personnel. All disturbed areas must be restored to their original state. Use of metal detectors is prohibited in areas of obvious historic significance, e.g., cellar holes, stonewalls, etc.
7. The use of mechanical techniques for gold panning is prohibited. Gold panning is permitted only by traditional hand panning technique.
8. Glass containers or other materials which may pose a hazard to swimmers are not allowed in pools, beaches or other swimming areas.
9. All refuse and separated recyclables shall be placed in containers provided for that purpose. In remote camping and day use areas, waste and rubbish must be carried out and disposed of at proper locations.

10. Alcoholic beverages in bulk containers (larger than 1 gallon or 4 liters) are prohibited in State Parks except day use areas when served to an organized group by an individual possessing the appropriate license.
11. In situations when alcoholic beverages are being consumed or when otherwise appropriate, the park manager or park staff may require legal identification and proof of age.
12. Children under the age of 14 must be supervised by an adult, while visiting the State Parks.
13. Swimming is encouraged only in designated areas. Persons who swim in areas without lifeguard protection, or when a lifeguard is not on duty, do so at their own risk.
14. There is no fishing in marked, designated State Park swimming areas during the operating season.
15. Using soap is not allowed in any surface waters in, or adjacent to, State Parks.
16. Chainsaws may not be used in State Parks by visitors.
17. Aircraft are not allowed in State Parks and Forests facilities without the written approval of the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation except in an emergency.
18. Disorderly conduct is prohibited (per 13.V.S.A. § 1026).
19. Urinating, defecating, or disposing of human waste shall be in facilities designated for that purpose.
20. Smoking of tobacco is prohibited in designated Smoke Free areas of state parks and forests. Smoke Free areas shall be established by the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation on a site-by-site basis to protect the health and well being of nonsmoking park and forest visitors. Smoke Free areas shall include, but not be limited to playgrounds and intensively used day use areas such as busy beaches and picnic areas.

I.a. Vehicle Use

1. The maximum speed limit on State Parks and Forests roads is 15 miles per hour unless otherwise posted.
2. Recreational use of mountain bicycles and motorized all terrain vehicles shall be permitted only on roads and trails designated for such use.
3. Parking is allowed only in designated areas or as directed by FPR staff. Violators may be towed at owner's expense.

I.b. Fires and Firearms

1. In developed State Parks areas, fires are allowed only in fire rings, fireplaces, or charcoal grills at designated picnic and camping areas. All fires must be attended and under control at all times.
2. No firecrackers or other explosive devices, firearms, air rifles or pistols, gas weapons, slingshots, crossbows, bow and arrows except by special permit shall be discharged in any developed recreation area during the park operating season. No firearm shall be discharged within 500 feet of any occupied building or structure in any park or recreation area.

I.c. Pets

1. Visitors may bring domesticated or trained animals to designated campgrounds and day use areas provided they are safely confined or securely restrained on a leash not longer than 10 feet at all times. No animals will be allowed in certain day use areas including parking lots, beaches, pools, picnic areas and playgrounds. EXCEPTION: Dogs/animals to assist people with disabilities and Police Canine Corps dogs are allowed in any public area of the park, if under leash or harness control of an owner or handler.
2. Pet owners are required to repair damage caused by their animals including digging and defecation in developed areas.

II. CAMPING AND OTHER OVERNIGHT LODGING

(Applies only to State Parks, except where noted)

1. Camping is allowed only on designated sites. Off season camping is available only by permission of parks regional managers.
2. All campers and campground visitors are required to register with the park staff.
3. Not more than eight (8) people, regardless of age, may occupy one campsite. In the interest of protecting the natural resources of the park, the limit at some campsites may be lower.
4. Visitors to campers must register with the park staff before entering the campground and must pay the regular day use fee. Day visitor hours in the campground are 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The total number of day visitors per site may be limited at the discretion of the park manager.
5. The designated head of the camping party staying overnight on the site must be at least 18 years of age and is responsible for the conduct of all campers and visitors on the site.
6. No part of any sleeping unit or vehicles on the campsite may be placed outside the cleared area designated as the site. The maximum number of vehicles allowed per site, including self-propelled sleeping units, shall be two. Other vehicles shall be parked in areas designated by park manager.
7. Campsites shall be kept in a neat and clean condition at all times.
8. Dishwashing is allowed only at individual campsites or areas specifically designated as dishwashing areas.

9. Gray water and other direct discharges on the ground from camping vehicles and trailers are not permitted. Holding tanks or other appropriate containers must be emptied at the campground "sanitary dump station" or other suitable facility.
10. Quiet hours are between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. except in areas otherwise designated by the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Visitors who violate quiet hours may be evicted from the camping area and may forfeit their fees and reservation. Reasonable quiet must be maintained at all times in both camping and day use areas. Sound that is audible on adjacent occupied campsites may be prohibited at the discretion of the park staff.
11. Generators and rechargers may be used only in areas and/or at times designated by the park manager. They may not be operated during quiet hours.
12. Camping in designated overflow areas will be limited to one night per camping party.
13. The park manager, with the approval of the parks regional manager, may designate a storage area during the summer season for camping trailers, boat trailers, R.V.'s or other similar equipment and vehicles of hikers, bicyclists or paddlers. A fee shall be charged. The State is not liable for theft or damage to equipment stored in these areas. All equipment and vehicles shall be removed from the storage area no later than the seasonal closing date of the park.

