
From: Maurice Hebb <mohebb@charter.net>
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To: AppropriationTestimony
Subject: Save Our Parks

Dear Sirs,

I was out at Hammonasset Beach Park in Madison today with my husband. We saw seals, blue herons, sanderlings, loons to name a few. I collected some shells. We walked for a couple of hours. I felt free and wonderful to be outside and breathe some fresh air. Quite a few others were outside enjoying the day as well. You must keep our state parks and forests open and available to the public at all times. It is such a healthy place to be.

Every year I take my students to Harkness Memorial State Park and invite the school (Sacred Heart School in Taftville). We also explore Rocky Neck State Park and our favorite Bluff Point. The students look forward to studying and observing the parks each year. There are so many things to teach in a wonderful environment. If we are to survive as a society (Sandy Hook) we need to provide natural places free of charge or minimal charge to the residents and students of Connecticut and our visitors to explore and relax, see nature at its best. Please fund our State Parks to the fullest, they keep our bodies healthy in mind, body and spirit. How can you put a price on that????? We can't just let the wealthy have all the access to the shore. That is morally wrong.

Must go,
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