Renewal

As the chill of winter gives way to the warmth of spring, a spectacular rebirth appears in the forests of Shenandoah. Nature, as it has for an eternity, embraces another season. In Shenandoah’s Federally Designated Wilderness Areas, where all development is strictly forbidden, this transformation is at its purest. People, though only temporary visitors in Wilderness areas, may enter to escape, to find solace...to be renewed.

It is hereby established that a National Wilderness Preservation System is to be composed of federally owned areas designated by Congress as “Wilderness Areas,” and these shall be administered for the use and enjoyment of the American people in such manner that will leave them unimpaired for future use and enjoyment...

- The Wilderness Act 1964

- Approximately 4% of U.S. land is Federally Designated Wilderness.
- Approximately 40% of Shenandoah National Park is Wilderness.