



# Virginia Green Hotels & Lodging Facilities



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## Bear's Lair Cabin on the New River Austinville, VA



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**Virginia Green** is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations, and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

## Bear's Lair Cabin on the New River

The Bear's Lair Cabin is a rental cabin on the banks of the New River in Austinville. The log cabin is brand new construction, well-insulated and very energy efficient in both winter and summer.

The owners are committed to maintaining a natural, healthy environment at the cabin for both their human visitors and their wildlife residents. The New River is a national treasure that the owners cherish and enjoy sharing with their guests.

### Virginia Green Activities

#### This facility pledges that they:

##### Offer optional linen service

- Have signage in each guest room explaining the linen reuse procedures
- Train housekeeping staff on our process for optional linen service
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals

##### Recycle

- Glass Bottles
- Plastic Bottles
- Aluminum cans

## Reduce solid waste

- Use bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps/shampoos in guest rooms
- Use refillable shampoo bottles rather than single-use bottles
- Compost food waste and other compostables
- Do not use any disposable containers, dishware, cutlery, or cups
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible
- Use latex, low or no-VOC paints
- Re-use paint thinners
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles

## Use water efficiently

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- 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 minimized our lawn area
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers

## Conserve energy

- Track overall energy bills
- Have installed ceiling fans
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have installed a high efficiency HVAC system
- Use natural lighting (i.e., open draperies and raise shades whenever adequate light from windows is available)
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and canned lighting



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For more information on **Bear's Lair Cabin on the New River**, see [www.homeaway.com/vacation-rental/p229429](http://www.homeaway.com/vacation-rental/p229429) or contact Lynne Webb at [lppwebbb@gmail.com](mailto:lppwebbb@gmail.com) or 540-556-1903.

For more information on the Virginia Green program,  
see [www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx](http://www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx).



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