



FRIENDS OF

Pine Grove Furnace News

STATE PARK Pennsylvania Parks & Forests Foundation

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10th Annual Fall Furnace Fest

In spite of some iffy weather along with heavy rains and wind at night, more than 6,000 people came out to enjoy Fall Fest. We had a number of new vendors and some very interesting demonstrations this year, including



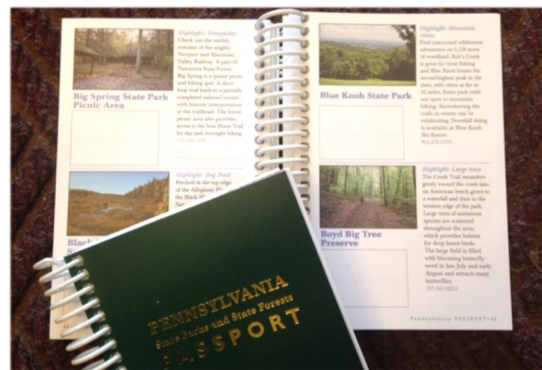
broom making, Civil War and CCC reenactors, blacksmithing, Native American culture, wood carving, and the very popular Birds of Prey.

One of the most wonderful things about Fall Fest is the number of volunteers who step up to make it an enjoyable experience for everyone. This year, including the day before and day after Fall Fest, volunteers put in about 700 hours. Fall Fest could not happen without these wonderful people!

Friends Merchandise

We have new Friends merchandise available in the park office for your holiday shopping. At Fall Fest we introduced the Hairy Hand long-sleeved shirt. Youth sizes are \$10 and adult sizes are \$15. Sales were so good that we have already sold out of the small and large sizes, but there are plenty of other sizes left. In addition, we have some beautiful new slag pendants along with new styles of fleeces and sweatshirts in adult sizes small to 2X. And, don't forget the Purple Lizard Map of the Michaux Forest (\$15) and PA Parks and Forests Passport Book (\$10).

All items are for sale in the park office which will be open weekends through the first weekend of December.



Memorial Donations

Earlier this year, another memorial contribution was made to the Friends of Pine Grove Furnace State Park. The donation allowed the Friends to purchase additional white porch furniture for the Ironmaster's Mansion. The Mansion now has two benches and six matching rocking chairs on the porch.



Bells of Peace

As part of a national observance, Pine Grove Furnace State Park joined in with communities and organizations around the county to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I, the supposed "War to End Wars". The ceremonial bell ringing began at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 2018. That hour represents the time that hostilities ended on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918.

In Pine Grove Furnace State Park, Andre Weltman rang the bell of the community church 21 times in remembrance of those who had served.



LEADERSHIP

Andre Weltman, *Chair*
Mary Soderberg, *Vice Chair*
Josh Burleigh, *Treasurer*
Diane Velozo, *Secretary*
Crystal Hunt
Rob Shaw
Brett Weiser
Donna Weiser

OUR MISSION

The Friends of Pine Grove Furnace State Park (FOPGF) 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.

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The **Friends of Pine Grove Furnace State Park** (FOPGF) 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.

2019 First Day Hike in the Park

Rob Shaw will again be leading the popular annual "First Day Hike" on January 1 at 1 p.m. Dress for the weather and meet up with Rob at the Fuller Lake Bath House. Hopefully, it will be a little warmer than the 2018 First Day Hike!

The 2019 hike will be similar, and will begin at 1 p.m. at the Fuller Lake Bath House. The hike will include various easy trails depending on weather conditions before returning to Fuller Lake Bath House. Total distance is approximately 4 miles. Homemade cookies and mulled cider will be served again!

Meet at Fuller Lake Bath House at 1 p.m. on January 1, 2019. See you there!



January 1, 2018 – bundled up hikers gathered at Fuller Lake for the 2018 hike



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—Activity Calendar 2019—

JANUARY

- 1 First Day Hike—meet at the Fuller Lake Bath House at 1 p.m., and be sure to dress for weather.

APRIL

- 27 Earth Day—9 to 12: a morning of volunteering and giving back to the park followed by a potluck lunch.

MAY

- 18 Woodsy Owl Weekend—two nights of free camping in exchange for a morning of volunteering.

JUNE

- 8 9th annual fundraiser trail races—Iron Run Half Marathon and Charcoal Challenge 5k run/walk.
21-23 Family Campout Weekend—an easy way to introduce your family to camping. Loaner equipment is available on request.

AUGUST

- 16-18 Family Campout Weekend—an easy way to introduce your family to camping. Loaner equipment is available on request.

• For more information and updates, go to www.pinegrovefriends.org/home/upcoming_events. •

More of Fall Furnace Fest



Melissa and Leisa volunteered at the Friends merchandise booth



Dottie helps out at the hayride every year



Smokey Bear is always a crowd pleaser

