

CONCEPT PLAN #3 SUMMARY

Overview:

Concept Plan #3 proposes a moderate amount of recreational development and includes a more formal road and parking lot lay-out, a new park road to Payne Point where a transient pier is proposed, and more manicured landscaped areas. This plan includes the construction of one small pavilion near the Lacey Beach and one larger pavilion for special events in the Russell Area. This plan also includes a shared equestrian and kayak parking lot on the western side of the park.

Plan Element	Description
Main Road	Maintain the main road in its current location, add access circles at Lacey Beach and the Russell Area for “drive-in visitors,” and develop a road to the transient pier and field near Payne Point to improve vehicle access to recreational amenities
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 near Payne Point, one near Kaywood Point, and one on the St. Clement’s Bay side near the “Old Barns Field”
Transient Pier	Construct a transient pier located south of Payne Point 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 3 fishing areas along the Potomac shoreline; fishing permitted at other locations
Park Buildings	Renovate existing barn/equipment shed to function as a park office and nature center
Ranger House	Make modest repairs to the Russell House to be used as an operational house by park staff
Parking	Develop 110 parking spaces in 10 small gravel lots with the main lot at the Russell Area
Equestrian Parking	Develop a shared equestrian and car-top boat parking area (gravel) with 15 pull-through spaces for horse trailers and vehicles using the kayak launch
Pavilions/Shelters	Construct 1 small pavilion (1,100 SF for 75 people) at the Lacey Beach and 1 larger pavilion (1,500 SF for 120) at the Russell Area near the waterfront
Overlooks/Observation Areas	Identify 2 overlooks as trail destinations that will include benches and interpretive signage: 1 at Clem Point and 1 at Long Point
Kayak Rental/Storage	Create a kayak rental/concessionaire opportunity at waterfront barn in Russell Area
Picnic Area	Develop 11 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 northwestern side of Fresh Pond and including a gravel, limited use parking lot with 10 spaces located in the adjacent field
Restoration Activities	Plant stream buffers to a width of 100 feet; and provide approximately 3 acres of landscaped lawn area at the Lacey Beach and 3 acres of landscaped lawn at the Russell Area