



## Virginia Green Campground Profile:

# New River Trail State Park Foster Falls

"New River Trail State Park provides a variety of recreational opportunities including camping, fishing, kayaking, biking, hiking, horseback riding on over 57 miles of converted railway to trail."

**Green Statement:** "One of our agency's missions is to conserve the Commonwealth of Virginia's natural resources."

### 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, batteries

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

#### 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
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content

#### Shower Houses / Restrooms

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Use high-efficiency hand-dryers
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper

#### Campsites

- Trash-hooks provided to reduce animal disturbances and prevent littering

#### Snack Bar / Camp Store (if applicable)

- Provide/sell only reclaimed firewood recovered from the park to prevent spread of disease, etc.

#### Buildings and grounds

- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping
- Recycle metals/aluminum from park operations

- 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

#### Campsites

- Trash-hooks provided to reduce animal disturbances and prevent littering

#### Snack Bar / Camp Store (if applicable)

- Use water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- Have an effective landscape management plan that utilizes native species and minimizes lawn areas
- Have a stormwater management plan that includes minimization of impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc.)
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers
- Use of pit toilets for trail and campground users

**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
- Have established a numeric goal to reduce energy usage over time

#### Heating and cooling

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

#### Lighting

- Optimized use of natural lighting
- Use occupancy sensors to turn on/off lights
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas

#### Appliances and electronic devices

- Use ENERGY STAR qualified appliances (commercial kitchens, heating and cooling, consumer electronics)
- 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:

- We do not host conference or events

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For more information on New River Trail State Park, see [www.virginiastateparks.gov](http://www.virginiastateparks.gov) or contact Sam W. Sweeney at [sam.sweeney@dcr.virginia.gov](mailto:sam.sweeney@dcr.virginia.gov) or 276-699-1520.

**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](http://www.viriniagreentravel.org) or <http://staging.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx>.



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