



Infrastructure &
Recreation Management

Chapter 3

Infrastructure



Chapter 3 – What's New

- Added maps for each management unit
 - Catamount Pond Recreation Area
 - Depot Area
 - Podunk Road Area
 - Bear Hill Pond Camp
 - Spruce Pond Camp
 - Beaver Pond Area



Chapter 3 - Recommendations

General

- Update agreements with agencies for use of facilities located at the Park (NHFG, DOS, DOT)
- Replace and add pit toilets and kiosks park wide
- Develop a Park Operations Plan with housekeeping and annual maintenance standards
- Redesign Podunk Road gateway
- Catamount Pond
 - Renovate the bathhouse/pavilion
 - Designate winter parking area
 - New tollbooth at beach

Chapter 3 - Recommendations

- Beaver Pond Campground
 - Renovate and add showers to BBR19
 - Add tent platforms to sites
 - Add water/electricity to selected sites
 - Reorganize sites, add new & establish campsite rest program
- Bear Hill Pond Facility
 - Renovate bathhouse
 - Rehabilitate Maples Unit
 - Reuse plan for site



Questions?



Chapter 11

Recreation Management



Recreation Management

- Park Uses
 - Trails
 - Camping
 - Swimming
 - Fishing/Hunting
 - Boating
 - Special Use Permits
 - Access for Persons with Disabilities



Park Operations

- Staffing
 - 17 FTE staff, one year round employee
- Fee Collection/Income and Expenses
 - Income averages approximately \$350,000/year
 - 2/3 of income is from camping
 - Expenses are variable
 - Salaries and benefits average approximately \$170,000/year
 - The park contributes to the State Park Fund

Park Operations

- Buildings and Grounds
- Waterfront Management
- Visitor Services
- Volunteers
- Museums and Collections
- Education and Interpretation
- Northwood Meadows State Park



Park Operations: Recommendations

- Visitor Services
 - Improve wayfinding in the park.
 - New fee collection facilities at Catamount Pond beach and Podunk Road.
 - Continue to provide interpretive programs in the park.
 - Partner with other organizations to staff the snowmobile and CCC museums.
 - Develop interpretive signage at select locations.



Questions?



Camping Management

- Three areas
 - Beaver Pond Campground (101 sites)
 - Bear Hill Pond Cabins (8 cabins)
 - Catamount Pond Campground (8 sites)
- Total occupancy 2019 = 46%
 - Spring = 41%
 - Summer = 57%
 - Fall = 29%



Camping: Recommendations

- Beaver Pond Campground
 - Campsite improvements including adding water/elec, revegetation, tent platforms and campsite rest program
- Bear Hill Pond Area
 - Dedicate staff to the facilities.
 - Continue rehabilitation of facilities
- Catamount Pond Campground
 - Continue campsite construction



Questions?



Enterprise Operations

- Retail is 12% of the income of the park
- Opportunity to increase sales/rentals
- Include retail operations in new facilities

Day-Use Operations

- Day Use – 16% of income
 - Trails
 - Swimming/Picnic
- Pavilion Rentals - 10% of income



Questions?

INCOME	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Camping	\$214,958	\$191,103	\$169,202	\$188,948	\$158,246	\$143,535
Day-Use	\$58,718	\$68,417	\$70,082	\$66,467	\$59,548	\$54,587
Other	\$39,309	\$26,453	\$22,850	\$40,088	\$29,859	\$22,527
Net Retail	\$45,766	\$70,918	\$40,750	\$54,549	\$47,057	\$40,348
TOTAL	\$358,750	\$356,891	\$302,885	\$356,022	\$294,709	\$260,997
EXPENSES						
Compensation	(\$182,057)	(\$158,322)	(\$164,370)	(\$169,499)	(\$158,734)	(\$151,093)
Operations	(\$189,123)	(\$74,561)	(\$70,759)	(\$103,214)	(\$50,780)	(\$60,839)
TOTAL	(\$371,180)	(\$232,883)	(\$235,129)	(\$272,713)	(\$209,514)	(\$211,932)
NET INCOME						
TOTAL	(\$12,430)	\$124,008	\$67,756	\$83,309	\$85,195	\$49,065



Trail Operations

- 40+ miles of trails in the park
 - Balance trail use with resource management goals
 - Continue to manage as a multi-use trail system, recommend uses for trails
- Official list of trails set in the plan
 - Unofficial trails will be closed out
- Renamed or named existing trails
 - Cub, Deer, Porcupine and Wild Cat
 - One new trail, Horse Camp Trail



Trail Operations: Recommendations

- Visitor Services
 - Seasonal trail maps
 - Sub-maps to provide greater detail
 - Uniform trail marking
 - Small dispersed parking areas for pedestrian use
 - Winter pedestrian parking area at Catamount Pond
 - Additional kiosks with section maps



Trail Operations: Recommendations

- Trail Management
 - Seasonal trails maintenance crew
 - Trails Advisory group to coordinate work and reduce user conflict
 - Secure landowner permission for trails that leave the property
 - Close out all un-official trails and bypasses between trails

NH Fish and Game Programs

- Hunting, Fishing and Trapping
- Game Refuge
- Archery Range and Course
- Archery Pond



Recommendations

- Update MOA with NHFG for management of Archery Pond and Archery Course and other programmatic areas
- Promote wildlife viewing at selected sites
- Identify trails to be relocated from sensitive areas
- Provide training to park staff and educational information for park visitors about species of concern in the park

Questions?

Public Comment

