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## President's Message

Hail or curse Caesars Julius and Augustus, as one's situation may warrant, for hastening the arrival of Spring by stealing days from February to lengthen their respective months (though Google tells me that legend is not quite accurate). That harbinger of Spring, our annual half-a-workday, lunch, and general membership meeting with awards presentation, is rapidly approaching, in my case more rapidly than I anticipated and so we're scrambling to get things ready. Please join us Saturday March 2, 2019 at 9:00am at the flagpole for work and/or at Noonish in Cabin 6 for lunch and meeting. (Please note error in last Fall's Newsletter: somehow a "1" got put in front and it was announced as

the 12th, a Wednesday). We will be discussing the long-term future of our organization, so we'd like as many voices and minds on that as we can. And it's a fun time. Lunch is guided potluck, so if you plan to attend please get in touch with Jack Miller at [jinmiller@cox.net](mailto:jinmiller@cox.net) or (479)466-4517 to coordinate work and lunch and get a headcount.

Speaking of long-term future, we welcome fresh blood, but a familiar face, to our ranks. Myra Collins, a new Friend but a former Park staffer, has agreed to be and was duly elected our Secretary for this year. She is our first new officer in many years. Five of us have been trading offices and duties back and forth to accommodate term limits, and none of the five are spring chickens. We can't last forever and

need replacements, and Myra is a good start on that. Please consider coming out in March and September and helping us run this thing.

We all know how special a place Devil's Den State Park is. Now a national audience is finding out that it is a special place (or at least a special place to stash a body) via the HBO original series True Detective. Backstage photos are on page 2 for those viewing an e-version of this newsletter. And speaking of internet things, don't forget that if you will be doing any shopping on Amazon please log in at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to direct part of your payment for eligible items to your favorite non-profit.

President FDDSP  
John M. Crochet

## 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 to [treasurer@devilsden.org](mailto:treasurer@devilsden.org).

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

## True Detective and More by Tim V. Scott



Where is that? I recognized that place! Well, that is what Arkansas fans of the popular HBO True Detective series are saying. About a year ago the film's cast and crew were at Devil's Den and Northwest Arkansas filming. The production company rolled into the park with a fleet of about 30 semi-trailers for a two-day shoot. Most of the trucks were filled with filming equipment, but they also included make-up trailers for the actors and actresses. The most important vehicle was the food wagon, which park staff was invited to visit. The food selection was terrific; no wonder movies cost so much to make.

Not to give away the plot, but the park was the scene of a crime. The episode didn't paint the park in the best light, but we know that it is entirely fiction. There is no better place to hike, bike, picnic, or relax in this part of the state than Devil's Den. Where else can you explore the scenery that the Boston Mountains have to offer? In a 1940's park brochure, there is a quote from a visitor that follows, "A primitive vastness seizes the senses at every turn. The whole region is a challenge to the spirit of exploration."

The author of that line was genuinely fascinated by the park's landscape. The mode of trail travel has changed in the last 80 years with the newest trail users being mountain bikes. New for bikes is a relative term; they have used the trails for the previous 35 years. In fact for you bike enthusiast, the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Ozark

Mountain Bike Festival is April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. A weekend of fun-filled



family friendly bike activities from guided rides, to a poker run, and an evening social.

Back to True Detective, watch the show, it is fun trying to figure out which restaurant they are at or which trail they are on. By the way, we know who "Done It."



## FDDSP General Membership Meeting Agenda - March 2, 2019

**Our meeting will be held on March 2nd around noon in Cabin 6:**

- \* Call to order
- \* Approve September 2018 minutes
- \* Approve Financial Report
- \* Membership Report
- \* Requests from park staff
- \* Old Business
  - Website (change web hosting)
  - Future of our organization
  - File storage
- \* New Business
  - Awards Presentation

- \* Next Business Meeting September 14th, 2019 in Cabin 6
- \* Adjourn

**This meeting follows our workday which begins at 9:00am. Meet at the flagpole in front of the office.**

**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 Annual Meeting - September 15, 2018 Minutes

Our meeting was held at 5PM in Cabin 17. Present were Jack Miller, John Crochet, Aimee Crochet, Harry Harnish, and Myra Collins. We had proxies from Fay & Bill Driggers, Thurman & Martha Ragar, and Stephen & Ruth Shepherd.

The meeting was called to order. John made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and adopt them as published in the newsletter. Harry seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Aimee made a motion to approve the financial report. Harry seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The membership report showed that our quorum is five.

There was no old business.

The 2019 budget was discussed. We had a meeting yesterday (the 14th) with park staff members Terry Anderson and Mystina Swain. They told us what they needed. Jack will supply the goodies for Halloween and Christmas. \$5.00 was added to the website cost to cover a renewal increase. Harry moved that the budget be accepted. Aimee seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

The park had made a request separate from the budget for an iPhone or iPad to run a program for a bat-listening device they wanted to use. An iPad was listed from \$350 to \$369 on Amazon.com. Jack will see if he can get one or if not, a phone board meeting will be held to approve the expenditure.

