

## 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:

### Recipient Parks from the Northeast Region:

- **Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) State Forest (MA):** DAR State Forest is the host to an adaptive paddling program in the summer and cross-country skiing programs in the winter and the trackchair will increase independent hiking access beyond the accessible trail to other trails in the park.
- **Bear Brook State Park (NH):** Bear Brook State Park is 10,000 acres and the largest developed park in New Hampshire. The trackchair grant would be the first for the New Hampshire State Parks and benefit over 40 miles of trails that integrate through the park's day use, camping and forest areas.
- **Wharton State Forest (NJ):** 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.

### Recipient Parks from the Northwest Region:

- **Lake Metigoshe State Park (ND):** 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, providing visitors with mobility challenges the opportunity to access fishing and birding spots along the lake's shoreline.
- **Lake Sammamish State Park (WA):** Lake Sammamish State Park, at the edge of the Seattle-Bellevue metropolitan area, 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 (WY):** Wyoming landscapes are often marked by uneven or challenging terrain, making sites or activities inaccessible at Bear River State Park. 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.

### Recipient Parks from the North Central Region:

- **Potato Creek State Park (IN):** Near Indiana's Worster Lake, Potato Creek State Park, the addition of a trackchair will open access to 10 trails of nearly 13 miles. Combined with the new Inn (opening 2024) and accessible pier, means a truly accessible experience will be available throughout the property.
- **Buckhorn State Park (WI):** 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, and accessible campsites and cabin. The trackchair, first in a Western Wisconsin state park, adds to the state's adaptive equipment inventory.
- **Pipestem Resort State Park (WV):** West Virginia State Park's first trackchair at Pipestem Resort State Park will expand reach to over 15 miles of hiking trails including views of the 1,000-ft-deep Bluestone River Gorge. Soon, renovation of the aerial tram that traverses the gorge will include ADA accessible gondolas.

#### Recipient Parks from the Central Region:

- **Big Creek State Park (IA):** Next to Iowa's largest population centers and offering the park system's largest beaches, Big Creek State Park serves 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 (KS):** Tuttle Creek Lake, one of the few urban state parks in Kansas, covers over 12,000 acres and 100 miles of shoreline. 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 system.
- **Lake Murray State Park (OK):** Filling a need for more adaptive equipment for persons with disabilities, Lake Murray State Park will receive a trackchair to better serve their more than one million annual guests on their 15,000-acre park containing 40 miles of hiking trails and large lake.

#### Recipient Parks from the Southeast Region:

- **Oak Mountain State Park (AL):** Alabama State Parks will promote safe use and responsible access for guests with mobility disabilities with the donated Trackchair, which is a mobility vehicle capable of traversing sand mud, and difficult terrain, to explore the natural splendor of Oak Mountain State Park.
- **Hunting Island State Park (SC):** 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.
- **Booker T. Washington State Park (TN):** Booker T. Washington State Park, in a 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.

#### Recipient Parks from the Southwest Region:

- **Lathrop State Park (CO):** At Lathrop State Park, 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, allowing enjoyment of more trails and shoreline, self-guided interpretive stops, natural areas of the park, and a new four-mile natural surface trail beginning fall 2023.
- **Sand Harbor State Park (NV):** The beach along the shores of Lake Tahoe is Sand Harbor State Park's main attraction. Though inaccessible to a standard wheelchair, the granted trackchair is the ideal solution for mobility impaired visitors to gain beach access.
- **Manzano Mountain State Park (NM):** 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.