

The Changing Uses of the Catoctin Mountain Forests

1. How did the original settlers make a living?
2. What factors caused the collapse of the economy of the region?
3. What do you think the National Park Service meant when it referred to the "debilitating effects" caused by "man's loss of contact with nature"?
4. What were the criteria for selection of RDA vacation sites? Why did they have to be close to cities? How might modern transportation methods have affected the criteria?
5. How did the 18th- and 19th- century industries on Catoctin Mountain contribute to the site's eligibility for the Recreational Demonstration Area program?
6. What were the WPA and CCC? How did workers in those programs contribute to meeting the goals of the RDAs?