

Notes from meeting with Robert Yero, Park Manager Bill Baggs State Park

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Park identity is the number one issue for VKBP. Signage, Main Entrance Sign to separate or identify historic VKBP from the existing Virginia Beach.

Bill Baggs State Park is currently open 8am – Sunset.
Entrance Fees are as follows:

Cars	\$5
Car w/ 1 pass	\$3
Bikes	\$2 Honor system for payment
Pedestrians	\$1 Honor system for payment
Boats	\$2 Honor system for payment
Annual Pass	\$40 individual
Annual Pass	\$80 family – up to 8 people

Tickets/Receipts are given with payment whenever possible; maintain some high visibility of police presence for entry payment.

The entrance gate is the number one point of contact: workers should be extremely professional; great attitude; be a symbol of authority; probably wear a uniform of some kind.

Staffing:

Bill Baggs State Park has 21 staff people: Management, park ranges, toll collectors, Landscaping Maintenance, Biologist, HR

1 staff person is dedicated to a 5-man state prison inmate crew the works 5-days per week on maintenance. The state park has a maintenance facility and many of their own tools and mowers. They also maintain a landscaping contractor that cuts the grass at the park once a week during the rainy seasons and once every two weeks during dryer months.

Volunteers make up approximately 40. They undergo training; have uniforms; Keys; and operate exactly like full time staff.

Be aware of internet-based “use groups” that form when a group of people want to focus in on your park and use it for their own outdoor uses. Bikers, mountain bikers, sailboard clubs, canoes, kayaks, pets on beach, kite surfing, etc.