



The Economic Impact Of RHODE ISLAND STATE PARKS



Lincoln Woods State Park



Roger W. Wheeler State Beach



Pulaski State Park



East Bay Bike Path

The value of Rhode Island's network of historic parks, bikeways and other recreational facilities goes beyond providing beautiful places and scenic greenways for public enjoyment. This network is an important contributor to the state's economy and ability to attract new people and businesses to Rhode Island. Each year, our parks generate jobs and revenue that support both state and local economies. Researchers at the University of Rhode Island collaborated with the R.I. Department of Environmental Management to conduct a study examining the economic impact of the 22 major recreational facilities under its management.

2016 SNAPSHOT:



9.4 MILLION VISITS

\$311.9 MILLION
CONSUMER SPENDING



\$38.8 MILLION
TAX REVENUE



3,709 JOBS ANNUALLY



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