# 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 allowed 25 parks in 25 states to receive new trackchairs.

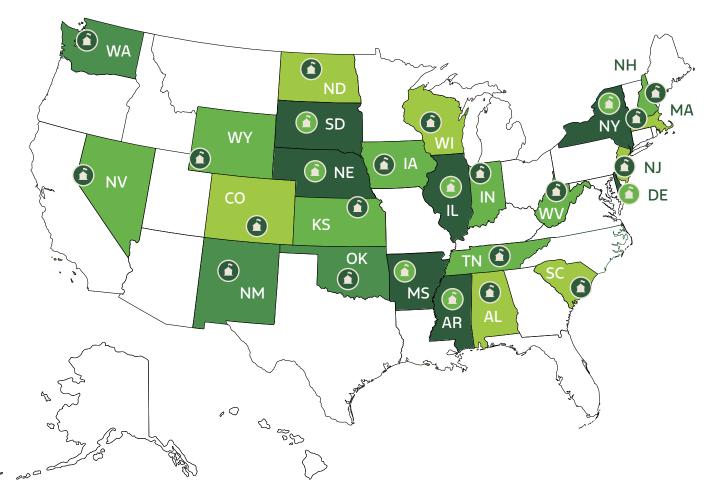




# AMERICA'S STATE PARKS

# Park Location Key

state parks received trackchairs in 2023
state parks received trackchairs in 2024



## 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.

 White Clay Creek State Park in Delaware has encountered an increased interest in accessible trail systems. The addition of a trackchair, along with the existing accessible trail surfaces will expand enpertupities for

surfaces, will expand opportunities for those with reduced mobility.

 Chenango Valley State Park in New York will use the trackchair they received to increase access to their park's significant activities — hiking and birding. The adaptive equipment will open up difficult terrain and expand access for the Ladders to the Outdoor's (LTO) program.

## 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.



# Northwest Region Recipient Parks (continued):

- 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.
- Oahe Downstream Recreation Area will make many activities accessible to visitors with mobility disabilities with the awarded trackchair, such as beach access, fishing, archery, and hiking trails. It will also be available for



transport to other South Dakota state parks and promoted with their awareness campaign, "Operation Mobility."

## 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, the 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.
- **Giant City State Park** in Illinois attracts one million visitors each year. This year-round, multi-use facility hosts a variety of programming that will benefit from the donated trackchair, including hiking, fishing, photography, and the fall Becoming An Outdoors-Woman program.



## **Central Region Recipient Parks:**

- Big Creek State Park, next to Iowa'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, as well as 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.
- Ponca State Park will add their trackchair to the "On Track" program that promotes safe use and responsible access in Nebraska. The addition will open up hundreds of miles of trails throughout the system, including the river views from the Tri-State Overlook named for the Lewis & Clark expedition.
- Logoly State Park, one of two environmental education state parks across the state, will provide their trackchair for use at many programs and to traverse the natural-surface trails throughout their 370-acre outdoor facility. This is the first trackchair in the 52-park Arkansas State Parks system.



#### 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, enables those with disabilities to explore the natural splendor of this Alabama State Park.
- 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.
- **Roosevelt State Park** is the first state park to have a trackchair in Mississippi. It will not only open up many trails for visitors, allowing families the opportunity to enjoy together regardless of mobility limitations, this equipment will also serve as a pilot for the state for future efforts around accessibility.
- 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.

