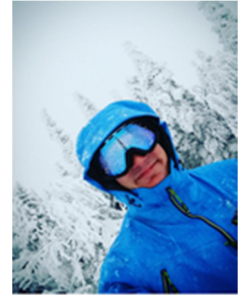


# Welcome Rob to Mount Pisgah Park



My name is Rob Barrese I am very excited to be the new Park Manager of Mount Pisgah State Park. A native of Carbondale, Pennsylvania; I am coming to you from Lackawanna State Park Complex. After spending 5 years in the United States Navy I attained both a Bachelor's Degree in Recreation Management and a Master's Degree in Education from Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania. I spent the last sixteen years working in higher education as an educator, coach and administrator. Some career highlights include coaching with Penn State Football, and Michigan State University. I've won several championships including 5 Big Ten Championships. My journey to State Parks began a year and a half ago and it has been a great deal of fun! I enjoy working with people and spending time outdoors to improve our natural spaces.

As a native of Northeast Pennsylvania I grew up hunting, fishing and skiing. These activities only strengthened into adulthood with the addition of mountain biking, XC skiing, snowboarding, camping and sailing. This winter I am looking forward to all the snow as I beginning my twelfth season as a PSIA certified Ski Instructor. You'll likely find me exploring both the county and state park boundaries with my two Golden Retrievers or on the slopes as I chase the powder addiction. I am very excited to be joining you all as we continue to build upon this very special park!