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President's Message

It seems like way more than just 6 months ago since we had our last workday/membership meeting on March 7, less than a week before the University shut down and others followed. All Devil's Den activities we funded between then and now were duly cancelled. For current information on what is and isn't open in the state parks, go to <https://www.arkansasstateparks.com/detailed-covid-19-arkansas-state-parks-response>.

As you may or may not have heard or guessed, this year's Northwest Arkansas Mountain Bike Championships have also been cancelled (see you Sept. 17-18,

2021). We will be having this Fall's semi-annual membership meeting in the A/V room of the Visitor Center (since it's not needed for bike race registration) on Saturday, September 19, 2021 at 2 pm with appropriate masking and social distancing. If you can't make it, please send in your proxy (form on the last page of this newsletter) so we can have a quorum to elect officers for next year.

If you are doing more online shopping now, consider signing in to smile.amazon.com (instead of www.amazon.com) before making those purchases, and designate

your favorite non-profit to receive donations from Amazon's foundation based on your buying there (same prices, same service, same account including Prime). And if you use the mobile app instead of the website, we're in luck: Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device, go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings', tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process. If you do not have the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app, update your app.

John Crochet, President

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* <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofDevilsDenStatePark/>

or email us at friends@devilsden.org.

Tax Deductible:

Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation and all **dues and donations** are tax deductible.

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.....!!!!

FDDSP General Membership Meeting Agenda - Sept. 19, 2020



Our meeting will be held on
Saturday, Sept. 19th around
2:00pm in the AV Room of the
Visitor Center.

- * Call to order
- * Approval of March 2020 minutes
- * Financial Report
- * Membership Report
- * Requests from Park Staff
- * Old Business

- * New Business
 - Park Staff on 2020 and 2021 Events
 - Election of Officers for 2021
 - 2021 Budget
- * Adjournment

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!

Devil's Den State Park ~ 50 Years Ago ~

FINAL APPEARANCE SATURDAY NIGHT

DANCE

to the versatile

ARKANSAS SOUNDS

DEVIL'S DEN PARK — OPEN AIR PAVILION

9-12 P.M. Admission \$1.00

Rodeo — Sept. 4-5-6 Evenings

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LAKE AT DEVIL'S DEN STATE PARK, 15 Miles Northwest of Mount Gayler, Ark.



No Date - (on ebay - A-2383 E A Bellis)

Vacation at Home

Residents of Arkansas need never say they can't have a vacation because they haven't the money to "go someplace." Less than a day's drive away, and within our own state boundaries there are a variety of parks -- in the mountains, in the forests, on lakes, along rivers and at historic spots. For the expenditure of a couple or three tanks of gasoline and a camping outfit as simple or as elaborate as the family desires, any Arkansas family can have a fun-filled vacation it can afford.

Most residents of Arkansas have visited only a few of the state parks. Many Arkansans have the idea that to have a "real" vacation they must travel to the ocean, to the Rockies, to the nation's capital or to some other natural or man-made wonder spot, while thousands of people in other states come to Arkansas for the privilege of visiting a fresh unspoiled, natural area.

Arkansas has 29 state parks, although some of the installations leave something to be desired in the elegance of conveniences because of lack of money for their upkeep. Possibly if Arkansas people visited their own parks and became interested in them they would

insist that more money be spent on the upkeep.

Ray G. Cooper, director of the state Parks, Recreation and Travel Commission, recently said, "One of our problems is that we have more state parks than we have money to maintain."

Cooper, who has been director of the commission for less than six months, said that a \$600,000 improvement at the Devil's Den State Park should be completed within 90 days, and that the commission had received a \$380,000 grant from the Economic Development Agency for improvements at the Buffalo River State Park.

More funds will become available to the commission if validity of a 1969 law on taxing real estate transfers is upheld by the Supreme Court, Cooper said.

If the money becomes available the commission probably would acquire additional park land, including a site in Eastern Arkansas, which has been "shorted" on parks, Cooper said.

He sees no need to rush into establishing new parks, however, until the state can fully develop the ones it now has. A worthwhile endeavor.

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Friends of Devil's Den Annual Meeting - March 7, 2020 Minutes

John called meeting to order. Present were John Crochet, Aimee Crochet, Harry Harnish, Jack Miller, John Collins and Myra Collins. We had proxies from Stephen and Ruth Shepherd and Thurman and Martha Ragar appointing John C. John declines serving as proxy since he is the chair and appointed John Collins to be proxy instead with the instructions to abstain.

John passed out minutes to the September meeting. Jack made motion to abstain from reading minutes with John Collins second. Myra made motion to accept minutes as written with Harry make a second. Without objection it was so ordered.

The Financial report was briefly

discussed and submitted. Membership report was given. There are 14 family memberships and 9 individual memberships for a total of 37 voting memberships.

Old business: Tax status affirmation letter copy was received and will be loaded to website.

New business: No staff request requiring action at this time.

Additional work days we discussed but will refer to bylaws that the President can call a work day when need arises.

Awards were presented:
Pat and Carole Huff
received Dillwyn Paxson &
Devil's Den

Jack Miller Vista Point
John and Aimee Crochet
Vista Point
Harry Harnish Yellow Rock
John and Myra Collins
Yellow Rock
Charlie and Reba Hughes
Yellow Rock
Rick Turnbull and Karen
Shapland Butterfield Trail

Next meeting September 19 Cabin
6 at 4pm after Mt Bike Race.

Harry made motion to adjourn and Jack seconded, without objection so ordered.

Myra Collins, Secretary

Calendar of Events

Be sure to check with the park at (479) 761-3325 for cancellations.

November

Friday - November 27, 2020 Green Friday

Say no to Black Friday and yes to Green Friday. Avoid the mall mayhem and stifling stores. Instead, join park staff and ease into the holiday season by enjoying the great outdoors.

December:

Saturday - December 19, 2020

☺ Holiday Open House

Help decorate the park's Christmas tree by making

ornaments in the style of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) from the 1930s. Then, enjoy some hot cocoa and cookies!

January

Friday - January 1, 2021 First Day Hikes

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 other 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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Tax Deductible:

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State Park, Inc. is a
501(c)(3) nonprofit
corporation and all **dues**
and **donations** are tax
deductible.

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 Sept. 19, 2020 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: _____