

FIRST PUBLIC MEETING ON THE MASTER PLAN FOR  
GRAYSON HIGHLANDS STATE PARK

TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2003  
RUGBY RESCUE SQUAD BUILDING  
MOUTH OF WILSON, VIRGINIA  
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Harvey Thompson, State Park Manager, welcomed the public to the meeting.

Derral Jones, Park Planner, described the master planning process to attendees, and he emphasized the purpose of the meeting -- to allow the public an opportunity to respond to the draft goals, objectives and park purpose statement, and to comment on the future direction of Grayson Highlands State Park.

Bill Conkle, Park Planner, then reviewed the specific draft goals, objectives, and purpose statement for Grayson Highlands State Park. He also answered questions from the audience on what he presented.

The public was then invited to make comments. Six speakers presented comments at the meeting. Five speakers spoke against the inclusion of overnight cabins in the Master Plan. One speaker suggested additional study before cabins were eliminated from the Master Plan. Two speakers highly supported the addition of a stage at the picnic area to support local festivals and other park events. The public expressed an appreciation for the park and complimented the park's positive relationship with the community.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.