

What are the Management Alternatives under Consideration?

The NPS is exploring four alternatives for the future management of the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail. Each alternative is based on a different concept that describes how the trail’s resources are managed and the experiences that visitors have on the Trail.

	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3	Alternative 4
	Continuation of Current Management	Exploratory Voyages of Captain John Smith	Chesapeake Region in the 17th Century	Recreation on the Historic Trail
Visitor Experience Focus	<p>Visitors experience the Trail by traveling along existing water trails and auto routes, NPS-dedicated segments of the John Smith water trail and John Smith auto tours.</p> <p>Visitors learn about the John Smith voyages through local and state park interpretive programs and media.</p>	<p>Visitors experience the Trail by personal watercraft, organized water-based tours, and auto and bus routes along NPS designated water trails and auto routes.</p> <p>Visitors learn about the history of the Captain John Smith voyages. NPS works with federal, state, and local partners to develop interpretive programs and media.</p>	<p>Visitors experience the Trail by personal watercraft, organized water-based tours, and auto and bus routes along NPS designated water trails and auto routes and connector trails.</p> <p>Visitors learn about the natural history of the region; the history of American Indian communities; the Captain John Smith voyages.</p> <p>NPS would develop visitor centers with appropriate partners.</p>	<p>Visitors experience the Trail by participating in recreation activities and volunteer environmental programs</p> <p>Visitors participate in recreation and environmental projects, with some interpretation of the Trail themes.</p>
Resource Protection Focus	<p>NPS assists local and state agencies to identify resources significant to the Trail.</p> <p>Protection is at the discretion of local and state agencies, as appropriate, for individual agency or organization’s mission.</p>	<p>Protection focuses on significant voyage landing sites defined as sites that reflect the goals of the Virginia Company (claim territory, locate North-west Passage, and locate precious metals).</p> <p>NPS works with federal, state, local partners to protect significant resources. Little potential for federal acquisition.</p>	<p>Protection focuses on natural landscapes within the Trail’s viewshed, significant archeological sites, places important to American Indians, and significant voyage landing sites.</p> <p>NPS works with federal, state, local partners to protect significant resources. Potential for some federal land acquisition.</p>	<p>Protection focuses on significant voyage landing sites that provide public access to the Trail.</p> <p>NPS works with federal, state, local partners to protect significant resources. Little potential for federal acquisition.</p>
Partnerships	<p>State parks and other partners in the Chesapeake Bay Gateway and Watertrails Network are encouraged to develop John Smith Trail media and programming, as appropriate, with the possibility of NPS technical and financial assistance.</p>	<p>State parks and other partners in the Chesapeake Bay Gateway and Watertrails Network are encouraged to develop John Smith Trail media and programming, as appropriate, with the possibility of NPS technical and financial assistance.</p> <p>Partnerships emphasize historical programs and media.</p>	<p>State parks and other partners in the Chesapeake Bay Gateway and Watertrails Network are encouraged to develop John Smith Trail media and programming, as appropriate, with the possibility of NPS technical and financial assistance.</p> <p>Partnerships emphasize expanding public access, American Indian stories, and landscape conservation.</p>	<p>State parks and other partners in the Chesapeake Bay Gateway and Watertrails Network are encouraged to develop John Smith Trail media and programming, as appropriate, with the possibility of NPS technical and financial assistance.</p> <p>Partnerships emphasize expansion of recreational opportunities and public access.</p>