



# The Nonprofit Foundation for Vermont's 55 State Parks

Natural Connections: Nature Education  
Youth Internships  
Increasing Park Access & Equity

# PARK ACCESS FUND

Vermont's state parks are for everyone.



*Photo by Park Access partner Windsor County Youth Services*

14,000 Free Visits in 2025



# FIRST-IN-THE-NATION PILOT PROGRAM

100,000 Eligible Vermonters:

3SquaresVT

Essential Person Program

Fuel Assistance

General Assistance

Reach Up

Summer EBT

WIC



**Free Day-Use Entry to State Parks  
for Eligible Vermonters This Year!**

Pilot Program May to October 2025

## Eligibility

Eligible Vermonters include those enrolled in:

- 3SquaresVT
- Essential Person Program
- Fuel Assistance
- General Assistance
- Reach Up
- Summer EBT
- WIC

## Using the Benefit

If you have an EBT or WIC card with active benefits: Bring this card to a state park and you and your household will get in free for the day. Camping not included.

### Enrolled but don't have an EBT card?

Visit your local Economic Services District Office to receive an ESD card that can be used for state park entrance this year or call 1-800-479-6151 to request one be mailed to you.



Scan now!  
Learn more  
about this  
2025 benefit.

[VermontParksForever.org/paf-pilot](https://VermontParksForever.org/paf-pilot)



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Vermont-grown, Vermont-focused, and Vermont-led idea!

# MOST VISITED PARKS THROUGH PILOT PROGRAM

## 2,000+ Visitors

Branbury State Park

Lake Shaftsbury State Park

Crystal Lake State Park

Sand Bar State Park

## 1,000+ Visitors

Camp Plymouth State Park

Boulder Beach State Park

Bomoseen State Park

Sand Bar State Park

Lake St Catherine State Park

## 500+ Visitors

Brighton State Park

Kill Kare State Park

Waterbury Center State Park

Emerald Lake State Park

Alburgh Dunes State Park

Button Bay State Park

Silver Lake State Park

30,000 Free Visits in 2025

# PILOT PROGRAM: SUCCESS IN YEAR 1

*Of 240 VT WIC Recipients Surveyed Online:*

73%

Would not have  
visited parks  
without free  
access

61%

Visited with at  
least one child  
younger than  
four

88%

Would visit less  
frequently if  
entry fee was  
required

99%

Would use the  
program in 2026

Research conducted by Tuck Community Consulting, Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College

# PILOT PROGRAM PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK

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This program is amazing!  
With a 3 year old and brand new baby our funds are very tight each month.

This program allowed us to visit many parks and ones we had not previously been to. It allowed me to access beautiful scenery and get my children outside in fresh air on a weekly basis. I am so grateful for this program!

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My family would not have been able to visit any state parks without this program.

This has allowed myself and my children to get out, see and learn about nature, and walk around when we otherwise would have been stuck at home.





For more information: [www.vermontparksforever.org/paf-pilot](http://www.vermontparksforever.org/paf-pilot)