



I am pleased to present the 2019 – 2023 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). This plan is an update from the previous SCORP and was developed through the collaborative efforts of The NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) and the University of New Hampshire. Data and mapping was provided by the Office of Strategic Initiative. The purpose of the SCORP is to refresh the outlook for outdoor recreation needs in our state and to meet the eligibility requirements allowing New Hampshire to apply for grant funds through the National Park Service (NPS) Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).

New Hampshire is well-known for its active outdoor lifestyle. Tourists come from around the world to enjoy the state's mountains, lakes, trails, historic sites, coastline, and parks. All four seasons have something to offer with foliage tours, winter sports, summer beaches, and spring openings all across the state. Its historic heritage combined with its "Live Free" spirit give New Hampshire a unique identity for people looking to enjoy a wide variety of outdoor recreation experiences.

Likewise, New Hampshire's residents are enthusiastic users of the state and local parks, trails, historic sites, and community recreation activities. Safe places to explore with families, friends, and pets create valuable opportunities to get outside and meet neighbors, enjoy sporting events, and make memories that last lifetimes. Besides supporting the health of our people, outdoor recreation areas also measurably support the health of our economy and our communities.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund, established over half a century ago by the U.S. Congress, is administered in New Hampshire by the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation, in partnership with the National Park Service. Over 650 projects and \$40 million have been awarded to projects at the local and state level that help our state preserve, protect, and provide the best possible recreation experience for residents and guests. As we plan for future outdoor recreation opportunities in New Hampshire, this SCORP will help guide our planning and focus our efforts on those activities that best meet the needs of our communities.

Sincerely,
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Governor