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# Pine Grove Furnace News

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## First Day Hike

Last year the weather was sunny and mild for our First Day Hike; this year it was bitterly cold (15° cold)! Even so, 45 hearty hikers came out for the hike along Mountain Creek Trail. The Friends provided cookies, hot chocolate, and mulled cider. Join us next year on January 1 at 1 o'clock. We cannot promise you will be warm, but we can promise you will have a fun afternoon in the park!



## Campground Opening

It will not be long before it is springtime and it will be time to break out the camping equipment! The campground is scheduled to open March 30. You can make your campground reservation online at:

[www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/PineGroveFurnaceStatePark/Pages/Stay.aspx](http://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/PineGroveFurnaceStatePark/Pages/Stay.aspx)

And as part of DCNR's ongoing effort to improve the state parks, the park has installed a new bathroom at the Organized Group Campground (below).



## •Membership Meeting•

The Friends will be hosting an annual membership meeting at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 21. This will be an opportunity to meet others who are interested in ensuring that Pine Grove Furnace State Park continues to be one of the best parks in Pennsylvania!

The meeting will be held at the **Furnace Stack Pavilion** following our annual Earth Day volunteer activities and potluck lunch.

*You are invited to join us to volunteer for the morning, attend the lunch, or just come to the meeting.*



## LEADERSHIP

Andre Weltman, *Chair*  
Mary Soderberg, *Vice Chair*  
Josh Burleigh, *Treasurer*  
Diane Velozo, *Secretary*  
Steve Dodd  
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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## Ironmaster's Mansion Open House on March 24

The Central Pennsylvania Conservancy will unveil the new bridal/B&B suite in the Ironmaster's Mansion later this spring. The upstairs bedroom suite will have a fully renovated bathroom, period furnishings, microwave, mini-fridge, and a television.

The renovations were made possible by a grant from the Cumberland Valley Visitor's Bureau, a donation from the Friends of Pine Grove Furnace State Park, and in-kind support from Pine Grove Furnace State Park and the Central Pennsylvania Conservancy (CPC). CPC plans to offer the suite as part of wedding packages, group rentals, and individual rentals.

The new suite will be showcased at an open house on Saturday, March 24 from noon to 4 p.m. Please join the Central Pennsylvania Conservancy on March 24 and see for yourself how you and your friends may now stay overnight at Pine Grove Furnace State Park in comfort and style!



*The renovated Ironmaster's Mansion built by the longest tenured ironmaster, Peter Ege*



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To keep up with the State Park and the Friends, follow us on Facebook. The Friends of Pine Grove Furnace State Park Facebook page is a team effort of volunteers and park staff to provide you information about the park and the region.

## —Activity Calendar 2018—

### MARCH

24 Ironmaster's Mansion Open House and unveiling of the new bridal/B&B suite from noon to 4 p.m.

### APRIL

21 Earth Day and Membership Meeting—a day for volunteers to help the park prepare for the season.

### MAY

19 Woodsy Owl Weekend—free camping in exchange for a morning of volunteering.

### JUNE

9 8<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser trail races—Iron Run Half Marathon and Charcoal Challenge 5k run/walk.

### SEPTEMBER

29 National Public Lands Day—volunteer clean-up event.

### OCTOBER

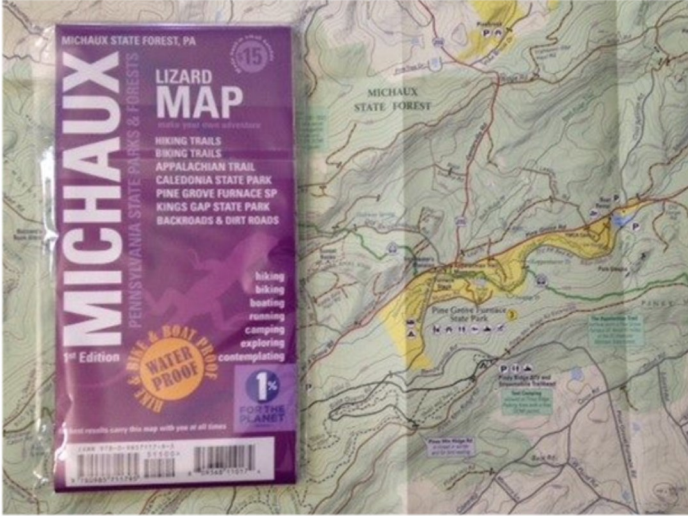
20-21 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Furnace Fest—two-day craft, music, and history festival in the park.

• For more information and updates, go to [www.pinegrovefriends.org/home/upcoming\\_events](http://www.pinegrovefriends.org/home/upcoming_events). •



## Purple Lizard Michaux Forest Maps

Purple Lizard Maps, a Pennsylvania company based in State College, has recently published a new map of Michaux State Forest. The large, easy-to-read map includes the trails of Michaux State Forest along with Pine Grove Furnace State Park, Kings Gap, and Caledonia State Park. These high quality, waterproof maps are now for sale in the park office for \$15.



## Kings Gap Mansion Rooms

Beginning in May 2018, the Cameron-Masland Mansion at Kings Gap Environmental Education Center will be offering rooms for rent on Friday and Saturday evenings. In recent years, the 32-room stone mansion has been available for weddings, parties, and meetings, but this will be the first time that the center will be renting rooms to individuals.

According to Center Manager Scott Hackenburg, the plans are still being finalized, but reservation and pricing information should be available by the end of March. Watch for the announcement of the opening on Kings Gap's website, social media, as well as an announcement from DCNR.



## More of First Day Hike



**IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE FRIENDS OF PINE GROVE FURNACE STATE PARK.**

You can download a membership application from our website <http://pinegrovefriends.org/>.  
You may also renew or make a donation online. Go to <http://pinegrovefriends.org/> for more information.

**FRIENDS OF PINE GROVE FURNACE STATE PARK**

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**Annual Membership Application**

\_\_\_ NEW MEMBERSHIP  
\_\_\_ RENEWAL

\_\_\_ **Individual \$10.00**

\_\_\_ **Family \$15.00**

\_\_\_ **I'd like to make a tax-deductible contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_ I'm interested in volunteering

\_\_\_ Earth Day volunteer work day

\_\_\_ Iron Run/Charcoal Challenge fundraiser races volunteer

\_\_\_ help split firewood (sold at the campground)

\_\_\_ Fall Furnace Fest volunteer (please email [PGFvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:PGFvolunteers@gmail.com))

\_\_\_ Public Lands Day volunteer work day



**Mail membership form and payment to:**

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

Please make checks payable to "PA Parks and Forest Foundation" (PPFF) and write "FOPGF" on memo line

<b>NAME(S)</b>			
<b>STREET</b>			
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<b>PHONE</b>			
<b>EMAIL</b>			

**DATE \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Memberships are for 12 months, beginning each March**