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# Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc.



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## President's Message

### HELP! HELP! HELP!

We need your help. On Saturday, September 15 we will be having the 30<sup>th</sup> annual N. W. Arkansas Mountain Bike Race. We need help with Registration and Officiating of the Race. Registration will be from 6:30pm till 9:00pm on Friday Sept. 14 and 7:00am till Noon on Saturday Sept. 15 in the AV Room. We will

also need some help with Officiating the Race from 9:00am till 4:00pm on Saturday Sept. 15 at Camp Ground A.

At the end of the Race (approximately 4:00pm) we will be having our Semi Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers at Cabin 17. If you cannot attend,

please send us your signed Proxy so we can have the Meeting.

Hope to see many of you at the Bike Race, Our March Work Day, Bat-o-Rama and other Friends sponsored Events.

Jack Miller,  
President  
FDDSP

## About the Friends of Devil's Den

**Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc.** helps Devil's Den State Park provide diverse recreational and educational opportunities for all visitors while protecting the natural and cultural resources of this unique Ozark valley.

The Friends raise money to cover costs beyond the state budget for equipment, improvements, and programs to make your visit at the Park more convenient and enjoyable. Friends also provide volunteer labor at programs and for

maintenance and improvement of the Park.

For more information see our website at [www.devilsden.org](http://www.devilsden.org) or find us on Facebook at Friends of Devil's Den State Park in NW Arkansas or email us at [friends@devilsden.org](mailto:friends@devilsden.org).

### To Join:

Fill out the form on page 4 and mail to the address on the form

or join online at [www.devilsden.org/join.htm](http://www.devilsden.org/join.htm).

### To Donate

If you wish to make a donation to help the Park without joining the Friends, mail it to

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or make it online at [www.devilsden.org/help.htm](http://www.devilsden.org/help.htm)

or through PayPal at [treasurer@devilsden.org](mailto:treasurer@devilsden.org).

Thank you in advance for your support.!!!!



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[www.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)). The prices are the same and your Prime membership works the same, and the Amazon Foundation donates 0.5% of your purchase price to your designated participating nonprofit. When you first login you are asked to search

for a nonprofit to designate, naturally we have a suggestion as to which to search for and choose: Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/c/h/71-0748584> to support us.

Thank you!

## The Beginning of the Beginning by Tim V. Scott

You usually think of late summer as the beginning of the end. Summer starts moving into fall. In fact, a few trees have already begun the transformation to autumn. The park is not as busy, most of the kids are back in school. Many of the campers are retired "Baby Boomers." The end does not last long. It would probably be more appropriate to call this time of year the beginning of the beginning. There is about a two-week lull, then Devil's Den is in one of its busiest seasons.

First, there are two special events in

September, the Lee Creek Clean up and the Northwest Arkansas Mountain Bike Championships. After those events, the next is Bike, Blues, and BBQ, the big motorcycle rally in Fayetteville. The park has become a camping hot-spot for the gathering.

Now it is October, one of the park's single busiest months. Not only are "Leaf Lookers" plentiful, but the weather is optimum for camping, and don't forget U of A football. Any given weekend, the park can reach carrying capacity, which means all camping and parking slots are full.

On another note, this year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> mountain bike race. Thirtieth annual or thirty years, well, we are not going to get caught up in semantics. All we know is that we have been doing this for a long time. We will need help. Volunteers are needed the evening of September 14<sup>th</sup> and all-day September 15<sup>th</sup>. You can register racers, or help the USA Cycling Official track riders. All these positions are vital to the success of the event. Please contact the park if you are interested. You can call 479-761-3325 or email Tim at [tim.scott@arkansas.gov](mailto:tim.scott@arkansas.gov).

## FDDSP General Membership Meeting Agenda - September 15, 2018



**Our meeting will be held on September 15th at 4:00 (after bike race) in Cabin 17:**

- \* Call to order
- \* Approve March 2018 minutes
- \* Approve Financial Report
- \* Membership Report
- \* Old Business
- \* New Business
  - Park Staff on 2019 Events
  - Park Staff Requests

2019 Budget

Future of FDDSP

Election of officers

- \* Next Business Meeting March 12th, 2019 in Cabin 12

- \* Adjourn

**Please try to attend or mail in your proxy (on back page of this newsletter) if you can't.**

**Thank you for your continued support!**

## Friends of Devil's Den - March 3, 2018 Minutes

Our meeting was called to order by Jack at 12:45pm in Cabin 12. Present were Jack Miller, Harry Harnish, John Crochet, and Pat & Carole Huff. We had proxies from Aimee Crochet to John, Steve & Ruth Shepherd to Jack and from Martha & Thurmond Ragar to Pat.

