Welcome to Delaware State Parks—Voted America’s Best!

Our Delaware State Parks team is proud to have been awarded the prestigious National Gold Medal Award for excellence in Parks and Recreation Management from the National Recreation and Parks Association. Here at Delaware State Parks, we have always known in our hearts that we serve a world class park system, but to be recognized by the leaders in our industry in such a way is a tremendous honor for our entire state. Every day, our hard-working and talented Delaware State Park’s team, along with volunteers and partners, work together to make our park system the very best it can be for our guests — that’s you! Our parks have so much to offer, come see for yourself!

Ray Bivens
Director of Delaware State Parks

Rate a park!
Let us know how much you love our parks at ParkVisitor.com
ON FOOT
- **Hiking**: Delaware State Parks offers 16 beautiful parks featuring hundreds of miles of multi-use trails to explore. Hike through forests, urban settings, or right along the beach!

- **Bird Watching**: Delaware is an excellent location for birding! Search for migrating hawks at Brandywine Creek, or head down to the beaches at Cape Henlopen to find osprey, brown-headed nuthatches, piping plovers, and a variety of other shorebirds.

- **Rock Climbing**: Take your Delaware State Parks experience to new heights! Alapoca Run State Park offers top roping, rappelling, introductory climbing programs, and rock climbing summer day camps all within this beautiful park situated in the heart of Wilmington.

ON WATER
- **Boat rentals**: Paddle through the waves of the Delaware Bay, scenic freshwater ponds, or the northernmost grove of bald cypress trees on the east coast! Kayaks, canoes, stand up paddle boards, and paddle boats are available for rent. Guided canoe or kayak trips are also a great way to discover Delaware’s water ways.

- **Marinas**: Want to go boating or deep sea fishing? Visit the Indian River Marina, a full-service marina located in Delaware Seashore State Park, just minutes from the Atlantic Ocean and the Inland Bay – some of the finest fishing grounds on the east coast. Featuring an indoor/outdoor waterfront restaurant and bar, head boat and charter fishing excursions, fresh seafood market, fully stocked ship store, and popular special events throughout the season! Visitors can also enjoy a northern boating haven, Summit North Marina! Nestled within the natural beauty and serenity of Lums Pond State Park, Summit North Marina offers a full array of land/water amenities, including over 300 floating finger piers and outer floating perimeter dockage as well as a full service floating dock for your fueling and pump-out service needs.

- **Fishing**: Try fishing in the Delaware Bay from our newly renovated fishing pier at Cape Henlopen State Park, or experience surf-fishing along the dunes of the Atlantic Ocean! Freshwater fishing is also a favorite at Bellevue, White Clay Creek, Trap Pond, Killens Pond, and Lums Pond State Parks.

ALL AROUND
- **Biking**: Bring your bike or borrow one of ours! Many of our parks offer free bike rentals to enjoy the scenic trails. Whether you are looking for a leisurely, family-friendly ride, a thrilling mountain bike trail, or a challenging workout, you will find it in one of your Delaware State Parks.

- **Horseback Riding**: Delaware State Parks offers 35 miles of trails and two equestrian centers for horseback riding. Hold on to your horses and hit the trail!

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CAMP

Do you prefer tent camping? Perhaps you like to bring your RV or stay in a camping cabin or yurt. Or maybe your idea of roughing it includes vacation cottages with all the amenities. No matter... Delaware State Parks has what you want. Book your stay now by calling 1-800-987-2757 or visiting destatparks.com/camping.

NEW + IMPROVED CAMPING STATEWIDE!

Delaware State Parks are continually upgrading to provide visitors with the best possible experiences and amenities. Several parks have completed new and exciting renovations to their campgrounds. Electric and water hook-ups have been added at Cape Henlopen, along with a new roadway system, camp store, larger laundry area, playground, and 12 camping cabins. Electrical upgrades have been made to both Trap and Killens Pond to better serve our RV customers. The complete renovation of Lums Pond campground with three point hook-ups in all the sites has been completed. This campground was reconstructed after a 10-year hiatus for the reconstruction of the Indian River Inlet Bridge. Three-point hookups provide a chance for a walk near the Atlantic Ocean with trails, walkways, fishing, play area, laundry room, camp store, full service marina, and much more is offered at this campground by the sea. Our parks accommodate every type of camper!

