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President's Message

I would like to thank our members for their support of Devil's Den State Park and the Friends organization.

In 2013 the Friends purchased Maintenance Equipment and Promotional Event Fencing for the Park. We provided support for several speakers, food for events (including the End of Season party) and cash awards for the N. W. Arkansas Mountain Bike Championship Race and the Rock and Run Trail Race.

This year we are looking forward to having Lynn Sciumbato bring her Birds to two events and having Rob Mies as our Bat-O-Rama

speaker.

To start FDDSP's 21th year, I encourage you all to come to our March 1 work day (9am to Noon) followed by our Awards Lunch and Business Meeting in Cabin 12 at 12:30pm. If you are coming and can bring a dish (with food) please call Jack Miller (479) 466-4517 or Carole Huff (918) 875-3613 or (479) 208-1485.

We will again sponsor the N. W. Arkansas Championship Bike Race on September 13. We will need a lot of volunteers on Friday 9/12 at 5:30pm for Registration and Saturday 9/13 at 7am for Registration

and 9am to help with the Race. There will be more details in the September Newsletter.

Anyone interested in helping with trail maintenance, whether you are experienced or a novice, your help is always needed. Work will be done every Thursday until further notice. Meet at 9:00 a.m. Call me (479-466-4517) or the Park office (479) 761-3325 for the location.

Looking forward to seeing several of you all on March 1st.

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 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 6 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

Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc.
PO Box 623
West Fork, AR 72774-0623

or make it online at www.devilsden.org/donate.htm

or through PayPal to treasurer@devilsden.org.

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

From the Past

"Devil's Den" West Fork, Ark. Company 3795 July 20, 1936 p. 2

Drinking Safety

It has come to the attention of [the] men at this camp that many of the enrollees are being negligent in the adherence to the precautions necessary to drinking water about [sic] camp area. All enrollees have been instructed and given lectures repeatedly on the importance, and more so the dangers involved, and the chances they are taking, by drinking from unauthorized water supply in and around the camp area.

The water supply in camp is tested monthly, and besides it is chlorinated daily, a well known fact, and considered by authorities "potable", which means safe for drinking and cooling purpose [sic].

An enrollee must be cognizant of the responsibility that he is bringing upon himself by drinking water out of camp area. He should stop to consider a few important facts that he may encounter, and what may hail from that cool spring water.

In this terrific heat, one word of precaution must not be omitted in regard to drinking water on the job. Enrollees are cautioned not to drink

extremely cold water while at work, and arrangements are being made to supply "salt" to the drinking water on the job. It has been proven by authorities that the addition of salt to water lends [tends?] to prevent many intestinal diseases and heat prostration.

(Signed)
M. L. Mattee
1st Lt., Med. Res.

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Water Wisdom

The amount of water for drinking purposes and for cooking purposes in a camp of 175 men, is not very large but when water is required for bathing, that is a different matter.

When a well runs low and there is no other source of water available, then the only solution to the problem is conservation of the water on hand. Following are a few rules which, if followed, will cut down the use of water by about one third.

When washing the teeth, do not turn the water on full force and then allow it to waste while brushing the teeth. Wet the brush, turning off the water until

ready to rinse the mouth. Then use enough to rinse and shut the water off at once.

When taking a shower, turn the water on just long enough to wet the whole body. Then with the water shut off, soap down, using a wash cloth or sponge[e] or what you have. When w[e]ll soaped turn on the water long enough to rinse off[f] the soap. Then shut off the water.

If you turn on a faucet anywhere and no water comes, don't go off and leave the faucet turned on. After you have left the water may come on again and run from the open faucet until someone happens to find it.

If you see a faucet not turned off fully don't leave it that way just because you didn't happen to [be] the one who left it turned on. To do so is simply wasting water you may want to use.

Remember, when [it comes to water] every drop is precious.

(Signed)
N. H. Randall
Lt. (jg) USNR
Commanding

FDDSP Business Meeting Agenda—March 1, 2014



- * Awards Lunch
- * Approve minutes of Sept. 2013 Meeting and E-mail Board meetings
- * Approve Financial and Donation Report
- * Bat-O-Rama
- * Mountain Bike Race
- * Think like a Mountain

- * Rock and Run Trail Race
- * Equipment and Material requests from Park Staff
- * Need for another Fire-proof Safe
- * Master Gardener request
- * Presentation of

- Awards
- * Adjourn

Our meeting will be held in Cabin 12 at 12:30. Please join us. New members are welcome. Thanks.

The Spirit of Exploration

By Tim V. Scott
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If you read The Winslow American on March 27, 1942, one of the lead stories was "Kelley Kramer Receives Appointment as Caretaker Devil's Den State Park." Kelley was the first superintendent after the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) officially closed in 1942. Kelley had served in the CCC for several years before becoming the park's manager.