The next item on the agenda, the future of The Friends of Devil's Den State Park, was discussed. No decisions were made and the discussion will continue at our March meeting.

Harry made a motion that the nominations for next year's officers be approved. They are John Crochet as president, Jack Miller as vice president, Aimee Crochet as treasurer, and Myra Collins as secretary. John seconded the motion and it was passed.

The next board meeting will be March 12, 2019 at noon in Cabin 6.

Harry made a motion to adjourn. John seconded the motion. All agreed.

Aimee Crochet, Secretary

## Calendar of Events for 2019

### March

#### © Frog Listening Training at Devil's Den..1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup>

In this workshop you will learn to identify many of the frogs and toads in Arkansas by their distinct calls. This workshop is sponsored by Frog Watch USA.

**Arkansas Spring Break Begins...16<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>** It's springtime in the Ozarks. Join park staff for special daily programs that every member of the family will enjoy!

#### **Rain Barrel Workshop.....16<sup>th</sup>**

Rain barrels are an efficient way to collect that water for watering gardens and flower beds. Make your own rain barrel to take home. All supplies are provided. **A fee of \$25 applies. Contact Washington County Extension at 479-444-1755 to register.**

**Devil's Den Rocks.....23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>** Join park staff and a geologist for a fun weekend as you discover more about the special features that make Devil's Den the rockin' place to be

### April

#### **Ozark Mountain Bike Fest.....5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>**

Join park staff for a fun weekend on the two-wheel trails. There's fun to be discovered by all ages and levels of riders.

#### **Senior Citizen Fun Week.....9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>**

Join the Devil's Den State Park staff for 3 fun-filled days of park nature programs, guided hikes, cooking demonstrations, and other activities. Contact the park to make your cabin or camping reservations. The event is designed for senior citizens, but anyone can participate in the activities. Event admission is free.

#### **Backpacking Adventure Workshop I..12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>**

Backpacking preparation, skills, techniques, equipment and safety will be taught in this workshop. Participants will meet other enthusiasts, test equipment, and gain experience on the Butterfield Backpacking Trail.

Register at Devil's Den State Park by April 1, 2019. \$50 per person. **The workshop is for adults 18 and over.**

#### **Signs of Spring & Wild Edibles Workshop ...13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>**

Participants in the Wild Edibles workshop will prepare and sample a special dish using items from nature's wild garden. A small fee is required for the workshop. Contact the park front desk for more information and to sign up

### May

#### © Birder Weekend.....3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>

Park staff and various bird enthusiasts will be on hand to help you discover the flying creatures that call the park their home. To top off the weekend, Lynn Sciumbato from Morning Star Wildlife Rehabilitation Center will present a program with some of her special feathered friends.

#### **Backpacking Adventure Workshop II...4<sup>th</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>**

The Devil's Den State Park Backpacking Adventure Workshop is for adults 18 and older who want to discover how to backpack safely while having fun.

During Part 2 of the workshop, we, as a group will hike and overnight on the park's 15-mile Butterfield Backpacking Trail to give you the opportunity to test your newfound skills. **Part 1 of the backpacking workshop is a pre-requisite for Part 2.** Register at Devil's Den State Park by February 1, 2019.

#### **Great American Clean-up.....18<sup>th</sup>**

As part of the nationwide Great American Clean-up event, help the park by cleaning up the trails you love.

### June

#### **Dogs-in- the- Park Day .....1<sup>st</sup>**

Meet local animal shelter representatives and have the opportunity to take one of the shelter dogs on a hike. There will be fun activities for you and your dog to enjoy in the afternoon as well.

#### © **30<sup>th</sup> Annual Bat-O-Rama.....7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>**

Park staff and special guests will be on hand for some great family fun! Nighttime mist netting will be conducted so you can get an up-close view of these amazing creatures. Bring your cameras!

#### **CCC Celebration Day.....30<sup>th</sup>**

Join park staff as we honor the legacy, tradition, and hard work of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), the group of young men who built your park in 1933 -

1942. We will have family-oriented CCC activities scheduled throughout the day as we step back in time to the 1930s.

### July

#### **44<sup>th</sup> Annual Devil's Den Games....4<sup>th</sup>**

Enjoy a fun-filled family day of horseshoes, egg toss, sack races, bike parade and of course softball tournaments. .... all topped off with homemade ice cream!

#### **Bug Camp.....9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>**

The world of insects is a fascinating one! Bug Camp is a 3-day weekend camp designed for families. We will discover how to properly collect, identify, pin, and label insects to start your very own entomology collection. Register before August 1, 2019.

#### **Legacy Week --Think Like a Mountain Weekend....28<sup>th</sup> -Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>**

School may be back in session, but there is still time for family activities as you join staff and special speakers to 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.

### September

#### **Lee Creek Clean Up .....7<sup>th</sup>**

Join park staff, area agencies and individuals as we work 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!

#### © **31<sup>st</sup> Annual Mountain Bike Race..13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

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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 March 2, 2019 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: