



Virginia Green Campground Profile:

Hungry Mother State Park Marion

"Hungry Mother State Park offers outdoor enthusiasts a vacation to be remembered. The park has hiking and biking, campsites and cabins, beautiful mountain vistas, and a 108-acre lake."

Green Statement: "We are a conservation agency. We understand the benefits of conserving our environment for future generations."

"We work to enhance wildlife habitat. We also encourage park visitors to use the recycling bins. We offer educational programs to the schools about the importance of recycling and reducing our environmental impact."

CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Campgrounds

Recycling. Virginia Green facilities must have highly-visible locations/containers that provide the opportunity for guests to recycle. This facility pledges that they:

- Offer the opportunity for guests to recycle: plastic bottles, aluminum cans
- The campground also recycles: office paper, toner cartridges, cardboard, fluorescent lamps, batteries
- We have clearly marked recycling bins in the restaurant and conference center, and throughout the rest of the park

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

Registration / Office

- Online reservations of campsites.
- Fully electronic correspondence and forms when possible
- Printed materials are on recycled content paper
- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content

Shower Houses / Restrooms

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper

Snack Bar / Camp Store (if applicable)

- Provide/sell only reclaimed firewood recovered from the park to prevent spread of disease, etc.
- Sell environmentally-friendly products
- Filter fryer grease to prolong its life
- Recycle fryer grease for biodiesel
- Have an effective food inventory control system to minimize waste
- Use disposable foodservice items that are made with recycled content

Buildings and grounds

- Re-use paint thinners
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents (required by law)
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use integrated pest management (IPM)
- 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

Shower Houses / Restrooms

- Have installed low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)
- Have installed low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)
- Have installed on-demand or tankless hot water heaters
- Provide earth friendly soaps in restrooms
- Have a gray water system in place

Snack Bar / Camp Store (if applicable)

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have an effective landscape management plan that utilizes native species and minimizes lawn areas
- Have installed rain barrels
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers

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

- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have installed a high efficiency HVAC system

Hot Water

- Installed on-demand or tankless hot water heaters

Lighting

- Optimized use of natural lighting
- Use lighting sensors to turn on/off lights
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T-5 and T-8)
- Have installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and canned lighting

Appliances and electronic devices

- Use ENERGY STAR qualified office equipment (computers, monitors, copiers, printers, etc.)
- 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

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 Hungry Mother State Park, see http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/hun.shtml or contact Scott Bowen at scott.bowen@dcr.virginia.gov or 276-781-7400.

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.viriniagreentravel.org or <http://staging.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx>.



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