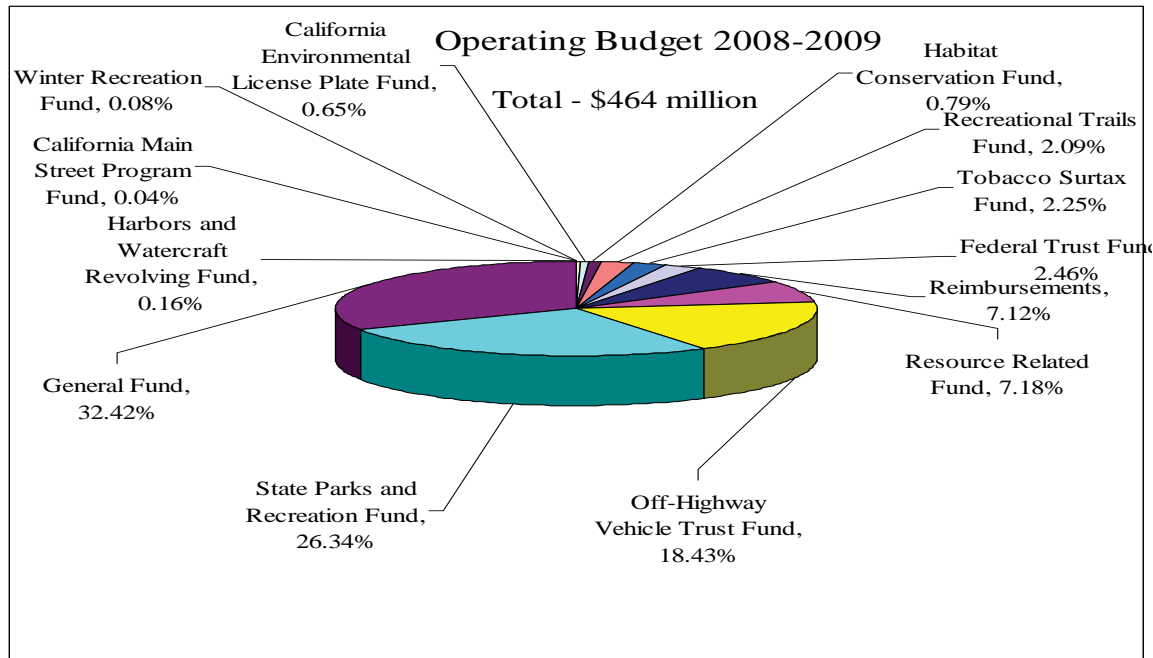




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California State Parks Budget and Benefit

- California State Parks' 2008-2009 fiscal year Operating Budget is \$464 million, from the following sources:

- General Fund = \$150.5 million
- State Parks and Recreation Fund* = \$122 million
- Off-Highway Vehicle Trust Fund# = \$85.5 million
- Resource Related Fund = \$33 million
- Reimbursements = \$33 million
- Federal Trust Fund = \$11.4 million

- Tobacco Surtax Fund = \$10.4 million
- Recreational Trails Fund = \$9.7 million
- Habitat Conservation Fund = \$3.6 million
- California Environmental License Plate Fund = \$3 million
- Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund = \$755 thousand
- Winter Recreation Fund# = \$353 thousand
- California Main Street Program Fund = \$175 thousand

- State Park units act as an economic boost

* State Parks and Recreation Fund - The State Parks and Recreation Fund (also called SPRF) was created by legislation in 1979, Chapter 1065, Statutes of 1979 (Public Resources Code 5010). All fees earned by the department from camping, day use, museums, concessions, etc. are deposited into SPRF and are "available for expenditure for state park planning, acquisition, and development projects, operation of the state park system, and resource and property management and protection, when appropriated by the Legislature." Historically, SPRF revenues have been used for the support of the State Park System. None of the fees earned by the Department are deposited into the State's General Fund.

Note: exception—fees earned at State Vehicular Recreation Areas are deposited in the Off-Highway Vehicle Trust Fund and fees earned at Sno-Parks are deposited into the Winter Recreation Fund.



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to local communities. For example, a study by California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo in 2003 found that visitors to Morro Bay State Park added \$15 million to the local economy in direct and indirect expenditures over two years. The visitors' expenditures were responsible for 364 jobs in Morro Bay, primarily in recreation and amusement, hotels, restaurants, and retail shops.

- A study prepared for the Department in 2002 determined that approximately \$2.6 billion was generated by visitor spending in local communities during that year. These dollars supported over 100,000 jobs statewide. There were more than 72.7 million people who visited the State Park System in the 2008/09 fiscal year.

Concessions and Cooperating Associations in California State Park Units

- California State Parks' Concessions Program includes approximately 239 concession contracts, including for-profit and non-profit concessionaires. (2006/07*)
- California State Parks (CSP) has 81 operating agreements with public agencies to operate select State Park units or portions thereof. (2007/08 *)
- Gross sales through the Concessions Program exceeded \$88.1 million and CSP collected over \$11.4 million in rent in the 2006/07 fiscal year. *
- The largest grossing concessions are:
 - Asilomar
 - Old Town San Diego
 - Crystal Cove Alliance

- Pfeiffer Big Sur
- Hearst Castle
- Lake Oroville
- Destination Cinema
- Lake Tahoe Golf Course
- Pismo
- Morro Bay Marina & Café

- Hearst Castle® generated net revenue from tours in the amount of \$8.8 million in 2008/09, the largest amount generated from user fees in the California State Park System.

• Unique concessions:

- Fremont Peak State Park, Fremont Peak Observatory Association - Uses the Association's telescope to present educational astronomy programs to the public. Run exclusively by volunteers.
- Concessionaires of Columbia and Old Town San Diego SHP - Provide a wide variety of retail goods (such as a Chinese import store, gold jewelry, and hand made candy) and services (such as metal smithing and personal portraits) that recreate the atmosphere of the villages during their heyday.
- Mendocino Woodlands State Park - Rent historic Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) era cottages for an affordable family reunion, Girl Scout Camp, or company retreat. The large cottages come complete with stone fireplaces and wooden decks.
- Organ Grinder with a Monkey – A visual and audio touch of history at Monterey State Historic Park

* These figures are preliminary numbers for the 2006/07 Concessions Annual Report



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Grants and Local Funding

- Since 1965, California State Parks' Grants and Local Services Division has administered over \$3.2 billion in local assistance grants. Several bond acts have been approved by California voters, the most recent being Proposition 84, the California Water Quality, Safety and Supply, Flood Control, Natural Resource Protection, Park Improvement bond and initiative statute of 2006, which provides \$368 million in State park system acquisition, development, restoration, Nature education and research facilities. These funds are being distributed through per capita, block and competitive grants.
- California State Parks also administers several other annual grant programs: the Habitat Conservation Fund, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and the Recreational Trails Program.
- Funding amounts and filing dates for current grant programs are as follows:
- The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division has administered \$331.3 million in off-highway vehicle grant funds to local, federal agencies, education institutions, and eligible organizations.

Program Name	Available Funds	Final Application Filing Date
Habitat Conservation Fund	\$ 2 Million	October 1, 2010
Recreational Trails Program	\$2.2 Million	October 1, 2010
Land and Water Conservation Fund	Approximately \$1.2 Million	Fall 2010

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