

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

SPECIAL MANDATES

Superintendent's Compendium

Some portions of Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 1-7 provide discretion to the Park Superintendent on issues such as area and facility closures, operating hours, and special resource issues. These are compiled and updated annually. Copies are available at the Park Headquarters, Visitor Center, libraries in Thurmont, Smithsburg, and Frederick and on the park website at www.nps.gov/cato under "Management".

Fees

Entrance

Beginning in 2006, Catoctin has been authorized to charge an entrance fee of \$3 per person or \$5 per car. We will begin fee collection after we have completed the construction of an entrance fee station during the next several years.

User

A calendar year list of all user fees in the park is kept on the park website at: www.nps.gov/cato under the Reservations/Fees link.

Environmental Management

An Environmental Management Plan (EMP) was developed in 2005. Through this plan, the park is committed to implementing a sound environmental management program and demonstrating environmental leadership in the preservation and conservation of the park's natural and cultural features. The overall goal of the EMP is to reduce harmful impacts to the environment from park operations and visitor activities. The plan addresses the following objectives:

- Comply with all Executive Orders, Department of the Interior and National Park Service policies relating to the environment, and all applicable federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.
- Perform thorough reviews of proposed projects by participating early in planning and operating decisions to identify environmental issues that need to be addressed and develop alternatives and mitigation measures that will avoid or minimize adverse effects on the environment.
- Purchase environmentally friendly and sustainable products. Reduce, reuse, and recycle all materials where practicable in our operations.
- Provide environmental training and educate our staff on how to comply with environmental laws and be environmentally responsible on the job.
- Promote environmental stewardship to the visitors, contractors and stakeholders we serve.
- Identify clear accountability for environmental practices and include these responsibilities in employee performance standards, position descriptions and management plans.