

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES in 2025

**Earth Day, Saturday April 26:** Volunteers needed for trail maintenance and other tasks to prepare the park for the busy Summer season.

**Charcoal Challenge, Saturday June 14:** The annual Friends fundraiser, the *Charcoal Challenge* 5k “Fun Run” (run, or walk!). Volunteers are needed for registration and water stations.

**National Public Lands Day, Saturday September 27:** Volunteers help to maintain trails and structures in the park, and replace invasive plants with natives.

**Fall Furnace Fest, October 18-19:** 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.*

*Want to help? Contact us at:*

**[PGFvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:PGFvolunteers@gmail.com)**



*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](http://www.FriendsofPineGrove.org)  
and follow us on Facebook at our page:

***“Friends of Pine Grove Furnace State Park”***

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[PGFvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto: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.*



***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 on our  
NEW website:  
[www.FriendsofPineGrove.org](http://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 Legend of the Hairy Hand at Fuller Lake); the 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 improved the park for hundreds of thousands of visitors annually. Over the past 14 years the Friends raised over \$350,000 used for park improvements such as trail bridges, park infrastructure such as paving the Campground entrance, and habitat restoration. We continue to work with DCNR to improve “wayside” displays to 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](http://www.FriendsofPineGrove.org)**. Our Gmail email addresses remain the same.

**Your support is critical to our success.** All money raised stays at the park. As a PPFF chapter we’re a 501(c)(3) non-profit; donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

**If you can help by volunteering at a special event or indeed throughout the year, please email [PGFvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto: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 2025 – March 2026 membership includes discounts on merchandise!**

\_\_\_ Individual \$10.00 / Lifetime \$200  
 \_\_\_ Family \$15.00 / Lifetime \$300  
 \_\_\_ Tax-deductible donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Make checks payable to “PPFF” and write “FOPGF” on memo line.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mail form and payment to:**

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or use “Donate to a Chapter” at

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