

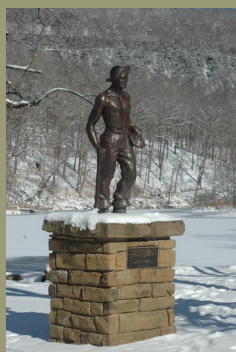
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President's Message

Because we are such a small organization with a very small number of volunteers, those of us who do the necessary jobs to keep the Friends going tend to wear multiple hats (and consider that my usual plea for more hands to come out and help us with organizational jobs as well as those volunteer efforts that more directly help the Park). And with that perennial solicitation for you to volunteer for the day to day operations of the Friends, I'd like to take off my President hat and turn this forum over to our Membership Chair (i.e. me wearing a different hat):

When I go through my mail I'm amazed at some of the lengths other non-profits go to to get more money out of old contributors. I'm still getting solicitations from non-profits to which I made one-time contributions years ago and "renewal notices" to one to which I

received a gift membership well over a decade ago. And for some that I do renew like clockwork the renewal notices start coming again and again months (a full year for one I just got) before they are actually due.

We don't do that. Maybe we'd be in better financial shape if we did, but our philosophy is to save as much of what you donate to support and improve Devil's Den State Park, not to use it sending you umpteen solicitations to see if we can hook you as a bigger fish. One time donations get acknowledgement appropriate under the circumstances, immediately or at the end of the tax year. Membership renewal notices go out around the beginning of the month that they are due in (by email to those with email addresses on file followed up by the formal mail renewal notice through USPS at the beginning of the next month if we haven't gotten your

renewal by then), with a second notice and a drop letter following if we haven't gotten your renewal. Since we aren't bothering you with excessive notices, please help us out by responding to the first one if at all possible; the postage for each mailing is 2% of your annual family dues plus the volunteer labor and supplies involved.

So, back to our President:

Don't forget to come out to help with the bike race registration (Sept. 13-14: 6:30pm to 8:30pm Friday and 7am to 11am Saturday at the AV room), and we can use some hands (and especially eyes) to go from there to the Start/Finish line about 9:00am to help with timing. And please attend (or at least mail your proxy for) the membership meeting in Cabin 6 about 4pm Saturday (after the race).

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 or find us on Facebook at Friends of Devil's Den State Park in NW Arkansas or email us at 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.

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

or through PayPal to treasurer@devilsden.org.

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

Please Join Us and "Make" History Happen!

Group forms at Devil's Den to help fight budget crunch

DEVIL'S DEN STATE PARK, Ark. (AP)—While the state Parks and Tourism Department agonizes over ways to make up for a cut in funding, some park users aren't waiting for the state to find a solution.

A group of about 30 people has approved the creation of Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc.

The park now has volunteers, but Friends wants to organize a broader effort to maintain and improve the park. The group, which met Saturday at the park's visitors center, will seek nonprofit status from the Internal Revenue Service to assist in soliciting donations.

Tom Nunn of Bentonville, a group member, said in a telephone interview Sunday that his attachment to the park goes back many years. His ancestors homesteaded near Devil's Den and his mother was born near there, he said. Also, he and his family camp at the park many times a year.

"For so many years, you keep bumping into the same people as you camp there, and it begins to be a small community in a way," Nunn said.

The group hopes to help park employees meet their mission of

preserving the park's natural resources and providing educational programs at the park, Nunn said.

Park Superintendent Jesse Cox said because of budget and staff constraints the park management considers themselves "brush fire managers."

"As things break, we fix them," he said. "That's not the way to run an organization and that's why we need the Friends."

Cox said a volunteer group could help through fund raising, promotion of park programs and volunteer labor.

Park officials said visitors number 300,000 annually to the 2,000-acre park. It is the home of the endangered Ozark big-eared bat.

Gov. Jim Guy Tucker has told the Parks Department to expect a \$2.5 million budget cut next year and a \$4.7 million cut the next,

Cox said. An entrance fee to parks will be one way the state deals with the budget cuts, he said.

The group Saturday got some tips from Linda Westergard, director of Partners for Pinnacle Inc., a group of volunteers at Pinnacle Mountain State Park near Little Rock.

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**Cotter registration
will begin Aug. 9**

Registration for Cotter School grades nine through 12 will be Aug. 9-10 at the school, with times to be announced.

DEVIL'S DEN PARK TO OPEN THIS SUNDAY

Commission Here June 13;
Cottages, Meals, Lake
Ready for Public

Devil's Den Park will be open to the public for complete services for the first time Sunday, and a large number of people are planning to go out either for the day, dinner or supper.

Meals will be served on the grounds at the refectory. Cottages will be available for any length of time, from a single day to a month. Special rates will be given by the week or month, both for rentals and for meals, with prices set on request.

