

Kiptopeke State Park

TRAIL GUIDE

VIRGINIA STATE PARKS ARE A TONIC FOR THE MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT. Museums, visitor centers and nearby historic sites make state parks cultural treasures.

The recreational opportunities in state parks are endless and easy to see – from swimming and boating to horseshoes and hiking, there's always something to do in a Virginia State Park.

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WELCOME TO KIPTOPEKE STATE PARK.

To make your visit safe and more pleasant, we ask that you observe the following:

Take only pictures, leave only footprints. Park in designated areas only. Please note there is a parking fee charged year-round at all Virginia State Parks. Self-pay parking information is available at the contact station.

PRESERVE - Help preserve your park. Please don't cut or mar any plants or trees. Collecting animal or plant life is allowed only for scientific purposes by permit from the Richmond headquarters. Don't feed any wild animals.

ALCOHOL - State law permits alcohol use only in private areas (inside your cabin or camping unit) or in areas designated on permits issued by the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

PETS - Pets are permitted in enclosed areas or on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Please clean up after your pet. Pets may not be left unattended at any time.

DRONES AND OTHER AIRCRAFT - Drones, other unmanned aerial vehicles, including remote control aircraft, and aircraft in general may not be flown in state parks pursuant to 4VAC5-30-400.

LITTER - Please help us keep the park clean by placing litter and recyclables in the proper receptacles and recycle centers or carrying out your trash.

FIRE - Help prevent wildfires. Fires must be confined to grills, camp stoves or designated fire rings. Fires must be attended at all times and extinguished when left. Firewood is generally available for purchase at the park. Campers and guests may collect only down and dead firewood. We enforce all seasonal and emergency bans on open fires.

POLLUTION - Help reduce pollution. Dump stations, laundry sinks and slop sinks, where available, are for the proper disposal of wastewater. Please, no boat, RV or car washing. Portable showers that do not drain to wastewater storage tanks are prohibited by state law. Collected wastewater must be disposed of properly.

SWIMMING - Where available, swimming areas are generally open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, weather permitting. Swim or wade only in designated swimming areas and at designated times. Children in swimming areas must wear sealed plastic pants over diapers. Disposable swim pants are recommended and available for purchase at the parks. Swimming or wading in unguarded areas may be hazardous because of swift currents, sudden drop-offs or unseen obstructions.

FISHING - Where fishing is permitted, valid Virginia fishing licenses are required. Specific licenses are required for saltwater and trout-water fishing. Please call the park in advance for specifics.

GUESTS - Your guests are our guests. For everyone's safety and security, please register all visitors with the park office. Visitors will not be admitted to camping and cabin areas unless so identified. Visitors are permitted only between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

QUIET HOURS - Quiet hours are between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. The use of generators is prohibited at all times.

CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT POLICY

Camping:	Check-in 4 p.m.	Check-out 1 p.m.
Cabins:	Check-in 4 p.m.	Check-out 10 a.m.

In many cases, campers may be accommodated prior to the official check-in. Please remember that only those 18 or older may register. The registrant is responsible for all occupants of the campsite or cabin. Feel free to arrive early and enjoy park amenities prior to check-in.

If you decide to leave the park before the end of your overnight stay, you may be entitled to a refund based on how much of your stay has already been used and any fees due. Once you check in for your cabin or camping stay, that night is considered used. If you are camping, we take what you paid, subtract the fees for the nights used and then subtract one additional night. The balance is due as a refund. This means if you have only a two-night stay, you will not receive a refund if you leave one night early. If you are in a cabin or lodge, the policy is different. First, we always keep at least the first two nights' fees. Second, we keep \$30 per night for a cabin (\$60 per night for a lodge) for each night you didn't stay and subtract that from the fee for any unused nights beyond the two-night minimum. If you started out with a week stay, you received a discount when you made the reservation. If you end up not staying the entire week, your fee will be recalculated at the higher, nightly fee rate. This means that if you have a week stay and leave one night early, no refund will be made.

CAMPING - Camping is allowed only in designated campgrounds and only after following the proper check-in procedure described in the Reservation and Fees Guide available at the park office.

Campsite occupancy is for a maximum of six people or the number of people in a single household. Two camping units are allowed per campsite; only one axled camper is allowed per site. All camping units, equipment and vehicles

must be placed within the perimeter of the designated campsite without infringing on adjoining campsites or vegetation. Where high impact areas are designated, all camping units, equipment and vehicles must be within the defined borders of the high impact area.

Park in designated areas only.

PARKING - Only two motor vehicles, as well as the camping unit, are permitted on a campsite without incurring additional fees. Cabin guests are allowed two vehicles for a one or two-bedroom cabin, three vehicles for a three-bedroom cabin and six vehicles for a six-bedroom cabin per day without an additional parking fee charge. Those with additional vehicles must pay the established parking fee for each day the vehicle is in the park. The number of vehicles allowed to park at the cabin varies according to site design and other factors. All vehicles must be parked in designated areas, either at the cabin or in the designated overflow parking area. Primitive and hike-in sites may have park specific parking restrictions.

The maximum camping stay per park is 14 days in any 30-day period.

PARK ACCESSIBILITY - We strive to make each park as barrier-free as possible. Universally accessible facilities are available throughout Virginia State Parks.

EMERGENCY - For medical or fire emergencies dial 9-1-1. For other assistance dial 800-933-7275; for law enforcement or facility emergencies press 1; to reach the on-duty ranger press 2.

INFORMATION - For more information on Virginia State Parks or to make a cabin or campsite reservation, call 800-933-PARK or visit www.virginiastateparks.gov.

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- Amphitheater
- Beach
- Boat Ramp
- Cabin
- Camp Store
- Camping Area
- Camping Cabin
- Contact Station
- Dump Station
- Fishing Pier
- Hawk Observatory
- Lodge
- Butterfly Garden
- Overlook
- Park Office
- Parking
- Picnic Shelter
- Playground
- Point of Interest
- Restroom
- Shower/Bathhouse
- Laundry Room
- Trash Disposal
- Visitor Center
- Yurt

Trails	Blaze	Milage	Usage	Difficulty
Brown Pelican	Lime Green	0.57	H, B	●
Songbird Loop	Silver	1.55	H, B	●
Chickadee	Yellow	0.35	H, B	●
Mockingbird	Red	0.33	H, B	●
Raptor Trail	Orange	1.51	H, B	●
Baywoods	Blue	0.87	H, B	●
Wren	Brown	0.09	H, B	●
Taylor Pond	Green	0.25	H, B	●
Boardwalk				
Bald Eagle	None	0.13	H, A	●
Osprey	None	0.11	H	●
Peregrine	None	0.11	H	●
Wood Warbler	None	0.31	H	●
Overlook				
Bay Overlook	None	0.03	H, B	●
H = Hiking B = Biking E = Equestrian A = Accessible				
● = Easy ■ = Moderate ◆ = Difficult				

