

## Bus Pass Program 2016

The New Hampshire State Parks Bus Pass Program is designed to promote recreational opportunities within state parks for New Hampshire based community recreation programs, non-profit youth programs, and state agency youth programs during summer months. Bus Passes are only available to the following types of organizations:

- **NH Community Recreation Youth Programs** - Funded in whole or in part by a local NH community.
- **NH Non-Profit Youth Programs** - Provide the organization's 501c3 Tax Exempt Identification Number. (Must also be registered as Non-Profit with the NH Secretary of State-Corporation Division)
- **NH State Agency Youth Programs** - A NH state agency.

### **Bus Pass Program Policies**

Bus Pass application forms must be completed and mailed, with payment, to **Bus Pass Program Coordinator, NH Division of Parks and Recreation, 172 Pembroke Road, Concord, NH 03301**. Make checks payable to "Treasurer-State of New Hampshire". All bus passes are processed through Division headquarters, not at individual parks.

- The Division of Parks and Recreation will require 7-10 business days for processing from the date the application is received.
- The bus pass is valid for all day use area parks, Flume Gorge, Cannon Mountain Tramway, Hampton Beach State Park (South), and Wallis Sands State Park.
- The bus pass allows admittance for one bus plus one support passenger vehicle.
- Bus = Any vehicle with a capacity of 9 passengers or more.
- The required chaperone ratio range is 1 adult chaperone for every 6 to 10 youth.
  - Total # youth ÷ 10 = Minimum adults required within ratio (round up).
  - Total # youth ÷ 6 = Maximum adults allowed within ratio (round up) before additional fees apply. See below.
- Additional fees are required for the following, and are collected at the park:
  - **\$2** per additional adult beyond the required ratio at all day use parks
  - **\$15** per additional passenger vehicle at Hampton Beach (South) and Wallis Sands
  - **\$14** per additional adult beyond the required ratio at Cannon Mountain Tramway or Flume Gorge attractions
- One pass must be surrendered to the toll collector for each bus. Additional passes required for additional busses.
- Arrangements must be made with the appropriate park manager at least two weeks prior to visiting the park. This is to ensure that space is available at that park on the desired date. If an organization arrives at a park with no prior arrangements, entrance may be denied. Arrangements can be made prior to seasonal park openings. Call 603-271-3556 for contact info.
- The bus pass is not valid until signed by the user. By signing the individual bus pass, the organization is acknowledging that they have read and agree to all NH State Parks Bus Pass Program policies.
- The bus pass is non-transferable and valid only for use by the organization that the pass was issued.
- Current year bus passes are valid from June 22 – September 4, 2015, midweek, non-holiday.
- Bus passes are not valid for camping at any state park, or for use at any metered or pay-and-display parking areas at Hampton Beach State Park (Main and North Beach areas), North Hampton State Beach, and Jenness State Beach.
- Replacements for lost or stolen passes will not be issued.
- No refund will be given for any reason including unused passes.
- No exceptions will be made on any policy set forth herein.

## **BE ADVISED ABOUT BEACH ADVISORIES**

The designated swimming areas at all NH State Parks are regularly monitored and tested by the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) for bacterial counts. Beach water samples with high bacterial counts may result in advisories being posted **anytime without notice**. During an advisory a park may remain open within normal operating hours, however designated waters may be considered unsuitable for wading or swimming.

Advisories can be posted at beaches at any time, and are usually posted online by 9am (see link below). Once posted an advisory will not be lifted until the water has been retested and acceptable bacteria levels have been confirmed by DES. Advisories are generally lifted within 2-5 days from date of posting. If swimming is a planned activity as part of your Bus Pass visit, please review the current advisories before setting out. The following resources for keeping updated on current beach advisories are available for you:

- Online Beach Advisories Postings Map:  
[http://www2.des.state.nh.us/WaterShed\\_BeachMaps/WaterShed\\_BeachMaps.aspx](http://www2.des.state.nh.us/WaterShed_BeachMaps/WaterShed_BeachMaps.aspx).
- Beach Advisories Twitter Feed:  
[http://twitter.com/NHDES\\_Beaches](http://twitter.com/NHDES_Beaches)
- Beach Advisories Newsletter via email: <http://des.nh.gov/media/enews/index.htm>

For more information on the DES Beach Program please visit:

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/beaches/advisories.htm>

**Refunds for Bus Passes will not be given due to bacterial advisories.**

**The availability of alternate days or arrangements due to bacterial advisories is not guaranteed.**