John moved to waive reading the minutes of the September 2017 meeting and adopt the minutes as published in the newsletter. Carole seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

John gave the financial reports: year-end and year-to-date. Harry made a motion to approve the reports and it was seconded by Pat.

The membership report was given by John. We have 25 total memberships with

17 of them being family memberships. This gives us 42 voting members and so we need 5 for a quorum. The report was approved by Pat and seconded by Harry.

A motion was made and passed without objection to table Old Business until our next meeting.

John reported that we have the website for another year. He will look for a new site for the next year and will report on it at the March 2019 meeting.

In New Business, John reported that Amazon Smile has a special offer of 3 times the usual contribution (1.5% vs. .5%) for purchases between made between March 12th and March 31st by first time Amazon Smile customers. Without objection was directed to

publicize that offer to the membership by email.

The 2018 Mountain Bike Race will be from September 14th through the 15th.

No park staff were present at the meeting prior to adjournment.

John passed out this year's award certificates.

Our next Business Meeting will be on September 15th in Cabin 17.

Harry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 and Pat seconded the motion.

Aimee Crochet, Secretary

## Calendar of Events for 2018

### September

#### **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Legacy – Think Like a Mountain Week. Aug 31<sup>st</sup> – Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>**

School may be back in session, but there is still time for family activities as you join staff and special speakers and get to know your park better. Discover how you can follow in the footsteps of past conservationists and help conserve and preserve our valuable natural resources for generations to come.

#### **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Lee Creek Clean Up...8<sup>th</sup>**

This is the day park staff, area agencies and individuals come together to clean up the beautiful creek that flows through the park. Cleaner water means a cleaner park for everyone to enjoy. Come and help!

#### **☺ 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountain Bike Race..14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>**

What's a mountain bike race without the trails at Devil's Den State Park? Come and ride in the race or just enjoy watching all the levels of riders compete.

### October

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Fest... ..13<sup>th</sup>**

Celebrate the coming of fall at Devil's Den! Design a homemade costume like the kids did when your park was being built and then join in the "walk around" trick or treating. There will be plenty of crafts and fun programs during this weekend for the whole family.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Devil's Den Haunting..27<sup>th</sup>**

Re-live a haunted Devil's Den story as you make your way through a ghostly part of the park. There is a small fee for this haunted adventure. Register at the visitor center. Light refreshments will be provided. (Not recommended for children under 10).

### November

#### **America Recycles Day.....15<sup>th</sup>**

Help keep your park beautiful! Join park staff for some fun activities about litter and discover more about what you can do to reduce your carbon footprint!

#### **Green Friday.....23<sup>rd</sup>**

Go green NOT black! Forget the crowded

malls and stores as you join park interpreters to ease into the holiday season by enjoying the great outdoors!

### December

#### **☺ Holiday Open House....22<sup>nd</sup>**

Join the staff of Devil's Den State Park to help us decorate the park's Christmas tree by making ornaments in the style of the CCC from the 1930s. Then enjoy some hot cocoa and cookies!

### January 2019

#### **First Day Hikes....1<sup>st</sup>**

Start the New Year off with a healthy lifestyle for the whole family. You can explore nature and engage in physical activity while taking family-friendly hikes through the park. We are joining forces with hikers at state parks across the nation to ring in the New Year!

☺ Denotes a Friends of Devil's Den sponsored event or activity

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I want to join Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(For Family or Business/Organization memberships to designate voter)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, ST Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Check appropriate membership:

☐ \$15 Individual ☐ \$10 Full Time Student

☐ \$25 Family ☐ \$100 Business/Organization

Additional, tax deductible contribution level (if desired):

☐ \$50 Quail Valley ☐ \$100 Butterfield Trail

☐ \$250 Yellow Rock ☐ \$500 Vista Point

☐ \$1000 Devil's Den ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc.

I would like to volunteer in the following area(s):

☐ Clerical ☐ Carpentry ☐ Trail Maintenance

☐ Landscape ☐ Friends' administration ☐ Computers

☐ History Research ☐ Maintenance ☐ Plumbing

☐ Bird House Management ☐ Wildlife Management

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/20\_\_\_\_

Please fill out if you are unable to attend our meeting. Mail to Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc., PO Box 623, West Fork, AR 72774-0623

**PROXY**

I hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_, or, in his/her absence or inability or unwillingness to serve or if left blank, a member present appointed by the presiding officer, as my proxy at the September 15, 2018 membership meeting of Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc., with the following instructions:

To abstain on all other matters.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This proxy is revocable upon written notice to the Secretary or upon my attendance at the meeting.

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

For family memberships, complete for second voting member:

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_