

Utah Division of State Parks

Capital Projects & Initiatives

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State Parks

Director Scott Strong

Who We Are

We provide memorable recreation opportunities at 46 state parks, four golf courses, museums, heritage and recreation parks, four state monuments, and historical areas.

Since 2012, Utah State Parks has been tasked by the legislature to be operationally self-funded. This means when visitors purchase:

- Annual passes
- Campsites
- Overnight lodging
- Day-use passes

100% of that money goes right back toward operations costs and enhancing our parks. □



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Projects Funded Since 2020 & Highlights

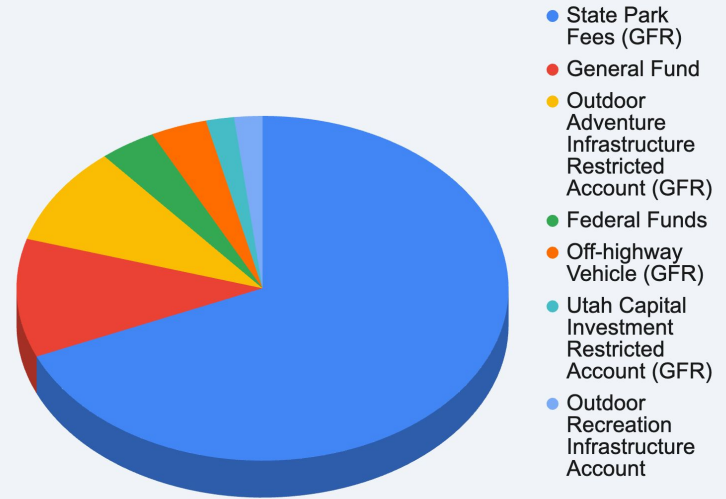
The Utah Legislature has been extremely generous in recent years with funding the improvement and expansion of our Utah State Parks system.

Since 2020 you have approved 49 capital projects and initiatives for a total of over \$318 Million which include 54 appropriations:

- 44: 1x Appropriations
- 10: Ongoing Appropriations

The majority of these came from Utah State Parks' Restricted Account

Breakdown By Fund



Major Projects & Updates



Antelope Island State Park
Visitor Center & Theater



Bear Lake State Park
Marina Expansion



Utah State Parks
Improvements
\$67 Million Appropriation

Bear Lake State Park Marina Expansion

This project is ahead of schedule and is anticipated to open in Spring 2028 and doubles the size of our current marina.

Visitors can expect:

- Improved lake access
- Increased capacity for boats
- Improved beach areas
- Modern amenities
- And more!



Antelope Island State Park Visitor Center & Theater

The new building features:

- Modern restrooms
- Learning center
- Gift shop
- Educational and interpretive displays
- Event space
- Secrets of the Great Salt Lake on the big screen!

We hope you can join us for the
grand opening on July 29!



Utah State Park Improvements!

FY22 Appropriation

Following a 33% increase in visitation in a single year, the Utah Legislature made an unprecedented investment in outdoor recreation, including \$67M of funding toward state park infrastructure.

These funds have helped improve large development projects like new campgrounds at Bear Lake, Escalante Petrified Forest, Gunlock, Green River, Sand Hollow Willard Bay, and much more!



Utahraptor & Lost Creek State Parks

Both Utahraptor and Lost Creek State Parks are open to the public!

Improvements and enhancements remain ongoing at both parks, with new campgrounds, trails, and amenities for visitors to enjoy.



Looking to the Future



GSL Waterline

\$ 6,000,000

\$2,500,000



Wasatch Mtn.

Campground

\$ 5,000,000



Golf Course

Improvements

\$ 5,000,000

We are looking forward to begin working on these new projects in the near future!



Thank you.

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