

Leasing Interested Structures — Information for Prospective Lessees

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Why You're Receiving This Document

As part of the April 2025 Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Proposed Demolition of Historic Structures at New River Gorge National Park and Preserve, the National Park Service (NPS) identified four historic structures that will be preserved through leasing if the NPS receives a viable lease proposal. If no viable proposal is received for a given structure, that structure will be demolished. This document explains, in plain terms, what leasing means, which structures are available, and how to submit a proposal.

Structures Available for Lease

Structure	Location	Status Under Selected Action
Tom Kelly House	Thurmond Historic District	Will be demolished unless the NPS receives a viable lease proposal
Dun Glen Ark	Dun Glen	Will be retained; NPS will consider a viable lease proposal if one is received
Dun Glen Boat Storage Rack	Dun Glen	Will be demolished unless the NPS receives a viable lease proposal
Dun Glen Mini Ark	Dun Glen	Will be demolished unless the NPS receives a viable lease proposal

What Happens If No One Leases a Structure

Any of the four structures above for which the NPS does not receive a viable lease proposal will be demolished under the selected action. Submitting a proposal is the only way to keep a structure standing.

The Legal Basis for NPS Leasing

NPS leasing is governed by the following laws, policies, and guidance:

- NPS General Leasing Authority — 54 U.S.C. § 1021 et seq.
- Historic Leasing Authority — 54 U.S.C. § 306121
- NPS Management Policies 2006, Chapter 8, Section 8.12
- Director's Order #38: Leasing
- Policy Memorandum 07-01
- Reference Manual #38 — NPS Real Property Leasing
- Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties

Full text of these authorities is available at: nps.gov/subjects/leasing/law.htm

What a Lessee Is Responsible For

Under NPS policy, lessees — not the NPS — are generally responsible for the leased structure and grounds. This includes:

- All repairs, maintenance, replacement, upgrading, and capital improvements to the structure
- Rehabilitation work that meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties
- Maintaining the grounds in good condition, including regular mowing and landscaping upkeep
- Removing or avoiding unsightly storage or parking of materials, equipment, or vehicles on the premises
- Paying all applicable federal, state, and local taxes and assessments related to the premises or the lessee's activities there

What a Viable Proposal Should Include

- The specific structure(s) you are interested in leasing
- Your proposed use of the structure (e.g., lodging, retail, museum/interpretive space, office, storage)
- A rehabilitation plan consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards
- Evidence of financial capacity to fund rehabilitation and ongoing maintenance
- Your organizational or personal background and relevant experience, if any

Next Steps

If you are interested in leasing one or more of the structures listed above, contact the park to discuss the process and submission requirements. Park staff can also answer questions about site visits, timelines, and the information needed for a complete proposal.

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