

Appropriations	1973	1974
General Funds	\$865,214	\$781,519
Staff: 1973, 63; Staff: 1974, 58.		

Boys' Forestry Camp—Green Ridge

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Green Ridge Forestry Camp for Boys was established in May 1955, as a specialized institution to be operated by the State Department of Public Welfare (now the Social Services Administration) in cooperation with the State Department of Forests and Parks. During the fiscal year 1964, the facilities were expanded to accommodate 35 boys. In 1969 a work-study program was initiated to provide one-half day school and one-half day work experience.

Boys' Forestry Camp—Lonaconing

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The success of the first Boys' Forestry Camp at Green Ridge prompted the 1956 General Assembly to appropriate capital funds for two additional camps and operating funds for Camp II (Chapter 98, Acts of 1956). The first of these two camps is located in Garrett County just four miles from Lonaconing. It opened in December, 1957, with facilities for 25 boys. During the fiscal year 1964, the facilities were expanded to accommodate 30 boys, and in 1968 and 1970, capital funds were appropriated to increase the capacity to 35 boys.

Boys' Forestry Camp—Backbone Mountain

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The 1963 General Assembly appropriated funds to establish a temporary forestry camp at Victor Cullen State Hospital (now Victor Cullen School). This was an immediate way to help relieve the overcrowding of the juvenile institutions since no construction was necessary. It opened on April 1, 1964, with facilities for 50 boys. During the months of the fiscal year 1966 that this camp operated, the average daily population was 42.8 boys (Chapter 845, Acts of 1963).

The 1964 General Assembly appropriated funds to establish a permanent camp at Backbone Mountain in Garrett County with facilities for 35 boys (Chapter 159, Acts of 1964). This camp opened on May 23, 1966, at which time the staff and boys were transferred from the temporary camp at Victor Cullen to the permanent camp at Backbone Mountain, approximately eight miles from Westernport on Route 135.

Boys' Forestry Camp—Maple Run

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The 1965 General Assembly appropriated funds to establish a permanent camp at Maple Run in the Green Ridge State Forest, situated in Allegany County approximately eight miles south of Route 40. The camp was completed and occupied on April 7, 1967, with facilities for 35 boys (Chapter 743, Acts of 1965).