

The Pinchot Eagle

Friends of Pinchot State Park



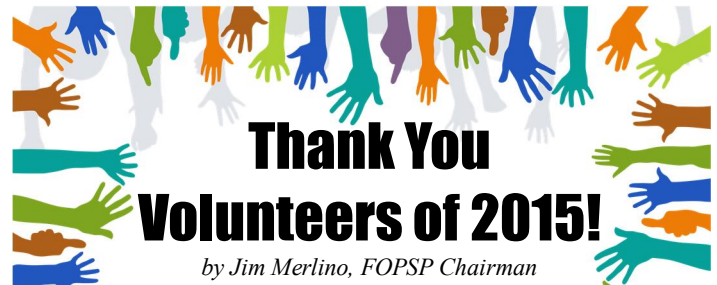
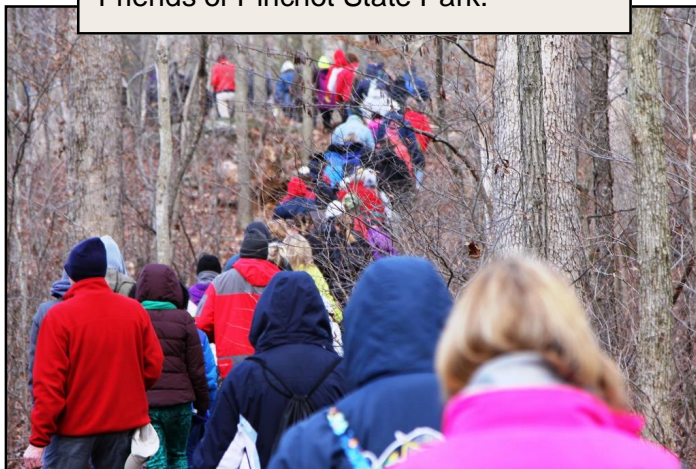
April 2016

2016 FIRST DAY HIKE



On January 1, 2016, Gifford Pinchot State Park held its second annual First Day Hike. Over 175 people joined EES Kepley-McNutt for an hour long trail walk. The walk was followed with snacks and warm cider provided by the Friends of Pinchot State Park.

FIRST DAY PHOTOS COURTESY OF GIFFORD PINCHOT STATE PARK



Thank You Volunteers of 2015!

by Jim Merlino, FOPSP Chairman

On behalf of the Friends of Pinchot State Park (FOPSP) Board of Directors, I would like to thank our members, volunteers, private donors, park management and park staff for all their support and assistance throughout the calendar year 2015. Without your support many of the FOPSP fundraisers and projects would not have been possible.

I would also like to thank the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission for their Support.

Projects the volunteers worked on during 2015 included: Installing park benches, cutting, splitting and bundling fire wood, clothing sales, ice and wood sales, construction of catfish spawning boxes, trail monitoring, public programs, administrative duties for the FOPSP, and various other work projects throughout the park.

Due to the excellent response to FOPSP fundraisers (firewood, ice and clothing sales), membership and private donations, this has enabled FOPSP to purchase park benches, playground equipment for both the campground beach area and the Conewago day use area which are tentatively to be installed this year. ■

DID YOU KNOW...

...There are 81 bluebird nest boxes in the park?

In 2015, 309 bluebirds fledged, 167 tree swallows, 159+ house wrens, and 14 chickadees.



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2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Catfish Spawning Boxes.....May 10
 Trail Care Day..... October 1
 Pinchotween..... October 15



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This volunteer advisory board is dedicated to preserving, protecting and enhancing the natural and recreational resources of Gifford Pinchot State Park for present and future generations.

Friends of Pinchot State Park is a chapter of the Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation (PPFF). The PPFF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

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Who Am I?

I came to America from Europe.
 I may show up on a dinner plate.
 I am golden like the sun.
 My offspring sometimes fly through the air to new places.
 My name reminds you of a member of the cat family.
 You can find me nearly year round at Pinchot.

Answer: Dandelion

Board News

The Friends of Pinchot State Park approved its 2016 budget, allocating monies for the following:

- \$3500 for installation of the campground beach playground.
- \$6000 additional playground pieces for Conewago Day Use Area.
- \$10,000 for a wood chipper.
- Approx. \$3000 toward catfish spawning boxes.

Until a new webmaster can be found, it was voted to change the Friends' website to a more static presence.



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<https://twitter.com/FriendsPinchot>
 @FriendsPinchot

Friends of Pinchot State Park 2015 Annual Finance Report

Beginning Balance		\$40,173.00
Income		\$31,945.00
Fundraising	\$28,441.00	
Membership	\$870.00	
Donations	\$2634.00	
Expenses		(\$38,045.00)
Fundraising	(\$5438.00)	
Playground	(\$21,372.00)	
Park Benches	(\$4252.00)	
Other*	(\$6983.00)	
Ending Balance		\$34,073.00

*Includes: Catfish nesting boxes, wood splitter, supplies for special events, equipment repairs, administrative costs.

Copies of our Annual Report can be found at:
<http://friendsofpinchot.org/home/newsletters>

FRIENDS OF PINCHOT STATE PARK

2016 Annual Membership Application

Make checks payable to: PPF
 (include FOPSP on the memo line)

Mail form with payment to: Friends of Pinchot State Park,
 2200 Rosstown Road, Lewisberry, PA 17339.

NEW MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____

State/Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I would like to receive my newsletter via email.

I am interested in volunteering.

__ Senior (age 62+)	\$10.00	__ Corporate	\$250.00+
__ Individual	\$15.00	__ I'd like to make a	
__ Family	\$25.00	tax-deductible	
__ Damselfly Sponsor		contribution of \$ _____	
(Family)	\$50.00		
__ Dragonfly Sponsor		TOTAL \$ _____	
(Family)	\$100.00		

All members receive the Pinchot Eagle newsletter and discounts on souvenir T-shirts. New members receive a Friends of Pinchot State Park bumper sticker (while supplies last).

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Memberships are for one year, June 1 through May 31.

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