



Douthat State Park Millboro, Virginia

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.

Douthat State Park

"The park, which straddles Bath and Allegheny counties, is on the National Register of Historic Places and is one of the original six Virginia State Parks that opened June 15, 1936. Nestled in the Allegheny Mountains and featuring some of Virginia's most outstanding scenery, the park offers camping, cabins, picnicking, mulituse trails, and a 50-acre lake with swimming, boating and seasonal trout fishing."



Green Statement: "Many of these standards have been in place as part of routine operations. As a conservation organization, protecting and reducing impacts on the environment can be achieved by implementing Green standards throughout the park."

CORE ACTIVITIES for Lodging

☑ This symbol indicates a required activity for Virginia Green Lodging facilities. Participants self-certify that these activities are in place and they provide additional specifics on other activities. Visitors to **Douthat State Park** can expect the following practices:

☑ **Optional Linen Service.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day. This facility pledges that they:

- Change linens only upon request
- Train house cleaners on process for optional linen service
- Purchase water and energy efficient washers and dryers
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic, and biodegradable laundry detergents
- Use linens service providers that employ "wet" versus "dry" cleaning

☑ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:

- Recycle: glass, aluminum cans, plastic, office paper, toner & printer cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies, batteries, electronic equipment
- Compost office paper

- Track overall waste bills
- Have numeric goal to reduce overall materials that go to the landfill
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Have high efficiency hand dryers
- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
- Do not use Styrofoam
- When disposable containers are used, they are made from bio-based materials or recycled content material
- Use reusable dishware and glassware, and minimize use of disposables
- Use water pitches and filtered water to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste
- Purchase organic and sustainably grown foods
- Purchase recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper
- Encourage suppliers to minimize packaging and other waste materials
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Make 2-sided copies/ printed materials
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Use latex paints
- Re-use paint thinners
- Properly recycle/dispose of thinners and solvents
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use less toxic materials
- Use integrated pest management (IPM)
- Minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers



Water Conservation. The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Have a numeric goal to reduce water consumption over time
- Have:
 - high efficiency dishwashers
 - low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
 - low flow toilets
- Discourage water-based cleanup (sweeping first)
- Have an effective landscape management plan which utilize drought tolerant species and minimizes lawn areas
- Have an effective stormwater management plan including: minimization of impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc)
- Use rain barrels
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds

Energy Conservation. The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills
- Have a numeric goal of how much they want to reduce their energy usage over time
- Use:
 - compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
 - high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T5s and T8s)
 - ceiling fans
- Have high efficiency heating & air conditioning (HVAC) systems
- Perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Use natural lighting
- Use lighting sensors to turn on/off lights

- Purchase EnergyStar-rated computers, copiers, and appliances
- Have thermal-rated windows and insulation
- Use directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas

- 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
 - Offer literature on green activities, if pertaining to conference

For more information on **Douthat State Park**, see www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/dou.shtml or contact **Park Manager** at Douthat@dcr.virginia.gov or **540-862-8100**.

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



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