II.a. Reservations and Site Occupancy

1. Reservation requests shall be confirmed only when accompanied by payment of full camping and reservation fees. Payment must be received within two weeks of making the reservation if there is sufficient time to do so. For reservations made within two weeks of arrival, payment is due at time of reservation.
2. The minimum reservation period for campsites and cabins is determined by the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation. This determination shall be based on use patterns for particular parks in an effort to maximize occupancy.
 - a. Exceptions:
 - (i) Campers hiking or using bicycles or paddle craft as their mode of travel or their tour agents, may make a one (1) night reservation in developed campgrounds. Such reservations will not be for specific sites.
 - (ii) Campers traveling as touring groups intending to stay at multiple campgrounds during their trip may make one (1) night reservations for individual park stays.
 - (iii) There will be no minimum reservation period for camping groups in group camping areas or in other campgrounds before June 15 and after Labor Day, except over Memorial Day weekend.
 - (iv) There will be no minimum reservation period for Green River Reservoir State Park and Molly's Falls State Park.

3. The minimum reservation requirement for cottages shall be set by the Commissioner of Forests, Parks & Recreation based on individual cottage characteristics, use and occupancy pattern. Reservations may be made up to 11 months in advance.
4. Check out time is 11:00 a.m. at which time the site must be vacated. Check in time is 2:00 p.m. If the site is reserved for the succeeding night and the party has not re-registered by check out time or declared their intent to re-register, the park manager, at their discretion and in the presence of two witnesses, not employees of the State Parks Division, may inventory and remove gear from the site.
5. The maximum stay on any campsite shall be up to twenty-one (21) consecutive nights unless adjusted by the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation to improve occupancy. A camper occupying a campsite for the maximum stay shall vacate the campsite and may not occupy that site or any other site in that campground for a period of at least 7 days.
6. The period of occupancy, reservation period, duration, and number of reservations per season for a campsite or lean-to may be adjusted at the discretion of the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the purpose of improving the occupancy rate or protection of the natural resource.

II.b. Group Camping

1. The definition of a camping group shall be 8 or more people regardless of age.
2. In addition to those areas specifically designated for group camping, prior to June 15 and after Labor Day, group camping may be accommodated in any camping area in the park system on a space available basis except over Memorial Day weekend.

II.c. Remote Camping

1. Remote camping areas are located throughout a large forest complex, island, or shoreline. They differ from "primitive camping" areas because the location is specific and may include pit toilets, fireplaces, lean-tos and/or tables.
2. Woods and Knight Islands, Waterbury Reservoir shoreline, Molly's Falls shoreline, Groton, Coolidge, Victory and Darling State Forests CCC campsites, and portions of Kingsland Bay and Jamaica State Parks are designated as remote areas. The Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation has the authority to designate or remove designation of remote areas on Department lands.
3. Remote camping is only by reservation or permit and payment of fee.
4. The maximum stay per camper at any remote area is seven (7) consecutive nights.
5. Regulations in remote areas shall be the same as for camping in developed areas.

II.d. Horse Camping

Note: The following rules apply to overnight use of certain state park campgrounds at which horse camping is permitted during the operating season.

1. Proof of current (within one year) negative Coggins test is required prior to entry into the campground.
2. Horses may be used only on marked bridle trails, parks or forests roads, or other areas designated for equine use. Horses are not allowed on nature trails, or in day use or campground areas not designated for equine use.
3. The maximum number of horses allowed at each campsite is two (2).
4. Horses shall be securely restrained in paddocks, at hitch rails, high lines with tree saver straps, or tied to a trailer at the campsite when not being used.
5. Bathing of horses is only allowed at designated bathing areas.
6. Owners are responsible for all accidents, or any damage caused by their animals on state lands.
7. The park manager may require horse owners remove their animal from the park, if determined that the horse poses an unreasonable threat to park visitors, or other horses.
8. Galloping of horses is prohibited in developed areas.
9. Horses shall be watered only at designated areas or by tubs or buckets filled from the park water supply.
10. Owners are responsible for cleaning up the manure and placing in the designated area.
11. Horses shall not be left unattended at any time. Owners may be asked to leave without a refund for leaving unattended horses.

**II.e. Fees and Charges
Camping and Other Overnight Lodging**

1. The base rate for a tent, lean-to, cabin, or remote site permits up to four (4) people. An additional fee shall be charged for each additional camper beyond four. (see II.e.2-7 for definitions)
2. There is no charge for children three years and under for camping.
3. Fees for camping at any campground or designated remote sites shall be as follows, but the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation may adjust fees downward at his or her discretion to improve occupancy as necessary.

Standard Tent or Trailer Site:

Vermont Residents = \$20.00 per night; extra person, \$5.00 per night.

Non-Vermont Residents = \$28.00 per night; extra person, \$5.00 per night.

Prime Tent or Trailer Site:

Vermont Residents = \$22.00 per night; extra person \$5.00 per night.

Non-Vermont Residents = \$30 per night; extra person, \$5.00 per night

Standard Lean-to Site:

Vermont Residents = \$30.00 per night including VT Meals and Rooms Tax; extra person, \$5.00 per night including VT Meals and Rooms Tax.

Non-Vermont Residents = \$38.00 per night including VT Meals and Rooms tax; extra person, \$5.00 per night including VT Meals and Rooms Tax.

Prime Lean-to Site:

Vermont Resident = \$32.00 per night including VT Meals and Rooms Tax; extra person, \$5.00 per night including VT Meals and Rooms Tax;

Non-Vermont Resident = \$40.00 per night including VT Meals and Rooms Tax; extra person, \$5.00 per night including VT Meals and Rooms Tax.

Burton Island State Park waterfront lean-to sites:

Vermont Residents = \$40.00 per night including VT Meals and Rooms Tax; extra person, \$5.00 per night including VT Meals and Rooms Tax.

Non-Vermont Residents = \$50 per night including VT Meals and Rooms Tax; extra person, \$5.00 per night including VT Meals and Rooms Tax.

