

0900 – DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, HERITAGE, AND TOURISM
STATE PARKS AND TOURISM DIVISIONS
FISCAL YEAR 2026
AS ENACTED BY ACT 897 OF 2025

The Department of Parks and Tourism works to enhance the quality of life in Arkansas by promoting, protecting, interpreting and managing the State's natural and cultural resources. The agency operates 52 state parks and museums and manages War Memorial Stadium. This agency works to generate travel, enhance the image of the State, and promote retirement / relocation to the State, and the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission is charged with the statewide implementation of a litter prevention program.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

Appropriation		2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
		Actual	Authorized	Legislative
2JJ	SCORP Program-Federal	\$1,725,187	\$8,448,734	\$8,448,734
433	Museum Natural Res-Spec Rev	\$93,094	\$110,668	\$110,668
499	State Operations	\$15,046,282	\$18,468,044	\$18,085,899
500	Conservation Tax	\$43,936,542	\$65,700,044	\$83,573,676
502	Keep Arkansas Beautiful-ConsTax	\$1,024,853	\$1,045,508	\$1,059,262
504	Tourism Promotion-Special Rev	\$22,280,644	\$28,402,681	\$33,402,681
579	Outdoor Recreation Grants Prg	\$4,559,432	\$10,023,100	\$10,023,100
986	Operations & Construction-Cash in Treasury	\$36,761,153	\$36,953,449	\$41,498,429
994	Retirement & Relocation Program	\$773,431	\$968,619	\$968,619
V55	War Memorial Stadium Gen. Rev.	\$402,853	\$435,210	\$435,210
V56	War Memorial Stadium Cash	\$1,217,010	\$1,508,151	\$1,508,151
Z87	Delta Heritage Trail Construction Program - Cash	\$2,601,346	\$40,482,208	\$37,880,862
Total		\$131,612,353	\$212,546,416	\$236,995,291

FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Sources		2023-2024 Actual	%
Fund Balance	4000005	\$111,287,658	44.14
General Revenue	4000010	\$19,051,961	7.56
Federal Revenue	4000020	\$2,885,263	1.14
Special Revenue	4000030	\$81,583,437	32.36
Cash Fund	4000045	\$42,791,197	16.97
Other	4000370	\$462,267	0.18
Shared Services Transfer	4000760	(\$5,929,842)	-2.35
Total Funds		\$252,131,941	100.00

Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	(\$120,519,588)	
Grand Total	\$131,612,353	

CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

Conservation Tax (Appropriation 500)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$6,995,368	\$7,699,677	\$704,309
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$3,188,149	\$3,357,472	\$169,323
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$12,394,284	\$16,394,284	\$4,000,000
5090005	Construction	\$32,874,272	\$45,874,272	\$13,000,000
Total		\$55,452,073	\$73,325,705	\$17,873,632

- **Regular Salaries** and **Personal Services Matching** increased due to adjustments for employees as authorized by law
- **Operating Expenses** increased due to rising costs of operations associated with supply chain demand, utilities, and network broadband expansion at parks
- **Construction** increased to support construction projects in progress and upcoming planned projects

Tourism Promotion-Special Rev (Appropriation 504)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5900047	Advertising Expense	\$19,260,050	\$24,260,050	\$5,000,000
Total		\$19,260,050	\$24,260,050	\$5,000,000

- **Advertising Expense** increased to support growth and enhanced promotion and advertisement of Outdoor recreation

Operations & Construction-Cash in Treasury (Appropriation 986)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$8,542,979	\$9,762,112	\$1,219,133
5010001	Extra Help	\$5,312,662	\$6,565,923	\$1,253,261
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$4,091,617	\$4,518,730	\$427,113
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$10,427,053	\$11,566,526	\$1,139,473
5090017	Resale (COGS)	\$5,058,961	\$5,564,961	\$506,000
Total		\$33,433,272	\$37,978,252	\$4,544,980

- **Regular Salaries, Extra Help, and Personal Services Matching** increased due to adjustments for employees as authorized by law
- **Operating Expenses** increased to support at new Point of Sale reservation system
- **Resale** increased due to rising costs of inventory

Delta Heritage Trail Construction Program - Cash (Appropriation Z87)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5090005	Construction	\$40,482,208	\$37,880,862	(\$2,601,346)
Total		\$40,482,208	\$37,880,862	(\$2,601,346)

- **Construction** decreased to align appropriation with remaining costs to construct the park

POSITIONS

Total Authorized Positions FY2026: 729
Total Authorized Positions FY2025: 734
Increase / (Decrease): (5)
Extra Help Positions FY2025: 952

SPECIAL LANGUAGE REVISIONS

Promotional and Educational Materials: new language that authorizes the purchase of \$75,000 in promotional and educational merchandise.