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Iowa State Parks 2020



Overview

The year 2020 marks 100 years since the establishment of Iowa's state parks. In celebration, the Department of Natural Resources created a series of events to commemorate the occasion. However, in March 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted events as well as park operations. After a period of limited staffing and day-use-only availability lasting until May, revenues for parks rebounded in the months after reopening.

State Park 2020

The Department of Natural Resources' [goals](#) for the centennial were:

- Celebrate the importance of state parks to Iowa's history, culture, and quality of life.
- Connect Iowans to natural resources in a personal and passionate way.
- Inspire a high level of appreciation and stewardship of the Iowa state park system for the future.

The following are links to information on the planned activities for the centennial celebration.

[Iowa State Park Passport](#)

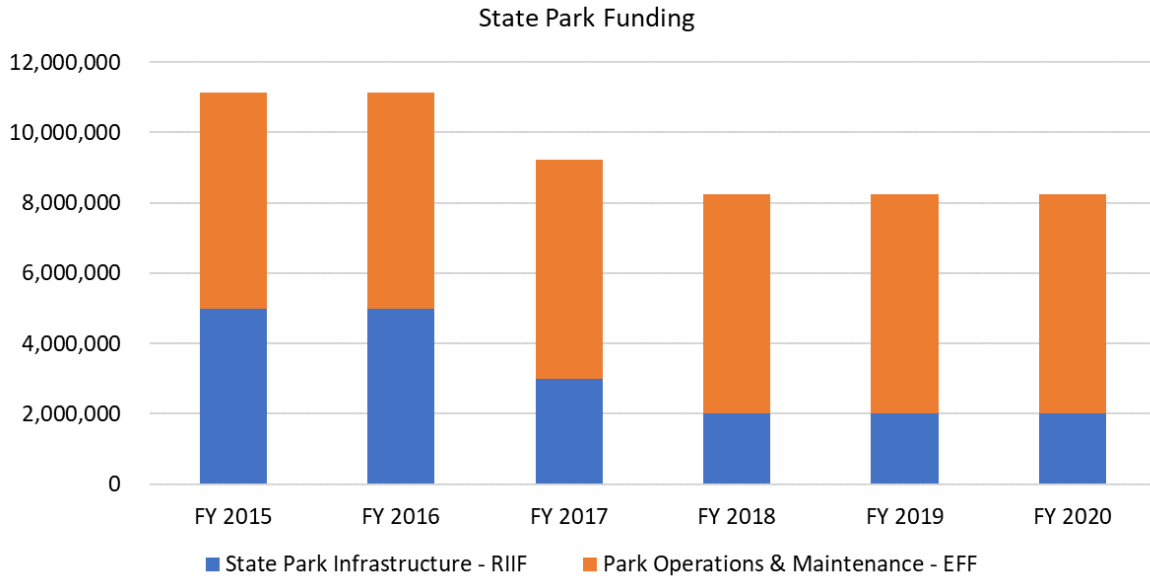
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[First Day Hikes](#)

More Information

State Parks 2020, Department of Natural Resources: www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/Parks-2020

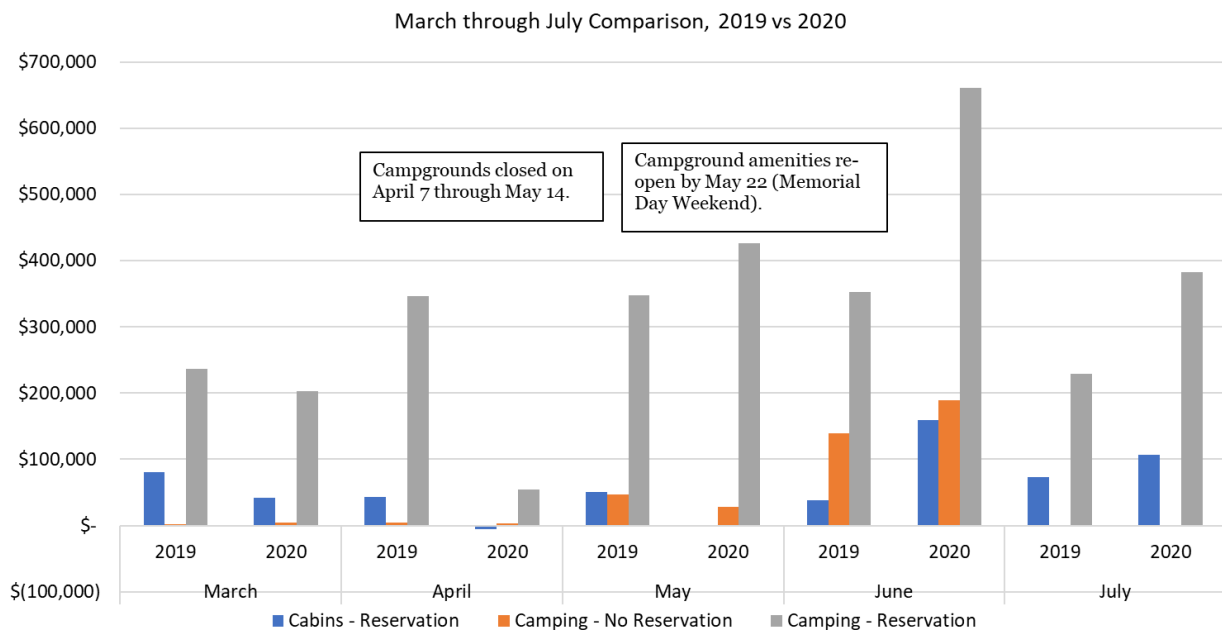
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This graph shows state park operations funding by Fiscal Year from 2015 to 2020. The sources of funding include the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) and the Environment First Fund (EFF). RIIF funds are primarily used for capital projects.

COVID-19

During the spring of 2020, state park operations limited services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Campgrounds were closed on April 7, 2020, with amenities mostly re-opened by May 22. The following chart shows revenue for cabins and camping from March to July of 2020 compared to 2019.



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