4. GROUP CAMPING - In group camping areas = \$6.00/per person/per night regardless of age, tent site or lean-to.

Group camping in non-group campgrounds shall be per site rates as established in Section II.e.3

5. CABINS, COTTAGES, RESIDENTIAL RENTALS

- a. Cabins are semi-furnished, enclosed structures in a camping area used for overnight lodging during the park season on a nightly basis. The per night charge for cabins will be based on the comparable market rate for the region of the state.
- b. Cottages are furnished lodging units available for weekly rental during the park season. Rental rate for cottages shall be based on the comparable market rate for the region of the state.
- c. Residential rentals are park staff quarters made available for rental during the off season (generally the first of November to the first of April). Rental rates for residential rentals will be based on the comparable market rate for the region of the state.

7. MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

- a. Mt. Mansfield Stone Hut = \$300.00 including VT Meals and Rooms Tax, per group per night. \$200 security deposit is required in advance and is refundable if Hut is left in acceptable condition. Maximum reservation is for five (5) consecutive nights.

- b. Sanitary Dump Station = There is no charge for dumping camping vehicle holding tanks for campers registered in the campground. All other RVs up to 30 feet in length = \$15 per dump or pump out. RVs over 30 feet in length and buses = \$30 per dump or pump out.
- c. Vehicle/Equipment Storage = The fee by the week, or any part thereof, shall equal the tent or trailer site fee for one night paid in advance. The fee for vehicles of hikers, bicyclists, and paddlers shall equal one adult day use fee for each calendar day or part thereof.
- d. Reservation fee = \$8.00 per campsite, cabin, cottage, or group reservation.
- e. Pet fee = \$2.00 per night for all overnight camping accommodations where pets are permitted. Horse fee = \$5.00 per night for all overnight camping accommodations where horses are permitted.

III. DAY ACTIVITIES (Applies only to State Parks)

- 1. State Park day use areas are open to the public during the operating season from 10:00 a.m. to official sunset but no later than 9:00 p.m. unless by special arrangement.
- 2. Registered campers can use day use areas at no charge. A camper receipt allows the holders to use day use areas until normal closing hour on the scheduled day of check out.
- 3. The day use punch card entitles entrance to a day use area at the rate of one punch per person. No refunds or replacements will be issued for destroyed or lost punch cards.
- 4. The annual vehicle pass entitles vehicle assigned to the pass and its occupant's entrance at all State Parks for day use activities. Each vehicle pass allows up to eight (8) people in legal seats to enter per day. In areas accessible by water, vehicle passes may be used on boats.
 - a. Replacement for vehicle passes on traded, sold or damaged vehicles may be applied for by presenting to the State Parks headquarters office, or at the park where purchased during the park season, a written statement accompanied by as much of the vehicle pass which is identifiable, including, at least, the serial number.
 - b. Under extenuating circumstances, upon the recommendation of the parks regional manager, the Director of State Parks may permit the temporary use of the purchaser's receipt in lieu of the vehicle pass.
- 5. The annual individual season pass entitles holder to enter all State Parks for day use activities.
 - a. Damaged individual passes may be replaced upon presentation of as much of the pass as possible, including, at least, the serial number.
- 6. Recreation programs organized by cities or towns, including swimming instruction programs, shall be admitted under a special group rate by advance arrangement.

7. Day use visitors shall remove their own refuse from the park except as follows: caterers or organizers of group day use activities shall make their own refuse removal arrangements or pay a supplemental disposal fee, at the going market rate, for access to park disposal facilities where available. In some areas, park visitors may pay a fee to leave refuse at "carry in/carry out" parks.

III.a. Fees and Charges

Day Activities

1. Day Use Daily Fee
 - a. Day use fee per person, 14 years and older = \$5.00
 - b. Day use fee per person, four years through 13 years = \$2.00.
 - c. No charge for persons three years old and younger.
2. Special Group Day Use
 - a. Municipal Recreation Groups
 - 1 – 25 persons including staff and drivers = \$250.00 per month.
 - Each additional group of 25 persons or parts thereof, additional \$250.00 per month
 - b. Other Group Day Use (more than 25 people) = \$3.00 per person when paid in one lump sum. If group members wish to pay individually, they will be subject to the regular day use fees.
3. School groups of grades K-12 on field trips = \$.50 per person during the regular school year.
4. Season Passes
 - a. Vehicle pass = \$90.00 per season. Additional vehicles registered to the same person(s) or other household members = \$50.00.
 - b. Individual pass = \$30.00 per season.
 - c. Organization Vehicle Pass = \$180.00 for up to 17 persons in one (1) vehicle. Timeline for implementation this pass is determined by the Commissioner of Forests, Parks & Recreation.
5. Day use punch card = \$30.00 for ten visits.
6. Day Use Shelters
 - a. Shelters may be reserved for up to 11 months in advance of the date of the activity to take place in the shelter.
 - b. Button Bay Shelter = \$200/full shelter rental fee plus regular per person day use fee.

Mt. Philo Shelter = \$200 Monday – Friday full shelter rental fee plus regular per person day use fee. = \$300 Saturday & Sunday full shelter rental fee plus regular per person day use fee.

Branbury East and West Shelter = \$50 rental fee plus regular per person day use fee.

Camp Plymouth Dining Hall = \$300 rental fee plus regular per person day use fee.

Kingsland Bay Dining Hall = \$2,500 Friday – Sunday (package includes day use admission, use of Theatre Building and Hawley House. \$900 Monday – Thursday (includes regular per person day use fee but does not include Theater Building or Hawley House).

Kingsland Bay Theater Building or Hawley House = \$150.00 (each) Monday-Thursday (includes regular per person day use fee).

Elmore Beach House (function room only) = \$200.00 (including regular per person day use fee)

Kill Kare Hotel Building (including west function room, porch, lawn area and picnic shelter) = \$1,200 (including regular per person day use fee)

Kill Kare Hotel Building (west function room only) = \$300 (including regular per person day use fee)

All other shelters = \$125.00 rental fee plus regular per person day use fee.

