

Article – Natural Resources

5-1201.

(a) In this subtitle, the following words have the meanings indicated.

(c) "State wildlands" means "wildlands" owned by the State and includes the following three types:

Type 1. A primitive area which by its size or location is in effect untouched by urban civilization, and can offer the experience of solitude and self-reliance. Since lands at the higher elevations are important for protection of watersheds, are ecologically vulnerable if unwisely altered by human interference, and may be uneconomic for logging or construction, they may be suitable for this classification.

Type 2. A unit of importance for all the natural sciences, especially ecology, and with outstanding value for education, research, and appreciation of natural processes. Preservation in the desired natural condition is the prevailing purpose of these holdings. Visitation shall be regulated to ensure this preservation on a permanent basis.

Type 3. An area which is not of ecological or primitive stature, but which has the appearance of being in an untouched natural state or is capable of attaining that appearance if held and managed for this purpose.

5-1203.

(a) In order to assure that an increasing population, accompanied by expanding settlement and growing mechanization, does not occupy and modify all areas within the State, leaving no lands designated for preservation and protection in their natural condition, it is the policy of the General Assembly to secure for the people of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of State wildlands. For this purpose there is established a State wildlands preservation system composed of areas in the State designated by the General Assembly as "wildland areas". The wildland areas shall be administered for the use and enjoyment of the people of Maryland in a manner that will leave them unimpaired for the future use and enjoyment as wildlands, to provide for their protection, preservation of their wildland character, and for gathering and dissemination of information regarding their use and enjoyment as wildlands. A State land may not be designated as "wildland areas" except as provided for in this section or by a subsequent act.

(M) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE PROPERTY IN CALVERT COUNTY CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 730 848 ACRES OF LAND AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS IS A TYPE 2 STATE WILDLAND AND SHALL BE NAMED THE "CALVERT CLIFFS WILDLAND":

~~BEGINNING ON THE PARK BOUNDARY OF CALVERT CLIFFS STATE PARK AT A POINT 1,700 FEET NORTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF OLD ROUTE 24 AND CAMP CONOY ROAD AND PROCEEDING IN A CLOCKWISE DIRECTION AROUND THE WILDLAND ALONG THE FOLLOWING APPROXIMATE DISTANCES AND DIRECTIONS: LEAVING THE BEGINNING~~