Infrastructure & Recreation Management
Chapter 3
Infrastructure
Chapter 3 – What’s New

- Added maps for each management unit
  - Catamount Pond Recreation Area
  - Depot Area
  - Podunk Road Area
  - Bear Hill Pond Camp
  - Spruce Pond Camp
  - Beaver Pond Area
Chapter 3 - Recommendations

General

- Update agreements with agencies for use of facilities located at the Park (NHFG, DOS, DOT)
- Replace and add pit toilets and kiosks park wide
- Develop a Park Operations Plan with housekeeping and annual maintenance standards
- Redesign Podunk Road gateway

Catamount Pond

- Renovate the bathhouse/pavilion
- Designate winter parking area
- New tollbooth at beach
Chapter 3 - Recommendations

• Beaver Pond Campground
  • Renovate and add showers to BBR19
  • Add tent platforms to sites
  • Add water/electricity to selected sites
  • Reorganize sites, add new & establish campsite rest program

• Bear Hill Pond Facility
  • Renovate bathhouse
  • Rehabilitate Maples Unit
  • Reuse plan for site
Questions?
Chapter 11
Recreation Management
Recreation Management

- Park Uses
  - Trails
  - Camping
  - Swimming
  - Fishing/Hunting
  - Boating
  - Special Use Permits
  - Access for Persons with Disabilities
Park Operations

- **Staffing**
  - 17 FTE staff, one year round employee

- **Fee Collection/Income and Expenses**
  - Income averages approximately $350,000/year
    - 2/3 of income is from camping
  - Expenses are variable
    - Salaries and benefits average approximately $170,000/year
    - The park contributes to the State Park Fund
Park Operations

- Buildings and Grounds
- Waterfront Management
- Visitor Services
- Volunteers
- Museums and Collections
- Education and Interpretation
- Northwood Meadows State Park
Park Operations: Recommendations

- Visitor Services
  - Improve wayfinding in the park.
  - New fee collection facilities at Catamount Pond beach and Podunk Road.
  - Continue to provide interpretive programs in the park.
  - Partner with other organizations to staff the snowmobile and CCC museums.
  - Develop interpretive signage at select locations.
Questions?
Camping Management

- Three areas
  - Beaver Pond Campground (101 sites)
  - Bear Hill Pond Cabins (8 cabins)
  - Catamount Pond Campground (8 sites)
- Total occupancy 2019 = 46%
  - Spring = 41%
  - Summer = 57%
  - Fall = 29%
Camping: Recommendations

• Beaver Pond Campground
  • Campsite improvements including adding water/elec, revegetation, tent platforms and campsite rest program

• Bear Hill Pond Area
  • Dedicate staff to the facilities.
  • Continue rehabilitation of facilities

• Catamount Pond Campground
  • Continue campsite construction
Questions?
Enterprise Operations

- Retail is 12% of the income of the park
- Opportunity to increase sales/rentals
- Include retail operations in new facilities
Day-Use Operations

- Day Use – 16% of income
  - Trails
  - Swimming/Picnic
- Pavilion Rentals - 10% of income
### Income

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Trail Operations

- 40+ miles of trails in the park
  - Balance trail use with resource management goals
  - Continue to manage as a multi-use trail system, recommend uses for trails
- Official list of trails set in the plan
  - Unofficial trails will be closed out
- Renamed or named existing trails
  - Cub, Deer, Porcupine and Wild Cat
  - One new trail, Horse Camp Trail
Trail Operations: Recommendations

- **Visitor Services**
  - Seasonal trail maps
  - Sub-maps to provide greater detail
  - Uniform trail marking
  - Small dispersed parking areas for pedestrian use
  - Winter pedestrian parking area at Catamount Pond
  - Additional kiosks with section maps
Trail Operations: Recommendations

• Trail Management
  • Seasonal trails maintenance crew
  • Trails Advisory group to coordinate work and reduce user conflict
  • Secure landowner permission for trails that leave the property
  • Close out all un-official trails and bypasses between trails
NH Fish and Game Programs

• Hunting, Fishing and Trapping
• Game Refuge
• Archery Range and Course
• Archery Pond
Recommendations

• Update MOA with NHFG for management of Archery Pond and Archery Course and other programmatic areas
• Promote wildlife viewing at selected sites
• Identify trails to be relocated from sensitive areas
• Provide training to park staff and educational information for park visitors about species of concern in the park

Questions?
Public Comment