

The Pinchot Eagle



Friends of Pinchot State Park

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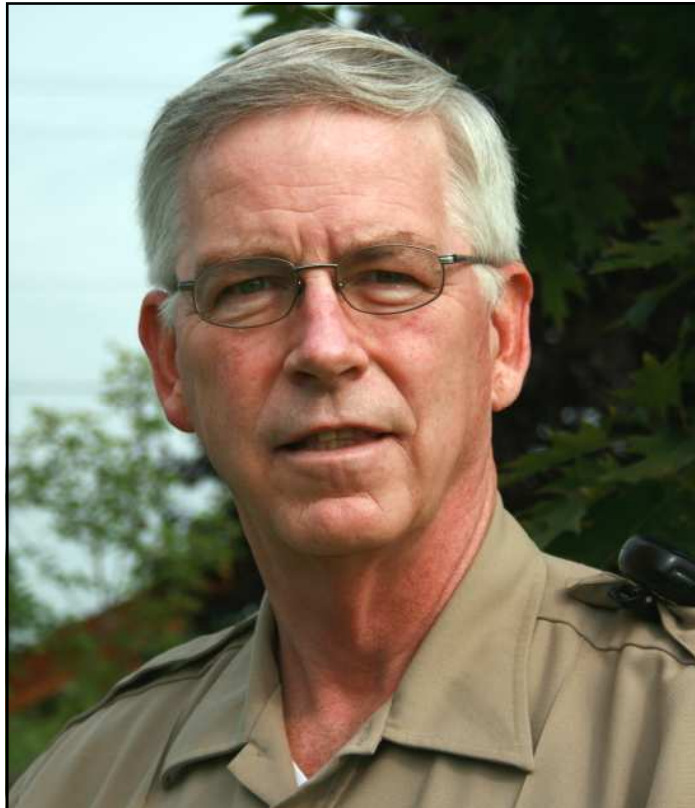


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Bill Rosevear, Park Manager

Park Manager, Bill Rosevear, Retires on April 8, 2011

By Ryan Rager, Assistant Park Manager

A park manager is a parks and recreational professional devoted to serving the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. A steward of natural resources, a park manager must find the balance between public use of his/her park and protecting the resources that are on the park. For almost 40 years, William E. Rosevear has been passionately serving the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as an environmental educator, regional education specialist, and park manager for Pennsylvania's State Parks.

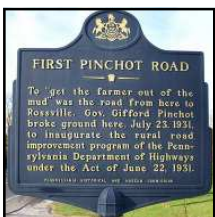
After graduating with a degree in Forestry from Penn State University, Bill worked as an Environmental Interpretive Technician at Prince Gallitzin State Park, and then as a Regional Environmental Education Specialist at both Prince Gallitzin State Park, and then at the Regional Office located within Shawnee State Park. In 1985 he became the Park Manager of Pine Grove Furnace State Park. Bill remained at Pine Grove until 1999, when he became the Park Operations Manager at Gifford Pinchot State Park.

Bill is a Board of Regents member at the National Recreation and Park Association Maintenance Management School, where he is also an instructor. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society, where he was elected President of the society, by his peers.

On April 8, 2011, Bill will retire leaving behind a notable career as a true professional in the parks and recreation industry and as a role model for future park managers throughout the Commonwealth. He is looking forward to this next stage and to exploring more of the resources that he dedicated his life to protecting. He will be missed by many, but especially at Gifford Pinchot State Park where his work at the park, with the local communities, and the Friends Group will live on. ■

DID YOU KNOW...

...Gifford Pinchot State Park was named after Pennsylvania Governor Gifford Pinchot?



Gifford Pinchot first became governor of Pennsylvania in 1922. In 1930, Pinchot was elected to a second term as governor and labored for employment improvements during the Great Depression. Pinchot set up work camps throughout the state that became the models for the Civilian Conservation Corps of President

Franklin Roosevelt. Pinchot's work camps built 20,000 miles of paved roads for "taking the farmer out of the mud." These paved country roads made it easier for farmers to get from the farm to the market. The first "Pinchot Road" crosses the park, now PA 177.