Note: All above shelter fees include a \$25.00 non-refundable reservation fee.

- c. Group use cleaning deposit (may be refundable) = \$100.00 at all parks except Kingsland Bay Dining Hall and Kill Kare Hotel Building, which have different fee structures.
- d. Canopy tents = Fees will be set to cover the cost of providing the service and will be competitive with rates charged for similar services in the area.

7. Rental Vessels

- a. Canoes, rowboats, and single kayaks with paddles and personal flotation devices = \$10.00 per hour plus VT Sales Tax. Extended period fee = \$30.00 for ½ day and \$40.00 for full day.
- b. Tandem kayaks with paddles and personal flotation devices = \$12.00 per hour plus VT Sales Tax. Extended period fee = \$32.00 for ½ day and \$50.00 for full day.
- c. Pedal boats with personal flotation devices = \$7.00 per ½ hour plus VT Sales Tax. No extended period fee.
- d. Standup Paddles boards with paddle and personal floatation device = \$20.00 per half hour plus VT Sales Tax.

- e. Minimum rental is one hour for boats, canoes, and kayaks and ½ hour for pedal boats and standup paddleboards.
8. Charge for rubbish removal = \$3.00 per bag for shelter group users unless otherwise included in rental fee; \$1.00 per bag for other day visitors where service is available.
9. The Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation may establish "deposits" for certain services. The deposit shall be administered directly by the park manager or their official designee, according to department procedures.
10. The Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation may waive the day use fee and reservation fee for use of a picnic shelter or similar facility to host a meeting of any organization of which the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation is an official bona fide member or sponsor.
11. Refunds will be granted on day use admission fees only for unusual circumstances approved by the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

IV. BURTON ISLAND STATE PARK

1. Transient dock slips shall be assigned by the Park Manager or Dockmaster. All vessels must check-in and receive a slip assignment before proceeding to their slip.
2. Slip assignments are not final until the vessel is officially checked-in at the contact station. Park staff reserve the right to change slip assignments at any time due to weather, lake level, or to maximize marina occupancy.
3. The Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation may designate certain slips as day-use only slips from 9AM until 5PM. Transient day-use slips are first come, first serve until 5pm, after which, they will be converted to overnight slips.
4. There is no minimum reservation requirement for marina slips.
5. Moorings are assigned on a first come, first served basis. There are no reservations for mooring space.
6. A portion of the dockage space may be reserved if so designated by the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Except as modified herein, all appropriate provisions of Section II.a. apply for dock reservations as well. All boats less than 36 feet in length shall be assigned a finger dock until all finger docks are full. After that point, any longside docking remaining shall be allocated.
7. Registered campers with boats up to 16 feet in length may use a marina slip for no additional fee. Campers with boats greater than 16 feet but less than 25 feet will be assessed at the current marina rate for each foot in length more than 16 feet. Boats greater than 26 feet in length, or boats with persons sleeping aboard overnight, will be assessed at the full marina rate.

8. Dockage does not include a continuous water hookup.
9. No refuse or drainage of any type shall be dumped in the marina area.
10. Charcoal grills or open fires are prohibited aboard boats or on docks.
11. All boats shall be operated at no greater than steerage speed in or about the marina.
12. Swimming is prohibited in the marina area.

**IV.a. Fees and Charges
Burton Island State Park**

1. The marina day, for fee purposes, shall be 11:00 a.m. to 10:59 a.m.
2. Fees may be charged for mooring or anchoring inside an officially designated mooring or anchoring area adjacent to a State Park.
3. The mooring or anchoring area subject to fee at Burton Island shall be the area inside of a line extending from the northernmost tip of the island which is northwest of the breakwater to the "red nun" marking the small boat channel between the island and Kill Kare State Park.
4. Docking = \$2.25 per foot per day or any part thereof.
5. Moorings or Anchorings = \$1.00 per foot per day or any part thereof.
6. Seasonal Slips at Burton Island Marina:
\$65.00/per foot; 18-foot minimum vessel length;
Each slip includes four (4) Island Runner Season Passes and one (1) Vehicle Pass;
\$100.00/per day penalty if boat is not removed by final day of operating season.
7. Passenger Ferry Service - Fees shall be set as appropriate by Commissioner of Forests, Parks & Recreation based on market value and reasonable cost recovery.
8. Passenger Ferry Day Excursions = fees shall be set as appropriate by the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation.
9. Electric hookups = \$3.00 per day or any part thereof for 35 feet or under and \$4.00 per day or any part thereof for longer than 35 feet.
10. Boat sanitary pump out station = Free for marina guests and \$10.00 per pump out for non-guests.
11. Baggage handling fee to and from campsite = \$10.00 each way.

V. SEYON LODGE STATE PARK

V.a. Concession

1. All rules, regulations and fees may be modified in any concession license agreement.

V.b. Angling

1. All anglers must hold a valid Vermont fishing license.
2. Fishing in Noyes Pond shall only be from rental boats or canoes provided by State Parks. Private car top boats or canoes as well as the use of outboard motors, including electric trolling motors are not allowed.
3. Only fly fishing with artificial flies is allowed. The flies shall be single hook only, and must be either barbless or the barb filed or crimped down. All equipment shall be subject to inspection.
4. To obtain optimum fishing, the number of boats and/or anglers allowed on Noyes Pond at any one time, shall be established by the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation upon the advice of the Department of Fish and Wildlife.
5. There is no limit to the number of fish hooked and released. Daily limit and size of trout that may be taken shall be established by the Fish and Wildlife Board according to 10 V.S.A. Section 4082-4083 after consultation with the Departments of Forests, Parks and Recreation, and Fish and Wildlife.
6. Fishing is permitted only between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and a half hour after official sunset. The fishing season is the same as that set by the Fish and Wildlife Board for trout fishing.

