

APPENDIX B: SPECIFIC PARK LOCATIONS & FACILITIES

DEEP is accepting submission of partnership ideas involving all existing State Parks. However, DEEP is highlighting the following facilities – most of which are located in parks that host weddings and special events – and is providing additional information to inform ideas that meet the goals and considerations of the RFI.

Detailed information and photos of each facility listed below will be posted on the Office of Outdoor Industry and Experiences webpage along with this RFI. Since these types of partnerships would involve repeated occupation of DEEP buildings, they would require a subsequent, competitive RFP process.

[Gillette Castle State Park](#): 106,000 annual visitor count



Concession Building: DEEP is seeking traditional food and beverage service ideas for this location.

[Lake Waramaug State Park](#): 50,000 annual visitor count



Concession Building: DEEP is seeking traditional food and beverage service ideas for this location which meet the goals of the RFI. The Lake Waramaug State Park concession building has been unoccupied since 2022. It is a charming building situated between the campground and day use areas of the park.

[Mount Tom State Park](#): 33,000 annual visitor count



Concession Building. DEEP is seeking open-ended ideas that meet the goals for the RFI.

[Harkness Memorial State Park](#): 254,000 annual visitor count

Eolia Mansion: The Eolia Mansion is a 42-room Roman Renaissance Classical Revival mansion descending from the Harkness family. It is a Historic Mansion with exceptional architectural significance due to the unique buildings and grounds within the estate. The Mansion is home to the highly demanded wedding and events program run by Harknes Memorial State Park. DEEP is seeking open ended concepts to restore, renovate, or revitalize the Mansion to support its long-term preservation.





Carriage House: DEEP seeks open-ended concepts. A potential partnership could support the ongoing wedding service provided in the Eolia Mansion.



Rumrill Garage: DEEP seeks open-ended ideas that meet the goals of the RFI.

[Rocky Neck State Park](#) : 585,000 annual visitor count

Ellie Mitchell Pavilion: DEEP is seeking open ended concepts to revitalize the first floor of the Pavilion to open the space to the public. The Ellie Mitchell Pavilion is a historic Pavilion dating back to 1937. It is a two-story building on the National Register of Historic Places and was built using the resources of the park itself: cobblestones from the stone walls around the park, tree trunk pillars from varying state parks, the flat fieldstones on the terrace from Devil's Hopyard State Park, and so much more. The second floor of the Pavilion hosts a unique event space for receptions, private parties, seminars, and conferences run by Rocky Neck State Park. The first floor is a unique cafeteria style space with indoor wooden picnic tables, bathrooms, kitchen hook up, and more.

[Gillette Castle State Park](#): 106,000 annual visitor count



Osaki House: Located next to the Connecticut River and the historic [Chester/Hadlyme Ferry](#). DEEP seeks open-ended concepts that meet the goals of the RFI.