

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES in 2026

Earth Day, Saturday April 25: Volunteers are needed for trail maintenance and other tasks to prepare the park for the busy summer season.

Charcoal Challenge, Saturday June 13: 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 26: Volunteers are needed to maintain trails and structures in the park, and replace invasive plants with natives.

Fall Furnace Fest, October 17-18: A 2-day family-oriented weekend event with live music, craft & food vendors, history demos, hay wagon rides by DCNR, pumpkin carving and the story of the “Hairy Hand” at Fuller Lake. Volunteers are critical for this event!

Other special volunteer events will be scheduled as needed, such as for trail improvement and repair after storms.

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

Want to volunteer? Contact us at:

PGFvolunteers@gmail.com



*Our gratitude to our dedicated volunteers.
Please join us to make the park even better!*

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We are on Facebook as
“Friends of Pine Grove Furnace State Park”

Friends of Pine Grove Furnace State Park 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.



The Friends of Pine Grove Furnace support recreation, education and conservation at our State Park in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. A chapter of the Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation, we work with park staff and volunteers 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.

Friends of Pine Grove Furnace State Park

Our group formed in 2010 as a chapter of the non-profit *Pennsylvania Parks & Forests Foundation* (PPFF) which supports around four dozen similar groups in State Parks and State Forests all across Pennsylvania.

Friends volunteers and supporters provide “value added” to parks and forests serving the public using limited resources and personnel. At Pine Grove Furnace, we work closely with the park manager and staff at our busy spot in southcentral PA. Pine Grove Furnace averages over 350,000 visitors annually... that’s a lot for a park with only 696 acres!

We raise money to support quality public programs about nature and history. We help interpret the 250-year story of Pine Grove Furnace as an industrial center dating to the 1770s, eventually becoming a tourist destination when the state purchased the property in 1913. The Friends work with park staff to improve infrastructure including playgrounds, hiking bridges and much more. We help coordinate the volunteers who contribute many hundreds of hours each year to maintain hiking trails, remove invasive plants and replace them with natives, and conduct community events.

Our regular fundraisers include Fall Furnace Fest in October (with the famous pumpkin float and Legend of the Hairy Hand at Fuller Lake); 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 time-consuming task. The Friends also support special volunteer mornings such as Earth Day and National Public Lands Day.

Thanks to donations, memberships, sales, special events and grants, the Friends have contributed over \$400,000 to Pine Grove Furnace State Park in the past 15 years. **Your support is critical to our success.** All money we raise stays at the park. As a chapter of PPFF, we are a 501(c)(3) non-profit and 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.

Your memberships and donations help Pine Grove Furnace continue to be one of the best State Parks in Pennsylvania. We thank you for your support!

– Andre Weltman, Chairman

Friends of Pine Grove Furnace

Memberships extend to March of the following year. Members receive a discount on Friends’ merchandise in the Park Office.

___ Individual \$10.00 / Lifetime \$200

___ Family \$15.00 / Lifetime \$300

___ Tax-deductible donation: \$___

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