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Green Registry
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The Maryland Green Registry promotes and recognizes sustainable practices at organizations of all types and sizes. Members agree to share at least five environmental practices and one measurable result while striving to continually improve their environmental performance.

Wisp Resort



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Tourism

Member since July 2023

Management and Leadership

Environmental Policy Statement

Wisp Resort is committed to the evaluation and protection of our natural resources. We strive to enhance our natural environment and biodiversity by educating our guests and employees about best practices for protecting those resources. Eco Values represents our commitment to having a larger presence, ensuring participation, and educating our stakeholders on Sustainability initiatives. Learn more at <https://www.wispresort.com/eco-values/>

Environmental Team

Wisp Resort's Sustainability committee meets a minimum of 8 times a year. The committee is comprised of mostly managers of each department. When managers cannot be present it is encouraged to send an employee in their stead. Committee meetings are open to all individuals interested. The mission is to discuss sustainability projects and proposals so that all Wisp employees can be the most informed while also hearing the opinions of everyone involved. It is also an opportunity to share sustainability accounting metrics. The meetings are monthly from April- November.

Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

Plant based non-flouro base wax is used in our ski rental operation. We are proud to be ahead of the curve in ensuring that harmful chemicals are not added to our snow that eventually melts back into Deep Creek Lake.

Independently Audited Environmental Management Systems

Wisp Resort Participates in the National Ski Area Association Climate Challenge and Sustainable Slopes Programs. The Climate challenge provides a framework to monitor MTCO₂e in scope 1, scope 2, and scope 3 emissions. It is specifically designed to be an EMS for the ski industry. The Sustainable Slopes Program provides a point system based on categories that affect the sustainability of ski areas. Badges are earned when you show evidence of achieving certain levels of sustainability in each category.

Waste

Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse

Wisp is planning to do a waste stream audit, which will consist of at least two days this year (one day in summer and one day in winter) where we sort through solid waste from all our guests and departments to determine the efficiency of our waste stream. This process will expose how we can better capture and sort waste into their proper waste streams. This is a new program we will be happy to share the results of upon completion.

When employee uniforms are retired, they are repurposed for use in other countries through a National Ski Area Association partner program.

Energy

Energy Efficiency

This summer, we are replacing two full sets of lights. The change will be from 1000 W metal halide bulbs to a 300 W magnetic induction light and a 346 W LED fixture. We will be reducing the kWh for lights on these two trails by nearly 60%. This will result in close to 6 MTCO₂e saved by switching to these two trails to more efficient lighting. The Face and Squirrel Cage will feature 48 new Snow-Brite 300 W Magnetic Induction lights. Possum trail will feature 24 new 346 W LED lights.

The resort has also installed new energy efficient refrigerators and snow making equipment.

Transportation

Efficient Fleet Vehicles

Updates to our operational vehicle fleet including trucks, gators/UTVs, snowmobiles and grooming equipment, have reduced fuel consumption and increased efficiency in operational activities.

Environmental Certification Programs, Awards, and Other Activities



Wisp is involved in NSAA's Sustainable Slopes Program and Climate Challenge Program. The National Ski Area Association created these certification programs to encourage participation in environmental advocacy and sustainable monitoring. The Climate Challenge program is a reporting tool to baseline and monitor emissions while the Sustainable Slopes program is meant to unite the ski industry under common sustainability goals.



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