

# BENNINGTON COLLEGE

## Recreation Information and Offers/Discounts for Faculty and Staff

### Outdoor Recreation Activities on Campus

Outdoor recreation facilities include three tennis courts, a basketball court, and a soccer field. Hiking is available on the College's Blue Trail, which winds through the wooded parts of campus and connects to several good trails throughout the region. The trailhead is located behind the Davis Alumni House.

The College has partnered with the Bennington Tennis Center to manage its outdoor courts and provide an active program for students, staff and faculty. To reserve a court, contact (802) 379-6595 or visit [www.benningtontenniscenter.com](http://www.benningtontenniscenter.com).

The Office of Student Life can provide information on racquet and health clubs in the area, including information on the Bennington Recreation Center, a local facility that offers an indoor swimming pool. Staff may be eligible for a discounted rate at the Bennington Recreation Center. Please inquire at that facility for discount rates.

### Outing Club Rental Gear

Want to get outdoors but don't have the equipment? The Outing Club can help you out – rental gear is available to all Bennington College community members, students, faculty, and staff, for a very low cost. The following items are available for rent: sleeping bag, tent, backpack, ground pad, snowshoes, cross-country skis, headlamp, lanterns and more. Please note that the Outing Club is also able to supply bear bags, water purification tablets, and cooking kits for trips to the backcountry. Please ask for these items in advance. Contact the Office of Student Life for additional details including information on the College's rental policy.

### MASS MoCA Center – North Adams, MA

Bennington College employee ID cards provide free admission to the MASS MoCA gallery. Additionally, members of the College community will receive 10% discount to all of MASS MoCA's performing arts events. MASS MoCA is one of the largest center for contemporary arts in the United States. Combining both visual art and performing art, MASS MoCA offers something to see or do for people of all ages. The MASS MoCA gallery is located at 1040 MASS MoCA Way, North Adams, MA. For more information and hours of operation, please visit the Mass MoCA website at [www.massmoca.org](http://www.massmoca.org).

### Bennington Museum- Bennington, VT

Bennington College purchases an annual pass to the Bennington Museum. Employees may use this pass to gain free entrance to these local attraction. To obtain a pass visit the Circulation Desk at the Crossett Library. Passes are checked out in the same manner as checking out books and employees will need to present a College identification badge at the time of checkout.

As the largest art and heritage repository in southern Vermont, the museum houses diverse collections reflecting the history of early Vermont and historically associated areas of New York and Massachusetts. Art and artifacts range in date from the early 18th century to the present. Items include the largest public collection of paintings by the American folk artist Grandma Moses. For more information and hours of operation visit the Bennington Museum's website at <http://www.benningtonmuseum.org/>.

### **Vermont State Parks and Historic Sites Passes**

Bennington College is able to offer free admission passes to [Vermont State Parks \(www.VermontStateParks.com\)](http://www.VermontStateParks.com) and [Vermont Historic Sites \(www.VermontHistoricSites.com\)](http://www.VermontHistoricSites.com) available for check out at the front desk. The park pass admits one vehicle holding up to eight people for one day. The historic site pass admits groups of up to eight people for one day.

### **The Great Escape and Splashwater Kingdom**

The Great Escape is a Six Flags Theme Park located in Lake George, New York. This amusement park offers 135 attractions including 7 roller coasters, daily shows, and a huge water park. They are located between exits 19 & 20 of Interstate 87.

Discounted tickets for the Great Escape are generally available for sale from Human Resources beginning in the Spring. Watch the Bennington Bulletin for details. For additional information, visit the Great Escape online at <http://www.sixflags.com/parks/greatescape/index.asp>

### **Bromley Sun Mountain Adventure Park**

Watch the Bennington Bulletin for details or visit [www.bromley.com](http://www.bromley.com) for additional details. We are pleased to offer two discount ticket programs from Bromley Mountain:

**Friends and Family Program** – Through a Friends & Family partnership program, the College is able to offer discounted lift tickets to Bromley Mountain. Bromley is a family-friendly mountain offering a mix of terrain (trails and glades) to please and challenge every skill level. Both midweek tickets and weekend/holiday tickets are generally available for sale from Human Resources beginning in the early Winter.

**Bromley Sun Mountain Adventure Park** - This adventure park features a host of summer fun including an alpine slide, giant swing, the new “Sun Mountain Flyer” zip line, “The Big Splash”, 24-foot climbing wall, bumper boats, 18-hole championship mini golf, and much more. Discounted tickets for the Bromley Adventure Park are generally available for sale from Human Resources beginning in the Spring.

### **Apple® Education Discounts**

Bennington College is pleased to extend an offering by Apple® to all employees. Apple is offering special pricing and discounts to employees working in higher education. Employees may be eligible to receive substantial discounts on a variety of favorite Apple products including MacBook, Mac Desktops, software products, iPods, accessories, refurbished items and more. Visit [www.apple.com/education/facultyandstaff](http://www.apple.com/education/facultyandstaff) for a full listing of Apple products. Best of all, employees can redeem the discount at any local Apple Store, the Apple Store online by visiting [www.apple.com/education/facultyandstaff](http://www.apple.com/education/facultyandstaff) or over the phone at 1-800-692-7753. Please note that this offer by Apple® is subject to change without notice.

### **Verizon Wireless Discount**

Bennington College is pleased to extend an offering by Verizon Wireless to all employees. Employees may be eligible to receive discounts up to 18% on monthly calling or data plans, phones, and accessories. Visit <http://www.verizonwireless.com/discounts>, enter your work email, and select “Check for Discounts” to find out what discounts you may be eligible for. For additional information on products and services, contact our Verizon Wireless business specialist at 802-881-1734.