

LAND USE

Internal

There are approximately 26 miles of park boundary. The park boundary is irregularly and inaccurately determined in some sections causing frequent encroachments. Resurveys beginning in 1987 identified a number of deficiencies. There are approximately six miles of boundary that are currently undefined or in dispute.

Catoctin Mountain Park has three management zones: natural, cultural and developed. About 97% of the park is forested (natural zone) and 3% of the park is set aside in six major developed areas that contains camps, picnic areas, visitor centers and park support facilities. The cultural zone comprises approximately 1% of the park and contains the park's two historic districts and the Bessie Darling area. We have reduced the impact of development by clustering facilities and infrastructure, removing buildings no longer in use, replacing impervious surfaces such as roofs, roads, and parking areas with pervious surfacing and stormwater detention structures.

There are no private in-holdings within the park boundary.

General Management Plan

Catoctin Mountain Park staff will be providing input for the park's General Management Plan (GMP), which is scheduled to start in 1-2 years. The GMP effort will be facilitated by NPS employees from the Denver Service Center (DSC) and the National Capital Region Office (NCRO). This plan will guide park development for the next 20 years.



Looking towards the future.
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