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## **New Day Use Fees at Green River Reservoir State Park: \$3/per person A Heavenly Day on the Lake with the Loons: Priceless**

Waterbury, VT – It's still a great deal, at any price, but beginning on July 1<sup>st</sup>, you'll be asked to pay day use entry fees at Green River Reservoir State Park. Park day use fees will be \$3/per person for adults, \$2/for kids under 14 and free for kids 3 & younger. You can also purchase discounted passes for park entry: Vehicle Season Passes, Individual Passes or Punch Cards, available at the park or online at [www.vtstateparks.com](http://www.vtstateparks.com).

Craig Whipple, Director of State Parks with the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation noted, "We're proud of the improvements we've made at Green River in recent years. With the help of the Friends of Green River Reservoir, we've built a new solar-powered contact station, an ADA accessible trail and a new information kiosk. With current budget pressures what they are, and in order to maintain the special character of the park while continuing to make improvements, we felt it was necessary to begin charging day use entry fees at Green River, as we do with other day use parks across the state, so the park can generate the income to help pay for its operation and improvement."

Green River Reservoir sees approximately 6,400 overnight campers and 4,500 day visitors each year. The Friends of Green River Reservoir, a non-profit group of private citizens dedicated to preserving the wilderness-like quality of the park have been instrumental in the recent park improvements. "The Friends of Green River Reservoir have been amazing partners", said Parks Regional Manager, Susan Bulmer. "They have raised funds for the construction of the new park facilities as well as park operations, have helped us create a new map for the park and have been really supportive of the new day use fees."

Other partners, like Morrisville Water & Light donated two utility poles for the structural support for the solar array and Milford Cushman assisted with the design of the facilities at the park. The solar installation was performed by locally owned Independent Power, LLC of Hyde Park. Next on tap for park improvements: new composting toilets at the canoe access area.

Purchased from Morrisville Water & Light Department in 1999, Green River Reservoir is a gem of the state park system best known for its 19 miles of undeveloped shoreline and 28 remote campsites accessible only by non-motorized boat. It is a favorite of locals and visitors alike and the state plans to keep the park natural and unspoiled for current and future generations.

For more information on Green River Reservoir: <http://www.vtstateparks.com/htm/grriver.htm>

For more information on discounted park passes and to purchase online visit:  
<http://www.vtstateparks.com/htm/fees.htm#passes>

For more information on Friends of Green River: <http://www.fgrvt.org/>