



Mason Neck State Park

7301 High Point Road
Lorton, Virginia

"Mason Neck State Park is an 1825 acre day use facility that protects and conserves natural resources within the park while offering natural recreation based opportunities such as picnicking, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, bicycling, nature programs and a relaxed environment for visitors.

The mission of Mason Neck State Park is to conserve the natural, scenic, and cultural resources of Virginia while providing recreational and educational opportunities consistent with good stewardship, leaving these resources unimpaired for future generations. Our primary focus is on the American Bald Eagle through habitat protection and education and general environmental programs that nurture an understanding between natural environments and our everyday lives."



Green Statement: "Virginia Division of State Parks is within a conservation agency committed to the protection and care of the Commonwealth's natural resources. Pollution prevention is an obligation in the effort to maintain resources under our care while providing recreational and educational opportunities for park visitors."

CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Attractions

Recycling. Virginia Green facilities must have highly-visible locations/containers that provide the opportunity for guests to recycle aluminum cans, plastic and glass bottles, or other disposable products purchased at the facility. Recycling of cardboard, plastic, paper, and composting of waste foods is highly encouraged as well. This facility pledges that they:

- Offer the opportunity for guests to recycle: glass bottles, plastic bottles, aluminum cans
- Also recycle: steel cans, newspaper, office paper, toner cartridges, cardboard, batteries, electronic equipment

Minimize the use of disposable food service products. The facility is required to minimize the use of disposable food service products and maximize the use of food service products that are recyclable or compostable in the food service area. When disposable food service items are used, the facility is encouraged to use products that are made from bio-based or renewable resources, and to provide for the collection / recycling/ composting of food service items disposed of on the premises. This facility pledges that they:

- Use disposable foodservice items that are recyclable (in your area!)

Reduce solid waste. The facility must be actively working to reduce its solid waste generation. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall solid waste costs

Dining room (or during meetings/events)

- Use cloth napkins

Restrooms

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Use high-efficiency hand-dryers

Office

- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible

Buildings and grounds

- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents (required by law)
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping

Use water efficiently. The facility must have a plan in place and have taken steps toward reducing its water use. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater costs

Activities indoors

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Use water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- Have installed:
 - Low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)
 - Automatic faucets or toilets in public restrooms

Activities outdoors

- Have landscaping that utilizes native species
- Have installed pervious pavement to reduce storm water runoff

Conserve energy. The facility must have a plan in place and have taken steps toward reducing its energy use. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills

Heating and cooling

- Have installed ceiling fans
- Have installed ENERGY STAR-rated windows and doors
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed if HVAC system is on

Lighting

- Use natural lighting
- Use lighting sensors to turn on/off lights
- Use occupancy sensors to turn on/off lights
- Have installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and canned lighting

Appliances and electronic devices

- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other devices in unoccupied rooms at the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used

Transportation-related energy use

- Use alternative fuel, hybrid-electric, or electric vehicles

Source of energy

- Generate electricity from photovoltaic solar panels

- Green Events Package.** The facility must offer a “green” or “environmentally-friendly” package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided. This facility pledges that they:
 - Promote the availability of “green meetings/conferences” in marketing packages
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For more information on Mason Neck State Park, see www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/mas.shtml or contact masonneck@dcr.virginia.gov or 703-339-2385.

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia’s campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia’s tourism industry. **Virginia Green Attractions** have been thoughtfully planned and designed to minimize their impacts on the environment. This attraction has met the established “core activities” for **Green Attractions** and has committed to communicate its activities to its guests.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen or www.viriniagreentravel.org.



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