

Our Friday Spotlight: Sky Meadows State Park

Let's welcome one of our newest and **ONLY** state park members of the Chamber, **Sky Meadows State Park**, as they approach their 40th Year Anniversary Celebration!

Sky Meadows is located in northwest Fauquier in the Blue Ridge Mountains near Paris, Virginia. Because of its location at the interface of the Piedmont and Valley-Ridge provinces, Sky Meadows provides visitors opportunities to experience a unique "island" of diversity of ecosystems, plants, and animals.

Who should visit Sky Meadows State Park?

History Buffs

Sky Meadows State Park provides multiple opportunities to experience, understand, and appreciate the social and economic aspects of daily life in different eras with particular emphasis on Colonial to post American Civil War life in the Piedmont region.

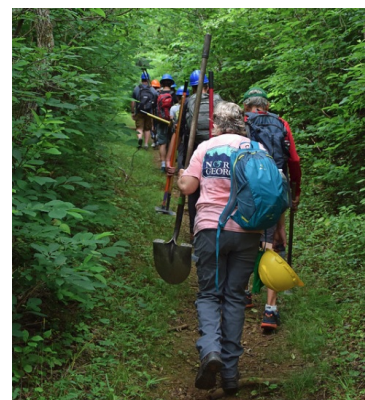


Outdoor Enthusiasts

Hiking, picnicking, fishing and primitive hike-in camping for families and groups are favorite activities in this peaceful getaway. The park has 10.5 miles of bridle trails, 22 miles of hiking trails, 9 miles of bike trails and Appalachian Trail access.

Volunteers

Sky Meadows is hoping to make community connections to seek support for park operations. This could take the form of finding volunteers for special events or projects, finding new partners to deliver educational programming, or finding like-minded organizations in which both parties can support each other's missions.



Educators

The park will be greatly expanding its environmental educational programming in late 2023 and 2024 and is looking to host local schools for field trips to strengthen and support concepts outlined in the Virginia Standards of Learning.

Stargazers

Sky Meadows is one of four Virginia State Parks designated as an [International Dark Sky Park](#) by the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA). The park achieved the designation by establishing an outdoor lighting policy that minimizes light pollution, conducts outreach to the local community, and hosts and promotes programs for guests to enjoy stargazing.



Gorgeous views



Signage for trails



Local wildlife spotting

Be sure to check out their 40th Anniversary Event on August 26th!



It wouldn't be a party without you!
Join us to celebrate your state park.
A full day of festivities includes:

- Live music
- Local wine and beer*
- Food trucks*
- Wagon rides*
- Mount Bleak Open House
- Conservation programs
- Historic demonstrations
- More family fun!

This is a fee-free day. No parking or event fees will be required except for purchased items indicated by.*



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