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WALLACE IS FIRST SUPERINTENDENT OF CHIMNEY ROCK STATE PARK

RALEIGH— Adrienne Wallace, formerly superintendent of Mayo River State Park, has been named as the first superintendent of the new Chimney Rock State Park under development in Rutherford County, according to the N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation.

A superintendent is the chief of operations and administration at a state park or state recreation area with wide-ranging responsibilities for staffing, training, law enforcement, visitor services, natural resource protection and environmental education.

Chimney Rock State Park was authorized in 2005 by the N.C. General Assembly. Land acquisition continues for the developing park, which now encompasses about 3,500 acres in the Hickory Nut Gorge. The formerly private Chimney Rock Park, a popular tourist destination, was acquired by the state in May 2007 and added to the larger state park. It remains open to the public under the management of Chimney Rock Management LLC through an agreement with the state parks system.

“Beyond her background as a ranger and environmental educator, Adrienne gained solid experience at Mayo River working with local communities and agencies in guiding the development of another of our new state parks,” said Lewis Ledford, director of the N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation.

“In coming months, Adrienne will play a key role as the state parks system continues land acquisition in Hickory Nut Gorge, further integrates Chimney Rock Park as a state parks entity and develops a master plan for the state park as a whole.”

A native of Erin, Tenn., Wallace earned a bachelor’s degree in parks, recreation and tourism management from North Carolina State University in 1998. While in college, she was a seasonal employee at Morrow Mountain State Park and a naturalist at Eno River State Park and at Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area in Kentucky.

She joined the permanent staff at Eno River as a ranger in September 1998 and was promoted to superintendent at Mayo River in 2006. She is a certified environmental educator and a law enforcement instructor for the state parks system.

(EDITORS: A high-resolution, jpeg image of Wallace is available on our Web site, www.ncparks.gov, by clicking “News.”)

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