

Creek Lake, Fort Frederick, Fort Tonoloway, Gambrill, Gathland, Washington Monument, New Germany, Big Run, Herrington Manor, Swallow Falls, Greenbrier and Rocky Gap. Those in Southern Maryland include Cedarville, Sandy Point, Smallwood, Patapsco and Point Lookout. Shad Landing, Wye Oak, Martinak, Milburn Landing, Assateague, Janes Island and Tuckahoe are located on the Eastern Shore. Elk Neck, Deer Creek, Gunpowder and Susquehanna are located in northern Maryland. Maryland, like other States, is faced with a steadily increasing population. This factor, combined with anticipated boosts in personal income, automobile registration and leisure time, has created a pressing demand for more recreation areas. Recognizing this, the Department has compiled a master plan for outdoor recreation to study the demands and needs for these facilities and to present an action program to provide them.

The Department's land acquisition program continues to expand. Last year, more than 5,000 acres were purchased for State park purposes. In addition, some 105 tracts are now in various stages of acquisition.

The Planning Division was created in 1964 to plan and design forests and parks facilities. Planning personnel also collect and amass data to determine future needs, perform all phases of planning from reconnaissance of the area to inventories of its resources, compile master development and site plans for proposed new parks, do the necessary field work, prepare maps for land acquisition and supply the working drawings submitted to contractors for bidding.

To study and appraise the recreation needs of the State, the Department has established a recreational service which cooperates in the promotion and organization of local recreation systems for political subdivisions, and assists the State and Federal agencies and other groups in the promotion of recreation programs. These functions are performed by the Recreation Division without charge and its services are available upon request.

If revenues and fees collected by the Department are subtracted from the operating cost, the State Park system of Maryland serves the visitor for less than eighteen cents per person.

STATE FORESTS

<i>Name</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Cedarville.....	Prince George's and Charles..	3,520
Doncaster.....	Charles	1,464
Elk Neck.....	Cecil	2,742
Green Ridge.....	Allegany	25,559
Pocomoke.....	Worcester	12,250
Potomac.....	Garrett	12,052
Savage River.....	Garrett	52,770
Seth Demonstration.....	Talbot	125
Swallow Falls.....	Garrett	9,248
Wicomico.....	Wicomico	1,110
Nursery.....	Anne Arundel	132
	Total.....	120,972