RV CAMPING

All Delaware State Parks campgrounds have electric and water hook-ups available for RV users, while Lums Pond and Delaware Seashore State Park also offer on-site sewer hook-up service. To meet the needs of RV campers, 50-amp service is provided at most campgrounds and dump stations are available at Cape Henlopen, Trap Pond, and Killens Pond State Parks.

TENT CAMPING

Tent camping remains a popular way to enjoy the outdoors and at Delaware State Parks there are plenty of opportunities to commune with nature. Walk-in campsites are available at Lums Pond, Trap Pond, Killens Pond, and Cape Henlopen State Parks for those who want to escape to a spectacular natural setting. Drive-in tent sites without hookups are popular at Delaware Seashore and Cape Henlopen. Tenting is permitted on any of the state park campgrounds.

• Primitive youth group camping sites are available at Killens Pond, Lums Pond, White Clay Creek, Trap Pond, Brandywine Creek, and Cape Henlopen. Holts Landing State Park offers group campsites for all ages.

COTTAGES AT INDIAN RIVER MARINA

Twelve fully-furnished, year-round vacation cottages await you along the water on the north side of the Indian River Inlet. Each cabin sleeps six and comes with amenities that include a kitchen, bath, heat, A/C, screened porch, TV, washer and dryer, parking, fireplaces and are walking distance from the beach. Regardless of the season, the cottages offer spectacular views of the inlet.

• Cape Henlopen has 12 camping cabins nestled in a secluded area near the edge of the campground. Each cabin features two rooms, an oversized screened porch for dining, heat, A/C, a grill, and nearby bath and shower facilities. These cabins are a big hit, so book your stay early.

• The rustic cabins at Trap Pond offer year-round camping, and are protected from the weather in a picturesque setting next to the water. Each cabin features bedrooms, a living area, and a screened porch. Bath and shower facilities are found close by.

• Cabins at Killens Pond are available year-round and feature a kitchen, eating area, bedroom, bath, and shower facilities.

• Pets will be allowed in select cottages and cabins starting in 2018. Some restrictions apply. Contact the park office for details.

10 HIKING ESSENTIALS

- Appropriate footwear
- Map and compass/GPS
- Extra food
- Extra water and a way to purify it

I love a good hike!

• Rain gear and extra clothing
- First-aid kit
- Safety items: matches or a lighter, a knife and a whistle
- Knife or multi-purpose tool
- Sunscreen and sunglasses
- Daypack/backpack

SHARE WHAT YOU LIKE TO DO AND YOUR FAVORITE PARK PHOTOS

WHEN YOU RATE A PARK AT PARKVISITOR.COM

American Hiking Society
FAMILY FUN

Delaware State Parks packs tons of fun things to do in one little state! Whether it’s fishing, swimming, hiking, boating, camping, or learning, it’s only minutes away. Come see for yourself!

GET INSPIRED!
Don’t miss the opportunity to tour our coastal defense system of forts, batteries and bunkers; participate in firing a cannon or anti-aircraft gun, relive colonial life, and learn more about Delaware’s rich heritage. Come spend the day defending the Delaware Bay as a Civil War or World War II soldier. Ever wondered what it is like to scrounge the briny depths as a blue crab or swim in a vernal pool like a frog? Visit one of our nature centers filled with exhibits, aquariums, and animals sure to make you feel more inspired by the world around you.

GET CONNECTED!
Participate in programs designed to bring your friends and family closer together. Start a yearly tradition by participating in Delaware Outdoor Family programs, First Day Hikes, the Governor’s Campout, or any number of Delaware Children in Nature programs offered statewide. Visit destateparks.com/programs for more information.

GET FIT!
Delaware State Parks offers countless ways to keep your family fit. In addition to our hiking, biking, and equestrian trails, we also have opportunities to play soccer, basketball, kickball, disc golf, tennis, and even cricket! Don’t forget about our two public golf courses: Deerfield and Garrison’s Lake.

GET WET!
Visit a guarded swimming beach, or splash and play at the newly upgraded Killens Pond Water Park, featuring refreshing pools and exhilarating water slides! Love the water, but prefer staying dry? Rent a canoe or kayak, or take a guided pontoon tour of our beautiful waterways.

