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NEW JERSEY STATE PARK SERVICE LAUNCHES NEW ONLINE CAMPGROUND RESERVATION SYSTEM

NJ OUTDOORS SYSTEM PART OF BROAD EFFORT TO IMPROVE CUSTOMER SERVICE

(17/P127) TRENTON – The Department of Environmental Protection’s Division of Parks and Forestry has launched a new online campground reservation system as part of the DEP’s overall effort to improve customer service, Commissioner Bob Martin announced today.

The NJ Outdoors online reservations system can be accessed at www.camping.nj.gov. It



provides flexible search capabilities for finding and reserving tent sites, cabins or shelters within the New Jersey State Park System, and is part of a broader, ongoing DEP effort to improve customer service and information services through online and mobile-device technologies.

“The New Jersey State Park System offers some of the best camping experiences found anywhere,” Commissioner Martin said. “This new reservation system will make it easier than ever to plan an affordable weekend getaway or vacation at our great state parks, forests and recreation areas to

create memories that will last a lifetime.”

The system, developed in partnership with the New Jersey Division of NICUSA Inc., went live earlier this month. It provides updated maps and park information filters that allow users to more easily check site availability and plan visits around amenities and recreational opportunities available at each park.

Features of NJ Outdoors include:

- The ability to easily update or cancel a campground reservation;
- A list of current discounts available at state parks;

- A document upload feature for pet license and vaccination documents to make check-in easier at pet-friendly campsites;
- An optional account creation feature, which allows campers to securely store their payment and access their camping history;
- A real-time notification system that alerts campers of events that could affect their stay or upcoming reservations.

“Whether your interest is hiking, kayaking or simply relaxing by the campfire, it is our sincerest hope that residents and visitors will find this new reservation system a convenient portal into planning their camping adventures in a park system that offers a wide range of opportunities for enjoying the outdoors,” said Division of Parks and Forestry Director Mark Texel.

The State Park Service boasts 50 state parks, forests, recreation areas, battlefields, and marinas. Camping is available at 19 sites, from Brendan Byrne State Forest in the Pinelands to Stokes State Forest near the Delaware Water Gap to Parvin State Park in Salem County.



The State Park Service also recently launched [Trail Tracker](#), a smart-device application that helps park visitors make detailed plans tailored to trails, activities, and terrain that interest them and is available through Google Play, the Apple app store, and the Microsoft app store.

The New Jersey Information Division of NICUSA Inc. is the official eGovernment partner of New Jersey, assisting governmental entities with web-enabling their information services.

The company has partnered with the DEP on other information services projects, including development of an award-winning WARN NJDEP smart device app that allows the public to report non-emergency environmental incidents.

NIC-related companies work nationally with more than 3,500 federal, state and local government agencies. For more information on NICUSA, visit: www.egov.com/

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