

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES in 2024

Earth Day, Saturday April 27: Volunteers needed for trail maintenance and other tasks to prepare the park for the busy Summer season.

Iron Run & Charcoal Challenge, Saturday June 8: The annual Friends fundraiser foot races, the *Iron Run Half-Marathon* trail run and the *Charcoal Challenge* 5k run/walk. Volunteers are needed for registration and checkpoints.

Volunteer Day, Saturday June 15: A morning volunteering to remove invasive plants and help with other tasks in the park.

National Public Lands Day, Saturday September 28: Volunteers are needed to maintain trails and structures in the park, and replace invasive plants with natives.

Fall Furnace Fest, October 19-20: A 2-day family-oriented weekend event with live music, craft & food vendors, history demos, hay wagon rides, pumpkin carving and the story of the "Hairy Hand" at Fuller Lake. Volunteers are critical to holding this event!

Please check for event details and schedule changes on the Friends website and Facebook page, DCNR's online calendar, or at the State Park Office and on kiosks throughout the park.



A big shout-out to all our dedicated volunteers! Won't you join us to make the park even better?

Friends of Pine Grove Furnace State Park
1100 Pine Grove Road
Gardners, PA 17324

Visit our website: www.FriendsofPineGrove.org
and follow us on Facebook:

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Email us at PineGroveFriends@gmail.com and
PGFvolunteers@gmail.com

Friends of Pine Grove Furnace State Park was formed in August 2010 as a chapter of the *Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation (PPFF)*.

PPFF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Contributions to PPFF are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Official registration for PPFF is available from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free within Pennsylvania 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

FRIENDS OF
**Pine Grove
Furnace**
STATE PARK
Pennsylvania Parks & Forests Foundation



Our Mission: *The Friends of Pine Grove Furnace State Park exists to keep history alive and promote educational and recreational programs at the park and surrounding areas through special events and trail development while protecting the park's natural resources.*

**Visit us on Facebook, and at our
NEW website:**
www.FriendsofPineGrove.org

Friends of Pine Grove Furnace State Park

Our group is a non-profit chapter of the *Pennsylvania Parks & Forests Foundation* (PPFF) which supports around four dozen similar groups in PA State Parks (and some PA State Forests, including our neighbors the *Friends of Michaux*).

Friends volunteers and supporters provide “value added” to State Parks and State Forests which serve the public using limited resources and personnel. At Pine Grove Furnace, we work closely with park staff to maintain quality public programs at our busy little park. We raise money for special projects while promoting recreation, education, and conservation.

Our regular fundraisers include the Fall Furnace Fest (with the famous pumpkin float and Hairy Hand story at Fuller Lake); the Iron Run half-marathon & Charcoal Challenge 5k run/walk; campground firewood sales; and merchandise sales in the State Park Office.

We continue to cut, split and stack local wood for campground firewood sales – a special thank you to the dedicated volunteers who help with that ongoing and time-consuming task. The Friends also support special volunteer mornings such as Earth Day and National Public Lands Day. We

are grateful for the many volunteers who help to maintain park hiking trails, remove invasive plant species and replace them with native vegetation, and assist at special events.

Since 2010 we’ve done our best to improve the park for hundreds of thousands of visitors annually. The Friends support a variety of educational activities on both nature and history. We are now working with DCNR to improve existing “wayside” displays and create new ones to better interpret the 250-year story of Pine Grove Furnace as first an industrial center then as a tourist destination.

Please note that in 2023 we switched our website to **www.FriendsofPineGrove.org**. Our Gmail email addresses remain the same.

Your support is critical to our success. All money we raise stays at our park. As a chapter of PPFF we are a 501(c)(3) non-profit and donations are tax deductible.

If you can help by volunteering at a special event or indeed throughout the year, please email PGFvolunteers@gmail.com.

Your membership helps Pine Grove Furnace continue to be one of the best State Parks in Pennsylvania. Thank you!

– Andre Weltman, Chairman

Friends of Pine Grove Furnace State Park

March 2024 – March 2025 membership includes discounts on merchandise!

____ Individual \$10.00 / Lifetime \$200
____ Family \$15.00 / Lifetime \$300
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**Friends of Pine Grove Furnace
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or use “Donate to a Chapter” at

<https://paparksandforests.org/friends-groups/>