

Description—This section along the river is undeveloped and relatively inaccessible except for foot trails. Heavily wooded with wide variety of native flora. Some sections rugged in topography.

Uses—Nature trails, day and overnight camping, fishing, canoeing and hiking. A parking area off Forge Road would provide access along foot trails to the middle portion of this section.

Note—In this section and the one following, the feasibility of constructing a series of low dams or weirs for the purpose of impounding small bodies of water should be further explored. (See report of the State Game and Inland Fish Commission.) Such action will insure fishing and canoeing in times of low water during periods of drought. Such dams in earlier times provided power for the various mills along this river. An alternative to this scheme is the possibility of off-stream impoundment for the same purpose.

Gunpowder River—Between Belair and Harford Roads Including Portions of the Stream Valleys of Long Green Branch and Sweathouse Creek, Approximately 4½ Miles Along the River (Key #4)

Proposal—Acquire approximately 2,400 acres including the present 100-acre Cone Boy Scout Reservation now owned by the Baltimore Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Note—While the ownership of the Scout Reservation would change, this should not restrict this or other similar organizations from using the area in much the same manner in which it is now used.



**Little Gunpowder Off Reynolds Road
Informal Scout Camping
Key No. 11**



**Little Gunpowder—Harford County
East of Belair Road
Key No. 12**

Description—This section of the proposed park is the very heart of the lower Gunpowder development. It is the largest unbroken section proposed for the entire park. Its value is enhanced by the stream valleys of Long Green Branch and Sweathouse Creek which join the river at the present Boy Scout Reservation. It is also one of the most inspiring areas of a remote wilderness type. Except for the type of forest cover, it presents an environment comparable in many respects to the superb landscape of some of the salmon streams of northern New Brunswick and the Gaspé areas.

Uses—This area would have uses similar to those for the previous section except on a more extensive basis and would include hiking, day and overnight camping, fishing, canoeing. High ground off the Harford Road and the riverside along the north bank, west of Belair Road, for approximately three-quarters of a mile, can be used for group and family picnicking. Subject to adequate sanitary control, swimming would be possible in some of the sylvan pools on the Long Green Branch and in other stretches of quiet water along the main river. One of the major uses of the proposed park will be horseback riding. Bridle trail can be constructed in this section and the subsequent sections in the upper valley, and could be tied in with the bridle trails of the Loch Raven Reservoir Area.

Gunpowder River—Between Harford Road and Loch Raven Reservoir (Key #5)

Proposal—Acquire approximately 400 acres of land on both sides of river.

Description—In this section, Notch Cliff Road west of Harford Road follows the north bank of the river for