



## Historic State Park Cabin Renovations Span Three Virginia Counties

PMA Architecture is excited to announce the completion of the first phase of renovations to the camping cabins at Douthat State Park (located in Bath County and Alleghany County) and Fairy Stone State Park (located in Patrick County) for the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). At 4,545 acres, Douthat State Park is Virginia's second largest state park. Fairy Stone State Park was established in 1936 and is the largest of Virginia's six original state parks. PMA partnered with Stemann | Pease Architecture and a team of supporting engineers to renovate over 50 historic Civilian Conservation Corps-era log and concrete masonry cabins across the two parks.

The cabins being renovated are associated with development of the Virginia State and National Parks during the Works Progress Administration

era of the 1930s. The project completely renovated the cabin exteriors and interiors and improved the functional arrangements of the kitchens and baths. In a recent message to Fairy Stone State Park guests, Virginia State Parks Visitor Services Director Nancy Helman announced, "We are excited that the first phase of cabin renovations has been completed. The results are beautiful! We have worked hard to keep the character of the original facilities but make sure they will last at least another 85 years."



Renovations also include the historic log cabins at each park which were built in 1936-37, where great care in design and construction was taken to appropriately strip away much of the later 20th century floor and wall coverings and design new kitchens and baths that revealed the log walls. The renovations provide 21st century campers with modern accommodations while carefully integrating new baths and kitchens appropriately into the historical context. At each park, two cabins have been designed to be under the Americans with Disabilities Act.



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With work wrapping up on the first phase of construction at [Douthat State Park and Fairy Stone State Park](#), PMA Architecture is now embarking on a similar project with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation to upgrade the guest lodging offered at First Landing State Park and Westmoreland State Park. PMA's design and marketing team recently traveled to Douthat State Park and Fairy Stone State Parks to stage and photograph how a newly renovated historic log cabin could look for campers visiting those parks

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