So you wanted to visit Devil's Den and meet Kelley Kramer, you could rent either a housekeeping cottage or an overnight cabin. The cottages were furnished with dishes, silverware, cooking utensils, oil stove refrigerator and furniture. A quote from the park's 1940's brochure said, "Lights and water will be furnished, but you will be expected to buy the oil for your cook stove and ice for your refrigerator." You also got swimming privileges with the cottage. These facilities rent for

\$16.50 a week or \$60 for the month.

The overnight cabins had a bedroom, living room and baths. You were not allowed to cook in the cabins. The rates for cabins started at \$1.50 per day to \$8.00 per week. You also had swimming privileges at no extra cost.

Not only where there cabins at the park, but there were dining facilities at the park too. In fact, it is in the exact local as today cafe. Remember it was 1942. Breakfast was available for 35 cents, lunch was 50 cents and dinner was 50 cents. Sunday dinners or specials sold for 75 cents and \$1.00.

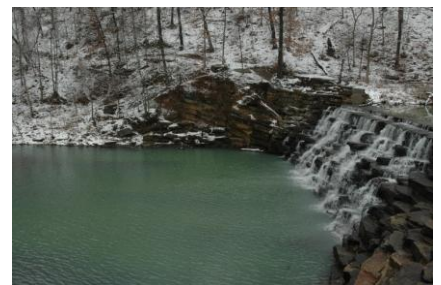
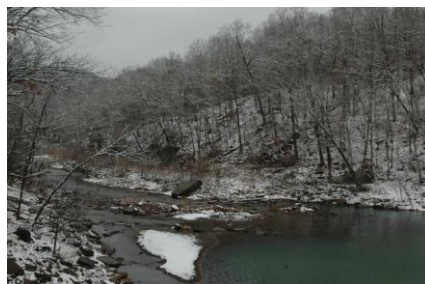
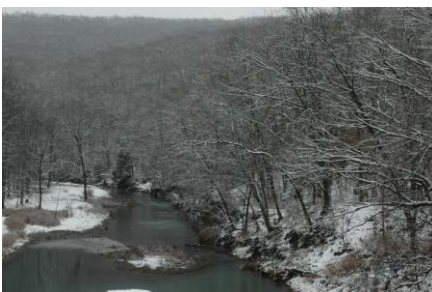
The park did have camping then, but it was not list on the brochure.

The introduction of the brochure had a quote from a park visitor. The visitor said, "Average elevation of rim ridges is 1800 feet. Lee's Creek has worn

down to the 1000-foot level in its ageless work of sculpturing a playground for its willful waters. Masses of stone, often as large as temples or capitols, have tumbled into the chasm, or settled awry into chaotic positions, leaving great clefts and cliffs. Over these, in primal confusion, mosses and lichen have grown gray-gre(e)n cowls. Often when looking down into the depths of these strange crevices, beds of rank ferns are seen, even in the winter. Peewees pipe to mates from their crag castle. A primitive vastness seizes the senses at every turn. The whole region is a challenge to the spirit of exploration."

Obviously, the visitor who wrote the description of Devil's Den was touched by the park's rugged elegance. It is a feeling that is echoed today by many of our park visitors. So, whether it 1942 or 2011, Devil's Den is still "a challenge to the spirit of exploration."

Winter Scenes (2014) in Devil's Den State Park



Minutes of the General Semi-Annual Meeting – September 14, 2013

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

Aimee Crochet took down the minutes in the absence of the secretary.

The semi-annual meeting of the Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc. was held at Devil's Den State Park on September 14, 2013. Present were Jack Miller and John and Aimee Crochet. Proxies were presented from Harry and Marilyn Harnish, Pat and Carole Huff, and Michael and Peggy Hux naming John Crochet as their proxy. It was determined that there being 64 members the Friends, 7 votes would be a quorum sufficient to act on matters on the agenda published in the newsletter. Also in attendance were Rebekah Penny and Terry Elder representing the park.

Jack called the meeting to order and the minutes of the March 9th meeting and email meetings were distributed. Upon the motion by John and seconded by Aimee, the minutes were approved by all. The financial statement and donation report was distributed. It was noted that the Bat-O-Rama speakers had not been paid except for \$175 to the cafe. A motion to accept the report was made by Aimee and seconded by John. The financial statement and donation report was approved by all.

The Rock & Run Trail Race for 2013 to be held on November 30th was discussed. The proceeds of the event are to go to The Friends of Devil's Den. Members are encouraged to help. They gave us

\$600 last year. Aimee moved that we offer \$100 if he will be giving prize money this year and John seconded. The motion was approved by all.

Jack announced that the Paxson Plaque has been found. It will go above the fire extinguisher in the AV room at the Visitors Center.

Jack also announced that the promotional fencing bearing the Friends of Devil's Den logo and "In memory of Jo Anne Miller" is up and has been paid for. It is part of our expenses and an email board meeting was held about it.

Bat-O-Rama 2014 to be held on June 13th through the 15th was discussed. Rob Mies will be our speaker. He has been here before as well as to other places. He usually gets \$1000 and \$500 for each additional show. The park needs \$1000 from the Friends to have him come. John moved for the Friends to supplement expenses needed for the speaker up to \$1000 and up to \$500 for his expenses. Aimee seconded the motion which was passed with unanimous consent.

