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Annual Foot Races to Benefit the Park

The 7th Annual Iron Run Half Marathon and Charcoal Challenge 5K were held on June 11 in Pine Grove Furnace State Park. 241 runners along with their families and plenty of volunteers showed up for a good time!

Special thanks goes to our sponsors: Appalachian Running Company, Giant Food Stores, Wegmans, Weis Markets, Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau, Eco Lips, Knouse Foods Co-op, Road ID, Moore Graphics, EL Heim Company, and KCA Wealth Management.

Racing timing was provided by Pretzel City Sports. Yellow Breeches EMS was available just in case.

This is an annual fundraiser of the Friends of Pine Grove Furnace—all proceeds benefit the park. This year's event raised almost \$5,500 (net) for park programs and improvements. Thanks everyone! We hope to see you for the next races on June 9, 2018.



Excited runners gather in front of the sponsors banner

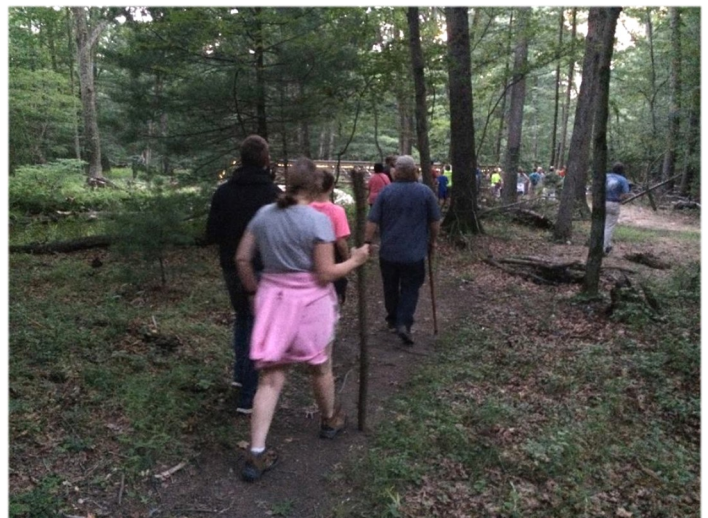


Trail sweeps Brett and Donna are ready to follow the runners

Full Moon Hike Draws Large Crowd

Forty-four people participated in the first Full Moon Hike sponsored by the Friends of Pine Grove Furnace State Park. The group was led by Rob Shaw and Andre Weltman of the Friends.

The four-mile hike started at Laurel Lake then followed Ice House Road to Mountain Creek Trail to Old Railroad Bed Road then returned to Laurel Lake. An extra bonus in the hike was seeing a rainbow above the Pole Steeple rock outcropping.



At the new hiking bridge across Mountain Creek, some LED lights made the scene extra pretty as daylight faded. The full moon showed itself through the clouds as everyone returned in the dark to Laurel Lake.

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Andre Weltman, *Chair*
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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.

“Let's Go with Daniel Tiger” Comes to the Park

WITF and Pine Grove Furnace State Park sponsored a star-studded “Ready, Set, Explore” event to encourage young families to explore the outdoors. On June 3, Woodsy Owl and Smokey Bear teamed up with Daniel Tiger from PBS to greet hundreds of families at Pine Grove Furnace State Park. For many of the attendees it was the first time that they had been to the park. Park staff and volunteers provided historical and environmental programs for the families. Cindy Dunn, Secretary of DCNR, joined in on the fun.



—Activity Calendar 2017—

SEPTEMBER

- 30** National Public Lands Day—enjoy a rewarding volunteer morning at Pine Grove Furnace State Park. All tools are provided, and no experience is necessary. Afterwards, join us at a potluck lunch: please bring a covered dish to share; hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided by the Friends of Pine Grove Furnace. Please register online at <http://eventsreg.dcnr.pa.gov/register/create/?internalID=Internal-1674> or call the park office at 717-486-7174

OCTOBER

- 21-22** 9th Annual Fall Furnace Fest—join us for a 2-day family-oriented weekend festival with many activities including live music, hay rides, history demonstrations, food and crafts, and the pumpkin float/Legend of the Hairy Hand at Fuller Lake. We need volunteers to hand out Fall Fest maps, help families carve pumpkins and make scarecrows, assist visitors onto the hay ride, and help at the candle-making booth. If you are interested in volunteering, email pgfvolunteers@gmail.com.

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