

# Delaware

Our Land, Our Water, Our Heritage

# #SaveLWCF

America's most important conservation and recreation program will expire in less than a year unless Congress acts. For 52 years, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has protected national parks and open spaces in every corner of the United States. But in less than 52 weeks, it could be gone forever and along with it, future protection of the places we love.

[LWCF](#) has invested over \$59 million over the past five decades to protect Delaware's iconic outdoor places, open access for hunting, fishing, hiking, and other outdoor activities, and to build close to home parks. From urban parks and ballfields to coastal habitat and rich history, LWCF has protected places like the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail, Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge, Green Horizons forest in Sussex County, Brandywine Creek State Park, and Fox Point State Park.

Even though it is a small state, Delaware's \$3.1 billion [outdoor recreation industry](#) is an economic powerhouse – supporting 29,000 jobs which generate \$959 million in wages and salaries and produce \$145 million annually in state and local tax revenue.

## Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge

Located on the shores of Delaware Bay between Dover and Lewes, Prime Hook protects over 10,100 acres of a diverse landscape and offers public access to coveted coastal resources. The refuge has received nearly \$5 million of LWCF money over the years and is open for bird watching, hunting, fishing, hiking, and canoeing. The wetlands habitats, covering about 80% of the unit's acreage, make the refuge a prime stopover point for migratory birds along the Atlantic Flyway.



*Canoeing at Prime Hook NWR*

“The Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail (which traces the explorer's route through coastal VA and MD, and up the Nanticoke River into DE) is a great example of the multiple benefits LWCF has to offer. As a water trail, it provides a great outdoor recreation experience for paddlers while also protecting historical sites on land, and advances conservation stewardship of important water and wildlife resources at the same time.”

--Joel Dunn, Chesapeake Conservancy

## Cape Henlopen State Park

Cape Henlopen juts out into the sea between the Atlantic Ocean and Delaware Bay. Though officially created as a state park in 1964 and now covering 5,100 acres, the area was set aside by William Penn in 1682 for local residents of southern Delaware. The park offers opportunities for beach swimming, hiking, biking, camping, surf-fishing, bird watching, and educational programs, including visits to World War II-era observation towers. Most recently, a LWCF State and Local Assistance grant through NPS and the State of Delaware was used to renovate and expand the campground at the park before the start of the 2017 summer season.



*Beachgoers at Cape Henlopen State Park*

**#SaveLWCF to protect the places we love in Delaware!**

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