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License Plate Design Promotes North Carolina's State Parks

RALEIGH – Friends and supporters of North Carolina's state parks and conservation will soon be able to publicize that support with a "Naturally Wonderful" state parks license plate.

The N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation is accepting applications and payment for the first 300 license plates that feature an outdoor recreation design theme in blue, green and black.

There is a \$30 fee for the plate in addition to the regular license fees of the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles. The fee is \$60 for a personalized state parks plate. The additional fee will be evenly divided between North Carolina's Parks and Recreation Trust Fund and the Natural Heritage Trust Fund.

The Parks and Recreation Trust Fund supports land acquisition and capital improvements in state parks as well as a grant program for local parks and a coastal beach access program. The Natural Heritage Trust Fund supports land acquisition and inventory programs to protect species and their habitats.

"We have many partners and supporters throughout the state and this is a special way for them to display their pride in the variety and richness of North Carolina's state parks and natural resources," said Lewis Ledford, director of the division. "It's also an opportunity for all of us to support important conservation efforts."

Once the minimum 300 initial applications are received, processing and mailing of the new plates should begin within 90 days, and thereafter, plates will be produced and mailed directly from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

To view the license plate design and find an application, go to the N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation Web site at www.ncsparks.net, or write to the N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation at 1615 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC, 27699-1615.

(EDITORS: A high-resolution image of the state parks license plate design is available on our Web site, www.ncsparks.net. Click "Read the News").

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