

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1078*
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/29/03

Short Title: Mayo River State Park.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 10, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ADDITION OF MAYO RIVER STATE PARK TO
3 THE STATE PARKS SYSTEM.

4 Whereas, Section 5 of Article XIV of the Constitution of North Carolina
5 states that it shall be a proper function of the State of North Carolina to acquire and
6 preserve park, recreational, and scenic areas, and in every other appropriate way to
7 preserve as a part of the common heritage of this State, its open lands and places of
8 beauty; and

9 Whereas, the 1987 General Assembly enacted the State Parks Act, which
10 declares that the State of North Carolina offers unique archaeological, geologic,
11 biological, scenic, and recreational resources, and that these resources are part of the
12 heritage of the people of the State, which should be preserved and managed by the
13 people for their use and for the use of their visitors and descendants; and

14 Whereas, the Mayo River in Rockingham County supports many rare species
15 and possesses biological, geological, and scenic resources of statewide significance;

16 Now, therefore,

17 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

18 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly authorizes the Department of
19 Environment and Natural Resources to add Mayo River State Park to the State Parks
20 System as provided by G.S. 113-44.14(b).

21 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.