Bronco Wild Fund and America's State Parks

Trackchair Availability Guide

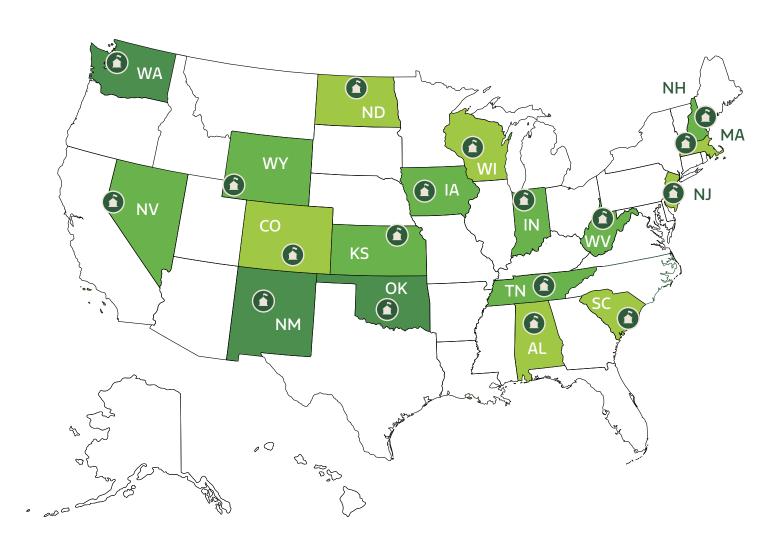
America's State Parks received funding from Bronco Wild Fund to increase accessibility in state parks across the nation. Trackchairs allow those with mobility challenges to explore the beauty of nature and scenic views previously unreachable. This funding has enabled 18 parks in 18 states to receive new trackchairs.



Park Locations



denotes 18 state parks locations that received trackchairs in 2023.



Northeast Region Recipient Parks:

- Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) State Forest in Massachusetts is the host to an adaptive paddling program in the summer and cross-country skiing programs in the winter. The trackchair will increase independent hiking access beyond the accessible trail to other trails in the park.
- Bear Brook State Park is 10,000 acres and the largest developed park in New Hampshire. The trackchair is the first for the New Hampshire State Parks and will benefit over 40 miles of trails that integrate through the park's day use, camping, and forest areas.
- Wharton State Forest in the heart of the New Jersey Pinelands, with over 123,000 acres, is the largest tract of land in the New Jersey State Park System. The addition of a trackchair will complement recent park additions, including an accessible swimming area and inclusive playground.

Northwest Region Recipient Parks:

- Lake Metigoshe State Park in North Dakota will promote safe use and responsible access with the addition of the trackchair for adaptive fishing and birding. The trackchair will also provide visitors with mobility challenges the opportunity to access fishing and birding spots along the lake's shoreline.
- Lake Sammamish State Park at the edge of the Seattle-Bellevue metropolitan area in Washington, is home to many diverse communities. Receiving a BWF trackchair grant will allow the state to pilot a program for visitors with mobility challenges.
- Bear River State Park, like many Wyoming landscapes, is often marked by uneven or challenging terrain, making sites or activities inaccessible. The addition of a trackchair will allow visitors with mobility challenges to take in the breathtaking views and traverse six miles of hiking trails along the banks of the Bear River.



North Central Region Recipient Parks:

- Potato Creek State Park on Indiana's Worster Lake, will open access to 10 trails of nearly 13 miles with the addition of a trackchair. The combination of a new inn (opening in 2024) and an accessible pier, means that a truly accessible experience will be available throughout the property.
- Buckhorn State Park offers miles of trail, beach, and groomed winter trails that will be accessible by trackchair. The park has a new adaptive kayak, accessible fishing pier, 'accessible campsites and a cabin.' The trackchair, first in a Western Wisconsin State Park, expands the state's adaptive equipment inventory.



Pipestem Resort State Park of West Virginia will expand reach to over 15 miles of hiking trails including views of the 1,000-ft-deep Bluestone River Gorge with the addition of a trackchair. Soon, renovation of the aerial tram that traverses the gorge will include The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible gondolas.

Central Region Recipient Parks:

- Big Creek State Park, next to lowa's largest population centers and offering the park system's largest beaches, will serve a wide range of people from a variety of backgrounds. The trackchair donation will largely increase accessible portions of shoreline and recreational space.
- Tuttle Creek State Park, one of the few urban state parks in Kansas, covers over 12,000 acres and 100 miles of shoreline along Tuttle Creek Lake. The park features camping and fishing, and scenic trails for hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding. The trackchair will be the first in the Kansas Park System.
- Lake Murray State Park will receive a trackchair to provide more adaptive equipment for persons with disabilities, to better serve the more than one million annual guests. This 15,000-acre Oklahoma park, contains 40 miles of hiking trails and a large lake.



Southeast Region Recipient Parks:

- Oak Mountain State Park will promote safe use and responsible access for guests with mobility disabilities. The donated trackchair, which is a mobility vehicle capable of traversing sand, mud, and difficult terrain, explores the natural splendor of one of Alabama's State Parks.
- Hunting Island State Park hosts over one million guests per year, including the local military and veteran communities. The park currently offers widely used beach wheelchairs. The trackchair will further enhance the experience for guests with mobility limitations in South Carolina.
- Booker T. Washington State Park in a Tennessee county with 14.2 percent of the population being persons with disabilities, covers 353 acres. The park has three existing trails and one shoreline trail currently under construction that will accommodate the donated trackchair.

Southwest Region Recipient Parks:

- Lathrop State Park helps visitors enjoy hiking, fishing, and other activities. The addition of a trackchair to existing accessible fishing piers and limited trail surface will expand park accessibility for those using wheelchairs. This will allow a greater number of visitors to enjoy the trails, shoreline, self-guided interpretive stops, and natural areas of the Colorado park, as well as the new four-mile natural surface trail.
- Sand Harbor State Park provides access to the beach along the shores of Lake Tahoe, the Nevada park's main attraction. The granted trackchair is the ideal solution for mobility impaired visitors to gain beach access, which is inaccessible to a standard wheelchair.
- Manzano Mountain State Park is located approximately 60 miles from the most populated city in New Mexico, Albuquerque. It's in the Manzano Mountains and offers both camping and day use. The trackchair will provide access to the park's 3.5 miles of nature trails inaccessible to wheelchairs.

