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# Niagara Falls State Park offers many free or low-cost options, MAKING FOR PERFECT STAYCATION

With prices rising in, well, just about everything, now is the perfect time ... to take a vacation.

To Niagara Falls State Park. That place you visited on a second-grade field trip is easier and more affordable to visit – and with new attractions in place, visitors can experience Niagara Falls in ways they’ve never imagined.

## Experience Niagara Falls State Park & Islands

Niagara Falls State Park is free to the public – and that includes up-close-and-personal views of the majestic waterway at Terrapin Point, Luna Island and Three Sisters Islands.

What distinguishes the U.S. side of the falls is that, “This is a whole different experience.

You’re in it; you’re around it; you’re next to it,” said Angela Berti, director of public affairs for the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Niagara Region. “If you really want to feel it, come here.”

Though Canada may have a more Instagram-worthy view, “They can see it – we can feel it,” Berti said.

Native flowers and plants are in full bloom, and “I’ve never seen in prettier,” Berti said. “I think we’ve hit our stride in how to manage the new landscaping and the infrastructure, and I think it’s never looked prettier.”

“We’ve got a really strong horticulture team in place. All of this landscaping is relatively new. ... It’s gorgeous,” she said.

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