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## Friends of Pine Grove Furnace State Park Receive Grant Award



The Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau (CVVB) announced on Wednesday, November 4, that the Friends of Pine Grove Furnace State Park has been awarded a grant of \$21,730 to improve the 1.7 mile Mountain Creek Trail in Pine Grove Furnace State Park. The grant will help pay for improvements to the trail and a new foot bridge. Once completed, the trail will connect the Laurel Lake and Fuller Lake picnic areas of the park. Total project costs will be more than \$45,000.

Andre Weltman, Chairman of the Friends group, said "This is the first step in creating a system of trails to increase day-hike options in Pine Grove Furnace State Park."

The Mountain Creek Improvement Project was one of 16 projects funded by the Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation. The Cumberland County tourism grants are funded out of a portion of the Lodging Tax and totaled \$100,000.

At the same event it was announced that Pine Grove Furnace State Park was voted as the 2016 Best in the Valley for Outdoor Attraction by the Cumberland County Visitors Bureau (CVVB). Each year, CVVB awards one business, organization or attraction as Best in the Valley in the categories of restaurant, attraction, shop, nightlife, outdoor attraction and event. The awards are determined by votes by residents, visitors and businesses. "This award is not only a reflection of what the park has to offer, but also the commitment of its staff and volunteers," Mr. Weltman said.

Read more: <http://www.visitcumberlandvalley.com/articles/view/2015-Tourism-Grants-Awarded-by-Cumberland-Area-Economic-Development-Corporation/911/#ixzz3qigJiaSp>