V.c. Reservations for Boats to Fly Fish

1. Reservations for boats for fly fishing shall be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis at the park beginning the first day of the annual operating season. There is a maximum consecutive reservation period of two days.

V.d. Use Restrictions

1. Fishing from the shore, swimming and wading in Noyes Pond and its tributaries is not allowed.
2. Camping is not allowed in the Seyon Lodge State Park area.

V.e. Lodge and Grounds Use

1. Groups (a minimum of five people regardless of age) may reserve the entire lodge and/or grounds up to 11 months in advance by paying the designated fees within two weeks of first contact. Individuals renting less than the entire lodge may reserve up to 6 months from the start of the rental period.

2. Groups exceeding 50 people must have catered or potluck meals.
3. Guest or visitor pets will not be allowed in the lodge. In winter, pets are not allowed on groomed cross-country trails.
4. Arrivals after 8:00 p.m. for overnight lodging will not be accommodated unless prior arrangements have been made with the lodge staff.
5. Quiet hours are 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
6. Check-out time for overnight guests is 11:00 a.m.

**V.f. Fees and Charges
Seyon Lodge State Park**

1. All users, except anglers renting boats and those using or staying overnight at the lodge, shall pay the current park day use fee.
2. Seyon Lodge State Park Fees
 - a. Individual day use
Standard day use fees apply to all except those renting boats and using or staying overnight at the lodge.
 - b. Boat rentals with oars and PFDs
\$7.50/hour plus Vermont Sales Tax. Half day rate = \$25.00 Full day rate = \$40.00
 - c. Conference fees = \$400.00 plus VT Meals and Rooms Tax for conference room only for up to 50 people and includes coffee/tea for the entire day. \$300.00 plus VT Meals and Rooms Tax, if appropriate, for 501(c)3 non-profit groups for conference room only for up to 50 people and includes one "break" and coffee/tea for the entire day.
 - d. Wedding fees:
Small wedding up to 50 people = \$500.00 plus VT Meals and Rooms Tax
Large wedding 50 – 150 people = \$1,500.00
Fee includes sole use of lodge and grounds for one day. Fee does not include any food or beverage service.
 - e. Overnight lodge fees:
Monday- Thursday nights = \$750.00 plus VT Meals and Rooms Tax per night for a group's sole use of the lodge and its indoor facilities for one night.

Friday- Sunday nights = \$800.00 plus VT Meals and Rooms Tax per night for a group's sole use of the lodge and its indoor facilities for one night.

Includes up to 16 overnight guests with a continental breakfast.

- f. Per Room Rate = Rates will be based on double occupancy according to the seasonal rates charged for similar services in the area plus VT Meals and Rooms Tax. Additional individuals in a room will be charged an additional fee.
- g. Meals = Fees for food service shall be set at rates that cover the costs of providing the service and are competitive with rates charged for similar services in the area.
- h. Cleaning/damages = charges for unreasonable cleaning or repair will be assessed in accordance with methods/procedures used throughout the hospitality industry.
- i. Service charge = a 15% service charge will be added to all fees associated with a group.

VI. GREEN RIVER RESERVOIR STATE PARK

VI.a. Individual Use

1. The maximum individual campsite occupancy depends on the campsite but in no case is it greater than 7 people regardless of age.
2. The maximum stay is 7 consecutive nights.
3. Up to two (2) vehicles permitted per campsite. There is a fee for additional vehicles.

VI.b. Group Use (8-12 people)

1. Groups shall camp on designated group campsites only.
2. The maximum group size is 12 people regardless of age.
3. Up to three (3) vehicles permitted per campsite. There is a fee for additional vehicles.
4. The maximum stay on a group campsite is 3 consecutive nights, not to exceed 9 nights total by the same party in the same operating season.
5. Groups shall obtain a Group Permit. Not more than 2 Group Permits will be issued for any calendar day. Not more than 10 group permits shall be issued to any group in any one operating season.
6. Fees:
 - Group (Day Use and Camping)
 - \$25.00 Group Permit needed for each portion of a calendar day spent at park.
 - Only two (2) group permits will be granted for each calendar day.
 - Group Campsite
 - a. \$6.00 per person per night, minimum of 8 persons = \$48.00 per site.
 - b. \$5.00 per additional vehicle.

VI.c. Commercial Activities

1. Commercial or non-profit groups shall obtain a license prior to making reservations and/or using the park.
2. All commercial or non-profit groups (8-12 people) shall also be subject to Group Permit requirements.
3. No commercial or non-profit group activities will be allowed on weekends (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday).

VI.d. Reservations

1. Reservations must be made at least one days prior to the beginning date of the reservation.
2. There is no minimum reservation period requirement.

VI.e. Pets

1. During the operating season, visitors may bring domesticated or trained animals to designated campground areas provided they are safely confined or securely restrained on a leash not longer than 10 feet.

VII. FEES AND CHARGES: GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

(Applies only to State Parks)

1. Credit cards and personal checks (not including traveler's checks) will be accepted for only the exact dollar amount for services, rentals or merchandise.
2. Charges for merchandise such as firewood, T-shirts, hats, publications, etc. shall be priced to cover purchase and production costs and be competitive with comparable commercial sales.
3. A valid receipt or ticket must be shown for reentry to a park.
4. No service, rental, or merchandise will be rendered until non-sufficient fund checks previously passed are paid first in cash, postal or bank money order or certified check. A service charge of \$25.00 will be due on all checks returned for non-sufficient funds.
5. Organized programs of the Vermont State Hospital, Vermont Veteran's Home, and Regional Correctional Centers shall be admitted free of charge upon advance written application to the Director of State Parks. The letter from the Director of State Parks will be the ticket for admission when shown to the park attendant. Foster children

shall be admitted free to State Parks upon presentation of appropriate identification applied for through the Director of State Parks.