Mrs. Hootman Official Hostess

Mrs. Bertha Hootman has been installed as hostess and may be reached for reservations by addressing her at Devil's Den State Park, West Fork, Ark. Mr. Hootman is in charge of cottages and concessions. Bryan Stearns is superintendent. Sam Davies, formerly of Fayetteville, now of Little Rock is State Park commissioner. Mr. Davies is a brother of Mrs. J. P. Brower of Fayetteville. Park Commission Coming June 13

The State Park commission will be in Fayetteville June 13 and will spend the day inspecting the project. Dinner will be served for them at noon. A number of Fayetteville visitors are expected to join the party.

12-Acre Lake, Beach, Boating
The 12-acre lake with bathing beach, boating beach and other recreational features are available, and with Lake Washington, are expected to draw many tourists to this area.

More than 4,500 persons already have registered at the Den and many more thousands are expected to enjoy its facilities each season from now on.
The project is a \$300,000 National Park commission improvement and was started in 1914 as a CCC camp. All work on the premises has been done by the CCC enrollees under supervision. All the natural beauty of the setting has been preserved.
Caves, bluffs, views are a part of the reservation which first was surveyed by Herbert Hoover on his trip to Fayetteville with Dr. Geo. Branner to survey Boston Mountain and environs.

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Baxter Bulletin (Mountain Home, Arkansas) 13 July 1993

FDDSP General Membership Meeting Agenda - Sept. 14, 2019

**Our meeting will be held on Sept.
14th around 4:00pm in Cabin 6:**

Tax-Deductibility of Dues Pmts.

- * Call to order
- * Approve March 2019 minutes
- * Approve Financial Report
- * Membership Report
- * Old Business
 - Future of FDDSP
 - Website
 - File storage
- * New Business
 - Park Staff on 2020 events
 - Park staff requests
 - 2020 Budget

- * Election of Officers
- * Next Business Meeting March 7th, 2020 following work day (9am-noon) and lunch at 12:30 in Cabin 6
- * Adjourn

This meeting follows the mountain bike race.

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



Friends of Devil's Den Annual Meeting - March 2, 2019 Minutes

Our meeting was held at 1pm in cabin 6. Present were Jack Miller, John Crochet, Aimee Crochet, Harry Harnish, and Myra Collins. We had proxies from Stephen & Ruth Shepherd and Michael & Peggy Hux.

The meeting was called to order by John. Aimee made the motion to accept the minutes from the 9/15/18 meeting waiving the reading and adopting as published in Newsletter that the Membership meeting as 3/12/19 was incorrect and should be 3/2/19. Harry seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Jack made a motion to accept minutes for 9/21-23/18 Board email meeting motion to accept and to ratify the action to authorize up to \$400 for iPad Air 2 and on 1/7/19 Board meeting motion to accept and ratify the action to appoint officers to sign checks etc., and second by Aimee. All voted in favor.

Aimee made a motion to approve the 2018 financial report and Jack seconds. All voted in favor.

Aimee made a motion to accept the 3/1/19 YTD report and Jack second. All voted in favor.

Membership report: motion was made by Aimee and second by Jack. All voted in favor.

Interpreter Terry, representative for the Park, made requests for friends to pay mileage to Tamara Walkingstick during the Signs of Spring April 13th & 14th. Her request was mileage rate of .44 a mile which averages \$150. Motion was made by Jack to accept and Aimee second. All voted in favor.

The request to provide lunch for a backpacking workshop weekend in April if enough people sign up, will be deferred to the board until we know about the attendance.

Request for up to \$50 for the Senior Citizens fun meet and great, motion to accept was made by Harry and second by Jack. All voted in favor.

Old business:

Discussion of website host moving to limitlessnet.net. No action

Discussion of the future of the organization. No action taken but feel the Friends efforts to Devil's Den still show needed and appreciated.

Discussion of file storage Sterilite box. No action taken.

Move to new business.

2018 FODD membership awards were presented by John for following members.

Pat & Carole Huff	Devil's Den
Jack Miller	Vista Point
John & Aimee Crochet	Vista Point
Harry Harnish	Vista Point
Charles & Reba Hughes	Vista Point
Kathy Stafford	Butterfield Trail
Rick Turnbull & Karen Shapland	Butterfield Trail
Dennis & Kathy Shelton	Quail Valley
Pat & Carole Huff	Dillwyn Paxson

The next membership meeting will be held 9/14/19 4pm at cabin 6. The Board meeting will be on the 13th 8-9pm after bike race registration.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jack and second by Harry. All voted in favor.

Myra Collins, Secretary

Calendar of Events for 2019

September

Lee Creek Clean Up7th

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!



October

Fall in Love with Fall.....12th

Celebrate the coming of fall at Devil's Den! Design a homemade costume like the kids did when your park was being built in the 1930's 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.

November

Green Friday.....29th

Go green NOT black! Forget the crowded malls and stores as you join park staff to

☺ 31st Annual Mountain Bike Race.....13th – 14th

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.

ease into the holiday season by enjoying the great outdoors!

December



☺ Holiday Open House.....21nd

Help 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!

☺ 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 14, 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: _____