

Finger Lakes State Parks and Historic Sites

Finger Lakes Flagship Parks & Historic Sites Annual Attendance

Genesee Region

(Orleans, Genesee, Wyoming, Livingston, Monroe counties)

Letchworth State Park	622, 147
Hamlin Beach	271,309
Lakeside Beach	70,411
Darien Lakes	59,639

Finger Lakes Region

(Wayne, Ontario, Yates and Seneca counties)

Seneca Lake	186,237
Sampson	173,894
Cayuga Lake	127,860
Chimney Bluffs	108,828
Ganondagan	35,003

**Total attendance at the region's 24 parks and historic sites
2 million**

Economic Impact

An economic impact study* estimates that in 2008-09, nearly 700 jobs were created and more than \$58 million in local economic activity was generated by State Parks in the Finger Lakes area*

Quality of Life

The recreational and natural resources created by the area's parks and historic sites benefit this region by:

- Maintaining the state's ecosystem and biodiversity
- Providing opportunities for recreation
- Reducing the negative effects from pollution
- Improving health outcomes
- Preserving areas of historic importance
- Influencing business location decisions by making the community a better place to live

*Source, *The NYS Park System: An Economic Asset to the Empire State*. Political Economy Research Institute, Univ. of Mass, Amherst, March, 2009

*State Parks Genesee Region includes Orleans, Genesee, Wyoming, Livingston and Monroe Counties.

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Regional Capital Needs

The backlog of capital projects in the Finger Lakes area is estimated to exceed \$119 million

High Impact Projects Include

<u>Park/Project</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Cayuga Lake State Park Reconstruct deteriorated campground area	\$3,500,000
Letchworth State Park Reconstruct closed South Swimming pool complex	\$4,300,000
Ganondagan State Historic Site Construct a Native American Arts and Education Center	\$1,700,000
<i>Total project to be funded through public/private partnership</i>	
Genesee Valley Greenway Continue rehabilitation of the multi-county Greenway Trail	\$10,000,000