6. Individuals or organizations may volunteer their efforts for training, research or other supportive purposes on public service projects or activities which will improve any portion of a State Park or its facilities or programs, or conduct a program which will improve the health, safety, education or welfare of the general public. The Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation may authorize such projects in writing, give credit for the contribution, at his/her discretion, waive or reduce any fees and permit redemption of the credit for day use or camping within one (1) year of the contribution.
7. The Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation is permitted to temporarily (not to exceed one season per project) adjust fees and charges at any area for the purposes of bona fide research or to handle an immediate need or concern.
8. The Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation is permitted to develop State Park experimental services, vacation or special event packages and offer discounted rates for those services and packages to promote the park system and increase campground occupancy.
9. The Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation may charge restitution to any person that:
 - a. does any damage to any State Park land, facility, structure, vegetation, earth materials or timber, or,
 - b. is the party registered with the State Park facility for use of such facility, when the registered party and/or any visitors or guests of the registered party does any damage to any State Park land, facility, structure, vegetation, earth materials or timber.

Restitution charged shall reflect as closely as possible the actual costs of replacement or repair of facility or structure, or value of vegetation or timber, based on current market value. This provision does not preclude the Department from seeking other penalties when warranted.

10. REFUNDS OR CREDIT

The Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation shall establish policies and procedures for refunding fees and/or granting credit for future use.

XIII. COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Applies to all Department lands)

1. Soliciting, vending, sale or rental of goods, wares or services in any recreation area is not allowed except the goods and services provided by the State of Vermont, and concessionaires under contractual agreement with the State of Vermont. Other

exceptions include special occasions or events such as, but not limited to, catering service for group picnics.

2. Anyone engaging in a commercial activity must obtain a special use permit or license. All associated fees, certificates of liability insurance, and endorsed license or special use permit documents must be submitted prior to the beginning of operations. Commercial business groups are distinguished from non-profit by the qualification of non-profit groups to possess a 501 C-3 IRS tax exemption.

3. Definitions:

A **license** is a formal written authorization for certain longer-term activities that may allow the user some interest in the land but does not transfer contractual, vested or property rights. The proposed use will not permanently exclude all other public uses of the land.

A **special use permit** is a formal written authorization for short-term, low-impact use by individuals and groups, requiring no or only minimal development and no permanent structures. Granting of a special use permit will be considered after it has been determined that a proposed use of public land meets the following conditions:

It will not dominate or preclude all other public uses of the lands for periods of more than one week.

It is short-term (one year or less).

It does not in any way, due to the type, scale or nature of associated development, presume annual renewals. The proposed activity must be feasible without the necessity of repeated annual renewal. If it is not legitimately possible without the guarantee of annual renewal, a special use permit is inappropriate.

It will not involve a permanent structure of any permanent significant change to the land. Minimal timber cutting, skidding, landing, and hauling especially for temporary rights-of-way may be exempted from this constraint. Any permitted timber removal will be undertaken according to a cutting plan and stumpage payment approved by the Department.

Notwithstanding the above conditions, any event or short-term special use for which an open invitation to the general public is offered shall require a special use permit.

- a. A special use permit or license is required for any activity proposed by a commercial or non-profit entity using Department lands that does not have a lease and the activity meets at least one of the following criteria:

- 1) is organized or publicized, or
- 2) involves a fee (charged to participants), or

- 3) alters a site or alters/removes natural resources, or
- 4) may conflict with other established, traditional uses.

- b. There is a fee per area charge.
- c. The terms are usually for one year or season for licenses and less than one year for special use permits.

4. License/Special Use Permit Fees:

Fees are charged to cover costs associated with administering special use permits and licenses, management and operational activities of staff for resource protection and visitor use, and to protect public resources for private use and gains.

Base Administration Fee: Minimum \$50 for all special use permits and licenses except as noted below. Base administration fees are not assessed on an annual basis but are assessed once for the duration of the license or special use permit.

Requests for a license or special use permit that must be expedited by staff to meet the short timeframe of the applicant may be assessed an additional 'premium' base fee of \$50.00. Expedited requests for special use permits and licenses are those that are submitted to the Department less than 30 days prior to the start date of the requested activity.

Additional Fees:

- a. Guided recreational activities and services (includes for profit, educational, and nonprofit trips) \$50.00 base fee plus current state park day use or camping fee per person per day regardless of activity. If licensed activity occurs at a state park where a day use or camping fee is charged to the public, then licensee will not be assessed both this per person per day fee and the standard state park day use or camping fee. Guided hunting, fishing, and trapping activities on Department lands are not assessed any fees and do not generally require a license or special use permit. (Individuals participating in these activities must still obtain a hunting, fishing or trapping license from the Department of Fish and Wildlife.)
- b. Recreational, Cultural, and Other Special Events (including weddings and family reunions) \$50.00 base fee plus current state park day use fee for individuals or groups.
- c. Agricultural Use \$50.00 base fee plus prevailing rate for agricultural lands for specific uses (\$ per acre) as determined by the Department of Agriculture, Extension Service, or by other means, or fees may be waived for special circumstances (e.g., wildlife benefits from agricultural practices, keeping a field open to maintain a view, etc.)
- d. Utility Right-of-Way \$50.00 base fee plus \$1.00 per linear foot for Electric

Distribution Lines and Telephone Lines; \$2.00 per linear foot for Fiber Optic Cable Lines and Transmission Lines; \$3.00 per linear foot for Pipelines. Minimum fee of infrastructure on Department land such as guy wire(s), etc. \$1,000.00 minimum fee for fiber optic lines, transmission lines and pipelines. Fees may be reduced or waived if the utility line services a Department facility \$1,500.00 for utility cabinet sites (up to 20 feet by 20 feet). Utility license fees are based on a ten (10) year license period. For utility projects whose scope and scale have the potential to significantly impact Department land, the Department in its discretion may decide to seek legislative authority to issue a long-term lease for a negotiated fee or to convey a permanent easement based on appraised value.

