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Division of Parks and Recreation Outfitter License Program (OLP)

Outfitter License Program Overview

What is the OLP?

If you accept fees or other compensation to provide tours or services for surf fishing, surf fishing vehicle services, paddling (rafting, kayaking, tubing, canoeing and/or stand-up paddle boarding), livery services, birding, overnight tent camping or rock climbing on State of Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation lands, you are considered an Outfitter and must be registered and receive an Outfitter License (if available) or a Special Use Permit for your business to operate in Delaware State Parks. For purposes of this Application and Program, Outfitters and Guides shall be referred to as “Outfitters.”

How can I get licensed?

If you would like to become licensed through the OLP, please read and complete the application at <https://www.destateparks.com/>. Return all required documents as directed. Failure to return all required documents may result in your company not being licensed.

Is there a fee for an OLP License?

There is a fee for the OLP License. Please see the included chart for specific fees.

Are there special rules for me to follow as part of the OLP License?

Yes, these rules can be found in the application package available at: <https://www.destateparks.com/>

Why do I have to have a license when I never have before?

As many outdoor sports and recreation activities grow in popularity, the Division of Parks and Recreation has had increased Outfitter and business operations and/or requests to operate in Delaware State Parks. The Division of Parks and Recreation operates and maintains 17 state parks, related preserves and greenways throughout Delaware. It is our responsibility to protect and preserve these lands, enhance recreational opportunities, and promote educational and interpretive programs for the public. Ensuring that Outfitters are properly insured, permitted and qualified to provide services for the public, while preserving (through proper use) natural areas, parks and facilities is integral to the successful operation of Delaware State Parks.

In addition, many Outfitters are operating under Special Use Permitting. This has become cumbersome for the Division to manage and this OLP shall streamline and simplify those functions, requests and activities. Furthermore, this OLP will list specific services that are included in Delaware State Parks Outfitting as well as approved locations for these activities.

Are all Outfitting Services included in the OLP License?

The OLP License was initiated in 2017 and will grow to incorporate additional Outfitting Services in the near future. For Outfitting not yet included in this license, please contact the Park Office where you or your business are interested in operating for information about a Special Use Permit (fees may apply). If you operate your business in Delaware State Parks, you are likely required to have a permit!

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The Division plans, develops and maintains all state park areas entrusted to its administration to preserve the natural, scenic and historic values for and on behalf of the citizens of Delaware. We maintain and manage recreational areas that are available to the general public for recreational sport, enjoyment and events/activities. The Division has established a license program for Outfitters who provide outfitting and guide services to ensure quality service from reputable businesses for Delaware State Park patrons.

Outfitter License Type:	Fee:
Non-Motorized Water Sports (includes kayak, canoe, paddle craft, etc.)	\$3,500.00
Brandywine Creek Livery Services and Non-Motorized Water Sports	\$5,000.00 <i>(fee includes any services listed)</i>
Alapocas Run Rock Climbing	\$500.00
Surf Fishing Guide Services	\$2,500.00
Surf Fishing Vehicle Services	\$2,500.00
Overnight Tent Camping “Supply/Staging/Removal” *2023 Pilot Program at Trap Pond State Park*	\$250.00 <i>*2023 Pilot Program Rate*</i>

If your business is interested in conducting Outfitter services in Delaware State Parks, we welcome you to fill out our application today!

Application instructions, guidelines and terms and conditions are included in our application available at: <https://www.destateparks.com/>