Discussion moved to the new FDDSP membership application form. It was noted that one is in the brochure for our group. We can have them printed in full color online at a cost of 1,000 brochures for \$342.03. This will be tabled until the March meeting and we will continue to use the brochures made by the treasurer at home.

An End of Season Party was held for Staff and Volunteers. The party

was deemed successful. Next year we will need to meet with the DDSP staff to make sure about what supplies are needed. It would be nice if one month's notice was given to the President and Treasurer so we would have time to work out the logistics of how we will be helping.

A request was made for equipment and materials by the park staff representatives. They need two blowers with batteries for \$210 with a 10% discount at Lowes. We approved the purchase of two Black & Decker battery operated leaf blowers paying no more than \$225 each. One of the blowers will go to maintenance and one to housekeeping. It was also requested that heaters are needed for the two snake cages in the Visitors Center. Up to \$100 was decided as the amount for the purchase. John made a motion that the Friends make these purchases and Aimee seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all.

John presented a written Budget for 2014. Changes in the proposed budget arising out of prior decisions in the meeting included \$1,300 added for the Bat-O-Rama speaker. There was also an additional expense involving the need to update the name plates on the Paxson Award plaque. John made the motion that our proposed budget be adopted as amended to include the amount of \$30 for the name plates and that our donation for a Bat-O-Rama speaker be increased from \$200 to \$1,500. Aimee seconded the motion and it was approved with all voting aye.

In discussing the election of officers for 2014, Jack called for nominations. Aimee nominated Jack Miller as president, Pat Huff as vice-president, Harry Harnish as secretary, and John Crochet as treasurer. No further nominations being heard, the nominees were elected by acclamation. The president then appointed Aimee as newsletter officer. John was appointed to be in charge of membership and Jack in charge of volunteers.

Next on the agenda was the matter of setting authorization procedures for electronic transactions: the bylaws require 2 "signatures" for distribution. A motion was made by John to adopt procedures to allow electronic payments consistent with that requirement. Any officer wanting to do a transaction needs approval of one other officer by email. The motion was seconded

by Aimee and adopted by unanimous consent.

Discussion then turned to the change of address for the Friends after the State Parks in Little Rock said we may no longer use the park address. We now have a PO Box for mailing. We need to set other addresses (e.g. corporate filings) requiring physical addresses and authorize expenses for the change on checks and other forms. John used his physical address for the bank. The PO Box will be used for Friends' business. Jack Miller will serve as agent for Service of Process and John's residence will be used for the physical address. John made a motion for Jack to set up new checks and deposits at the bank. He was authorized to spend up to \$130 for the purchase of new checks and deposit slips. The new address to appear on these is PO Box 623, West Fork, AR 72774-

0623. Checks are to be the same type as the old checks requiring two signatures. The new checks will start with # 1501. John requested 3 rubber stamps with the new address to go to the Treasurer, the Newsletter editor, and the Secretary. \$50 was designated to be spent for the new stamps. John moved all the above and Aimee seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Dates were set for our next meetings in 2014. We will meet on March 1st and September 13th. The meetings will be respectively at 12:30 and 4:00 in Cabin 12 on those days. Having finished the items on the agenda, John moved to accept the above and adjourn the meeting and this was seconded by Aimee and approved by all.

Aimee Crochet
for Harry Harnish, Secretary

Upcoming Calendar of Events

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2014

March 1 Work day at 9am - noon followed by a pot luck lunch and the General Meeting at 12:30pm in Cabin 12 ☺

March 21-29 - School's out, Parks are in! (Spring Break)

March 28-29 - Devil's Den Rocks – Geology themed weekend with guest led hikes and a musical performance Saturday (29th) night by Brick Fields.

April 4-6 - XXVI Ozark Mountain Bike Festival

April 18-20 - Signs of Spring

May 2-4 - Birder Weekend ☺

May 16-18 - Endangered

Species Weekend – The Little Rock Zoo will be here on Saturday with several live animals.

June 13-15 - Bat-O-Rama XXV ☺

July 4 - 39th Annual Devil's Den Games

August 30 - Rain Barrel Workshop - 2-3:30 p.m. signup is required and there is a cost.

Aug. 25-Sept 1 - Think Like a Mountain ☺ - Legacy Week at Devil's Den

Sept. 13 - NW Arkansas

Mountain Bike

Championship (Registration begins at 5:30 PM Sept. 12 and again the morning of

the race at 7:00 AM until the first heat at 9:00 AM) ☺

Oct 17-18 - Fall Fest – Trick or Treating in the campground on Saturday night.

Oct 25 - Mushroom Workshop

November 15 - America Recycles Day

November 28 – Green Friday

2015

January 1 – First Day Hikes

February 20-22 – Great Backyard Bird Count

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

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.devilsden.org

and on FaceBook at
<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofDevilsDenStatePark>

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 1, 2014 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: _____