- e. Time Trials/Mountain Roads \$50.00 base fee plus minimum \$750.00/day (e.g., \$1,500.00 fee for typical 2-day reservation).
 - f. Temporary Rights-of-Way \$50.00 base fee plus bond amount sufficient to insure protection of Department resources.
 - g. Permit for sale of forest products from state land (brush, seedlings, other \$50.00 base fee, plus a reasonable charge for product. Fees assessed for firewood cutting permits shall be a minimum of \$10.00 per cord.
 - h. Housing rentals set at market value rate for the area.
 - i. Concessionaires/Vendors \$50.00 base fee plus negotiated percentage of gross sales.
 - j. Research/Scientific. Base fee and other fees may be waived if final research results are provided to the Agency.
 - k. ATV Access to Designated ANR Lands by Disabled Persons. Fees are waived.
 - l. Training Activities – Civil and Military Fees may be waived by Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation
 - m. Commercial Photo Shoots, Advertisements, etc. \$50.00 base fee plus negotiated fee depending on impact, duration, etc.
 - n. Primitive Camping \$50.00 base fee assessed for special use permit for group of 10 or more people.
4. In addition to the minimum fees noted herein, the total fee for any license or special use permit shall be an amount sufficient to reflect the cost of accommodating the activity. Consideration shall be given to commitment of necessary human and natural resources, displacement of other uses, clean up costs, etc.
5. The Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation may waive or reduce any fees charged to licensees or permittees providing services to enhance the Department's efforts to manage its lands or for training, research or other supporting services or activities.

X. ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

(Applies to all Department lands)

1. A person who violates any rule may be asked to leave Department land. A person refusing to leave the property may be arrested and prosecuted under State trespass law.
2. A person who violates a rule or regulation prescribed under Section 2603 (c) of Title 10 may be imprisoned not more than thirty days or fined not more than \$50.00 or both. Such person shall be liable for all damages resulting from a violation to be recovered in a civil action under this statute by the person injured (Title 10, Section 2608, Vermont Statutes, Annotated, 1977).
3. The Department will provide the same services and recreational opportunities to all legitimate state lands visitors without regard to handicap, race, sex, color, national origin, religion, age, marital status, or sexual orientation.
4. In the event any of these Rules, or any portion thereof, is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or void, the remainder thereof shall be deemed unaffected and shall continue in full force and effect.

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Subchapter 001 : General Provisions

(Cite as: 10 V.S.A. § 2603)

§ 2603. Powers and duties: Commissioner

(a) The Department shall be under the direction and supervision of a Commissioner appointed by the Secretary as provided in 3 V.S.A. § 2851. In addition to the duties and powers provided under this chapter, the Commissioner shall have the powers and duties specified in 3 V.S.A. § 2852 and such additional duties as may be assigned to the Commissioner by the Secretary under 3 V.S.A. § 2853. The Commissioner shall implement the policy and purposes specified in section 2601 of this title where appropriate and to the extent that resources of the Department permit.

(b) The Commissioner shall manage and plan for the use of publicly owned forests and park lands in order to implement the policy and purposes of this chapter, promote and protect the natural, productive and recreational values of such lands, and provide for multiple uses of the lands in the public interest. The Commissioner may sell forest products and other resources on public lands and shall administer the State park system and a community recreation program as is in the best interests of the State and is consistent with the purposes and policies of this chapter.

(c)(1) The Commissioner, subject to the direction and approval of the Secretary, shall adopt and publish rules in the name of the Agency for the use of State forests, or park lands, including reasonable fees or charges for the use of the lands, roads, camping sites, buildings, and other facilities and for the harvesting of timber or removal of minerals or other resources from such lands, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 603.

(2) The Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation shall be permitted to temporarily (not to exceed one season per project) adjust fees and charges at any area for the purpose of bona fide scientific research.

(3) Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection, the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation shall be permitted to develop State park services, promotional programs, and vacation or special event packages and adjust rates and fees for those services and packages to promote the park system or increase campground occupancy.

(4) Fees charged under this section shall be reported in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 605.

(d) The Commissioner or designee shall be the State fire warden and may act as, and in place of, the fire warden of any municipality as provided under subchapter 4 of this chapter.

(e) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to allow the Commissioner to grant oil and gas leases.

(f) Associations of amateur radio operators licensed as such by the U.S. Federal Communications Commission shall not be required to pay a fee or other charge as provided by subsection (c) of this section, as a condition of either a lease or a sublease of State property executed under this title, for access to mountaintop electronic sites designated as such in conformance with policy of the Secretary of Natural Resources, except that each such association shall by January 1 annually pay a \$ 25.00 access fee and submit to the Commissioner at that time a list of the association's current membership.

(g) The Commissioner shall consult with and receive approval from the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services concerning proposed construction or renovation of individual projects involving capital improvements which are expected, either in phases or in total, to cost more than \$200,000.00. The Department of Environmental Conservation shall manage all contracts for engineering services for capital improvements made by the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

(h) All interest accrued from bonds deposited in the Agency Fund and forfeited bonds in the Agency Fund for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation's timber management program may be transferred annually by the Commissioner, with the approval of the Commissioner of Finance and Management, to the Natural Resources Management Fund. (Added 1977, No. 253 (Adj. Sess.), § 1; amended 1981, No. 240 (Adj. Sess.), § 3, eff. April 28, 1982; 1991, No. 83; 1999, No. 49, § 157; 2001, No. 149 (Adj. Sess.), § 89, eff. June 27, 2002; 2009, No. 146 (Adj. Sess.), § B14; 2011, No. 63, § E.704.1; 2015, No. 23, § 99.)