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS
After a long day of playing and picnicking, grab your family, friends, blankets and chairs, and relax at a free Summer Concert. Supported by our Friends Groups and other sponsors, the concerts offer a variety of music styles for the whole family. Get more info at destateparks.com/summerconcerts.
KILLENS POND WATER PARK
During Summer 2016, Kilレン Pond Water Park unveiled four brand new water slides! A 54-foot-high platform is the starting point for the four slides that offer heart-pounding excitement for those who dare. Kids of all ages (that means you, too, parents!) will love the twists and turns of the orange and blue slides, while the more adventurous will enjoy taking the plunge on our yellow and green drop slides! Additional enhancements were added to the waterpark with a renovated entrance, upgraded filtration system, and expanded dock area to allow for additional seating.

The facility also features a leisure pool with zero depth entry and interactive water features, a fenced in tot lot with an aquatic playground, snack bar, bubblers, water jets, and a splash pool.

GO APE! TREETOP ADVENTURE AND JUNIOR COURSE
Visitors to Lums Pond State Park can see the park from a whole new perspective – the treetops! Go Ape Treetop Adventure and Treetop Junior Course offers park visitors a fully immersive outdoor adventure experience. The Go Ape course allows guests to navigate through the park treetops, experiencing over water crossings, obstacles, zip lines, and amazing views. With the newly added Treetop Junior Course, the entire family can experience a fun and thrilling outdoor adventure together. Learn more by visiting www.goape.com.

BRANDYWINE ZOO
The Brandywine Zoo is small, intimate and fun! From the adorable Red Panda, beautiful Bald Eagle, threatened Andean Condor, to the mischievous river otter, at Brandywine Zoo, it’s all about teaching visitors about these spectacular animals while having a great time! Our zoo offers camps and educational programs for children and families, plus exclusive before and after-hour events like Breakfast with the Beasts, Brew at the Zoo, Family Fun Nights, and Boo at the Zoo.

HELP KEEP YOUR PARKS BEAUTIFUL. VOLUNTEER!
It is a tremendous task to manage, protect, and interpret the natural and cultural resources entrusted to Delaware State Parks. Hardworking park staff relies on dedicated volunteers to help fulfill that mission. Exciting things are possible with the help of our GREAT volunteers!

WANT TO BE INVOLVED?
Find meaningful ways you can make a difference in your favorite park, whether participating as a group or an individual. Consider these volunteer programs:
- Campground hosting • Adopt-a-Trails groups • Internship Program • Friends Organizations
- Trail Work • Youth Conservation Corps
- Americorps Veteran Conservation Corps
- Trails • Natural Areas Conservation
- Educational Programs • History
- Special Events

Discover more exciting ways to be involved by visiting www.destateparks.com/volunteers

LEAVE NO TRACE
We encourage you to practice Leave No Trace when visiting your park or any outdoor trail or area. It is easy to do and allows others to enjoy the park, including animals that call it home.

THE LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPLES ARE:
- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- Dispose of Waste Properly
- Leave What You Find
- Minimize Campfire Impacts
- Respect Wildlife
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors

To learn more, visit LNT.org
We want to know what you think!
Take this visitor survey at ParkVisitor.com.

FIND OUT ABOUT OUR PARKS
Visit our Region, Activities, Access, and Events.
ENJOY THE RIDE!

It's a big country, with countless wonders to discover. Getting there is half the fun when you travel by car. Your first stop is geico.com for a free insurance quote and to enroll in their Emergency Road Service Plan. Then check out these helpful apps and you'll be good to go!

PLANNING AHEAD
- **Roadtrippers**—Helps you plan your perfect road trip, with information on eateries, attractions, scenic spots and more

POWER UP
- **GasBuddy**—Searches for the best gas prices in your vicinity
- **Plugshare**—Provides a nationwide database of charging stations for your EV vehicle

SMOOTH SAILING
- **Tollsmart**—Calculates toll costs across the US and Canada
- **iExit**—Finds the best exit to make a pit stop along US interstates

LOCAL FINDS
- **Field Trip**—Notifies your phone when you're near an interesting location
- **LocalEats**—Finds the best independently-owned restaurants across the U.S.

FOR THE KIDS
- **Sago Mini Road Trip**—Allows your little one to take their own virtual road trip
- **Stack the States**—A fun geography game about the 50 states
We’ll make sure you’re covered all the way down the trail.

You love nature.
And you know that spending time in the great outdoors has proven benefits for mind and body, like an improved mood, a sharper memory and lower stress. Did you also know that parks offer healthy activities like guided hikes, yoga classes, wildlife viewing and more? Find out about park programs and events: destateparks.com
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