

areas. These projects are self-supporting in that landowners and coal operators pay the cost of such work, carried on under local forestry personnel supervision.

The State Forest Management Program is developed on the multiple use principle, State Forests being used in many ways, for timber production, watershed protection, wildlife habitat and natural beauty. Protection and conservation of the natural environment is the prime basis in carrying out these projects.

Since proper management of forest resources represents a long term investment, State Forests serve as guides to local woodland owners in the management of their lands. They provide timber products for local industry, public hunting and fishing areas, open spaces for hikers and campers and a place just to enjoy and appreciate the natural environment (Natural Resources Article, 5-101 to 8-1318).

Appropriations	1973	1974
General Funds .....	\$1,583,560	\$1,632,398
Special Funds .....	515,018	499,874
Federal Funds .....	377,012	521,400
Totals .....	\$1,583,560	\$2,653,672

Staff: 1973, 158; Staff: 1974, 164.

### PARK SERVICE

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Maryland's State Park system comprises forty-seven scenic, historic, and natural environment areas located in all regions of the State. Acreage presently owned by the State in park areas totals 56,000.

Thirty-three State Parks are operational, most of them serving a wide variety of interests from such day-use activities as picnicking, hiking, swimming, fishing, nature study and sightseeing, to camping and cabin occupancy, permitting more extended enjoyment of these unique areas.

During the 1973 fiscal year approximately nine million people visited State Parks. Extensive construction activities are under way at many of these areas where new facilities are being installed to improve recreational opportunities.

Interpretive programs are underway at 21 parks. The programs serve a total of 158,000 people each year.

The following State Parks are presently operational: Assateague, Big Run, Calvert Cliffs, Casselman, Cedarville, Cunningham Falls, Dan's Mountain, Deep Creek, Rocks, Elk Neck, Fort Frederick, Fort Tonoloway, Gambrill, Gathland, Greenbrier, Gunpowder, Herrington Manor, Janes Island, Martinak, Milburn Landing, New Germany, Patapsco, Point Lookout, St. Clements, Sandy Point, Seneca, Shad Landing, Smallwood, Susquehanna, Swallow Falis, Washington Monument, Wills Mountain, and Wye Oak.

Appropriations	1973	1974
General Funds .....	\$2,617,875	\$3,024,110
Special Funds .....	885,130	1,072,392
Totals .....	\$3,503,005	\$4,096,502

Staff: 1973, 180; Staff: 1974, 199.