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Chapter 083 : Department Of Forests, Parks And Recreation

Subchapter 001 : General Provisions

(Cite as: 10 V.S.A. § 2606b)

§ 2606b. License of forestlands for maple sugar production

(a) The General Assembly finds and declares that:

(1) Maple sugaring is an important cultural tradition of Vermont life that should be maintained and encouraged.

(2) Maple sugaring is an important component of the agricultural and forest products economy in Vermont and is increasingly necessary for farmers that must diversify in order to continue to farm in Vermont.

(3) Maple sugaring is a sustainable use of forestland.

(4) State forestland should be managed and used for multiple uses, including maple sugar production.

(b) It is hereby adopted as State policy to permit limited use of designated State-owned land under the jurisdiction of the Department for maple sugar production.

(c) Pursuant to guidelines developed by the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, in consultation with the Vermont Maple Sugar Makers' Association, the Department may issue licenses for the use of State forestland for the tapping of maple trees, the collection of maple sap, and the transportation of such sap to a processing site located off State forestland or to sites located on State forestland if approved by the Commissioner. All tapping of maple trees authorized under a license shall be conducted according to the guidelines for tapping maple trees established by the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, in consultation with the Vermont Maple Sugar Makers' Association. Each person awarded a license under this section shall maintain and repair any road, water crossing, or work area according to requirements set by the Department in the license. Each license shall include such additional terms and conditions set by the Department as may be necessary to preserve forest health and to ensure compliance with the requirements of this chapter and applicable rules. A license shall be issued for a fixed term not to exceed five years and shall be renewable for two five-year terms subsequent to the initial license. Subsequent renewals shall be allowed where agreed upon by the Department and the licensee. The Department shall have power to terminate or modify a license for cause, including damage to forest health.

(d) The Commissioner may adopt rules to implement the requirements of this section.

(e) There is hereby established the Maple Advisory Board to provide the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation with guidance on licensing of State forestland for maple sugar production, including identification of potential sites on State lands for licensure. The Board shall be composed of:

(1) Three employees of the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, appointed by the Commissioner.

(2) Three sugar makers, at least one of which is an independent sugar maker unaffiliated with an association, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets.

(3) One member of the Vermont Forest Products Association designated by the Association.

(4) One member of either the University of Vermont Proctor Maple Research Center or the University of Vermont Agricultural Extension Service, appointed by the Commissioner.

(f) A per tap license charge shall be imposed on the taps installed in the license area. The Commissioner shall establish this per tap license charge at a reasonable rate that reflects current market rates. Charges collected under this section shall be deposited in the Lands and Facilities Trust Fund established under 3 V.S.A. § 2807.

(g) [Repealed.] (Added 2009, No. 21, § 1; amended 2015, No. 171 (Adj. Sess.), § 9.)



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Deadline For Public Comment

Deadline: Jun 14, 2022

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Rule Details

Rule Number:	22P007
Title:	Rules and Regulations: Visitor Conduct and Fees and Charges for State Park Services and Commercial Activities on Department Lands.
Type:	Standard
Status:	Final Proposed
Agency:	Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation, Agency of Natural Resources
Legal Authority:	10 V.S.A. §§ 2603(c), and 2606(b).
Summary:	Removed the designation of 2 or 4 night camping reservation minimums. Removed Waterbury Reservoir from the no minimum reservation. Price

changes for use of state parks: Adult day use increased \$1 per person. Vermont resident camping increased \$1 per night per site. Non-resident camping increased \$7 per night. Vermont resident lean-to camping increased \$2 per night. Non-resident lean-to camping increased \$8 per night. Cabin rentals increased \$9 per night. Price for overnight pets increased \$1. The Stone Hut nightly rental increased from \$225 to \$300 per night. Pavilion rentals increased \$25 per rental. Seyon Lodge 1/2 day boat rental increased \$5 per use. The Burton Island Marina slip price increased by \$0.50 to \$2.25 per linear foot and the Burton Island Mooring price increased by \$0.25 to \$1 per linear foot. Allow for some seasonal slip space at Burton Island Marina. Removed Green River Reservoir unique camping reservation structure. Add vehicle pass for organized groups. Adjust municipal recreation rates.

Persons Affected:

State park camping visitors, day use visitors, visitors renting cabins overnight, visitors renting day use event shelters, visitors with pets, visitors paying for 1/2 day rental of boats at Seyon Lodge, and boaters using the Burton Island marina.

Economic Impact:

The increase in park fees will result in an additional \$1.5 million to support park operation and maintenance. The increases fall within the median of similar offerings in other states in the region and there should be no appreciable effect on any park visitation. The increases for Vermonters are minimal and the increases for out of state visitors is well within the range of other states in the region. None of the other changes will have any economic impact on anyone.

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Rules and Regulations: Visitor Conduct and Fees and Charges for State Park Services and Commercial Activities on Department Lands.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 22P007

AGENCY: Agency of Natural Resources; Forests, Parks & Recreation.

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Updates to the Beryllium Standard for the Construction and Shipyard Industry

Vermont Proposed Rule: 22P008

AGENCY: Department of Labor

CONCISE SUMMARY: VOSHA is amending its existing construction and shipyard standards for occupational exposure to beryllium and beryllium compounds to clarify certain provisions and simplify or improve compliance. These changes are designed to accomplish three goals: to more appropriately tailor the

requirements of the construction and shipyards standards to the particular exposures in these industries, in light of partial overlap between the beryllium standards' requirements and other OSHA standards (such as the Hazard Communication Standard); to aid compliance and enforcement across the beryllium standards by avoiding inconsistency, where appropriate, between the shipyards and construction standards and recent revisions to the general industry standard; and to clarify certain requirements with respect to materials containing only trace amounts of beryllium. This final rule does not affect the general industry beryllium standard.

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