

CONCEPT PLAN #2 SUMMARY

Overview:

Concept Plan #2 proposes the least amount of recreational development, roadway alterations, parking, and landscaped areas. Proposed development includes the construction of one small pavilion and the conversion of one of the existing barns in the Russell Area to a larger pavilion for special events. This plan locates the transient pier near the park office.

Plan Element	Description
Main Road	Maintain the main road in its current location and add small cul-de-sacs at Lacey Beach and the Russell Area for "drive-in visitors" and better parking access
Trails	Establish approximately 10 miles of pedestrian, bicycle, and equestrian trails that will include some new trails, as well as existing trails and farm roads
Trails – Cultural Heritage Loop	Create a ¾-mile ADA accessible trail around the Russell Area with signage for interpretation of historic and cultural resources and archaeological sites
Trails – Nature Trail Loop	Create a 1-mile nature trail loop with signage for education and interpretation about natural resources
Restrooms	Install composting toilets at the Russell Area and Lacey Beach
Kayak Launches	Construct 2 "soft" kayak launches: East Launch at Russell Area, West Launch on St. Clement's Bay across main road
Paddle-in Campsites	Designate 3 "primitive" paddle in camp-sites requiring reservations and limited to 6 people per site: one west of Clem Point, one south of Payne Point, and one on the St. Clement's Bay side, north of Long Point
Transient Pier	Construct a transient pier located at the Russell Area with no public overnight docking that would provide temporary day-time docking for 8 recreational boaters, a permanent docking location for a Natural Resources Police vessel, and an access point for visitors traveling by boat to and from St. Clement's Island State Park during special events.
Beach Access	Designate 3 beach areas: one east of Lacey House, one west of Lacey House and one south of Clem Point
Fishing Areas	Designate 2 fishing areas along the Potomac shoreline; fishing permitted at other locations
Park Buildings	Renovate existing barn/equipment shed to function as a park office, nature center, and special events barn
Ranger House	Make modest repairs to the Russell House to be used as an operational house by park staff
Parking	Develop 85 parking spaces in 6 small gravel lots with the main lot at the Russell Area
Equestrian Parking	Develop an equestrian parking area (gravel) with 10 pull-through horse trailer spaces at southern end of Russell Area (water readily available)
Pavilions/Shelters	Construct 1 small pavilion (1,100 SF for 75 people) at the Lacey Beach
Overlooks/Observation Areas	Identify 2 overlooks as trail destinations that will include benches and interpretive signage: 1 on the northern shore of Fresh Pond, and 1 at Long Point
Kayak Rental/Storage	Create a kayak rental/concessionaire opportunity at waterfront barn in Russell Area
Picnic Area	Develop 5 picnic areas with each including a stabilized natural or improved surface, 5 picnic tables, grills, and landscaping for shade and privacy
Youth Camping Area	Create 1 youth camping area, for use by reservation only, on the southern side of Fresh Pond and utilizing an existing grassed parking area with parking for 5 vehicles
Restoration Activities	Plant pollinator/ wildflower meadow adjacent to main road near Church, plant stream buffers to a width of 100 feet; and plant approximately 30 acres of trees to expand existing forest and FIDS habitat at southern end of the park