The Not-So-Secret Life of Bees

By Rose-Anna Behr



PHOTO BY BOB MOUL

Honeybee (*Apis mellifera*)

You may have heard that honeybees are in trouble. And they are!!! Honeybees face many challenges, from increased pesticides and herbicides in the environment, to diseases and parasites. Since the bees pollinate over 30% of all of our food, these challenges are quite serious to us too.

Honeybees need more friends! The great folks of the Pennsylvania Backyard Beekeepers Association, www.pennapic.org, could not agree more. They have kindly donated an observation hive to the park.



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Honeybee Observation Hive

Visiting the observation hive at the nature center this summer is a good way to get to know the bees. Behind the glass, you will see the fascinating inner workings of the colony.

The queen lays eggs, nurses feed the larva, and foragers go out to collect nectar and pollen. They return with pollen baskets on their hind legs full of dusty yellow pollen. Can you decipher the waggle dance? Foragers use this figure-eight dance to tell other bees the exact location of good food sources.

If you time your visit to the observation hive just right, you may see young emerging from their honeycombs for the very first time. Don't just rely on your sense of sight – lay your hand against the glass and feel the warmth. Bees vibrate their muscles to keep the larva a consistent 95°F. Sniff the edges of the

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Volunteer Trailcare Day

Saturday, May 7, 2011

By Steve Stroman, Trails Committee Chair

The Friends of Pinchot State Park, in partnership with the Keystone Trails Association, will hold a one-day Trailcare event at Gifford Pinchot State Park on Saturday, May 7, 2011. Volunteers are welcome to join the effort for all or part of the day.

KTA is a statewide organization that speaks for Pennsylvania's hikers and works to build, maintain and protect Pennsylvania's footpaths. Each year KTA volunteers, from around the state, gather at designated locations to improve the trails through the Trailcare program.

At Pinchot, the main focus of the work will be to improve some of the



PHOTO BY PAT SABOLD

Example of wet/muddy section of Beaver Creek Trail.

chronically wet and muddy sections of Beaver Creek Trail and Lakeside Trail, but we also anticipate other types of trail work.

For further information on the Trailcare Day at Gifford Pinchot State Park, please contact the

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Invasive Plant Removal

Saturday, April 30, 2011 – 10:00-11:30am

Meet at Environmental/Nature Center, Conewago Day Use Area



PHOTO BY SALLY RAY

Garlic Mustard
(*Alliaria petiolata*)

Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) spreads quickly, alters the soil chemistry, and displaces native wildflower species. Yearly removal efforts have been making a difference, but there are still many areas in need of attention.

Join wildflower enthusiast, Pat Sabold, for a morning of Garlic Mustard removal. The plants are weakly rooted, making them quite easy to pull. Gloves, trash bags, and instruction of plant recognition will be provided. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water. For more information, contact the park office at (717) 432-5011 or email psaboldFOPSP@aol.com.

Smooth Sailing at Pinchot

By Rose-Anna Behr

We often think of park activities requiring great physical exertion: ice boating, trail running, or warbler watching. For those of you tired of being cold, not interested in being rained upon, or just needing a break from all that, Gifford Pinchot State Park has the fair weather sport for you...sailboat watching! Yup, as long as you can see the boats, hear the cheering, or feel the warm sun and gentle breeze, this is the sport for you.



Sailboat on Pinchot Lake.

PHOTO BY TED PRINDLE



Sailboats moored at Boat Mooring #2.

PHOTO BY TED PRINDLE

Pinchot is home to the Pinchot Sailing Club. The club was founded in 1975, and has been sailing at the park ever since. Currently they have about 20 active members with typically twelve Sunfish or Laser boats at an event.

Sailboat races are held about twice a month on Saturdays in spring and fall, starting at 10:00 a.m. at boat mooring #2. The judges and timekeepers sit at the end of the peninsula, which is also a great van-

tage point for sailboat watchers. This year, the first Sailboat Regatta of the season will be held on April 16, 2011 from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

Mike Van Noy, of the Pinchot Sailing Club, assures me the club staff and volunteers would love to have boat-watching company, and are happy to answer questions. Please be sure to let them do their job at race time! After the races, the skippers love to share their perspective, too!

For those of you looking for a little more hands-on, the club has scheduled a Fun Sail on July 16, 2011. They provide lunch and free sailboat rides, weather permitting, to anyone who is interested! Wow, what an enthusiastic group!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sat., April 9** **Spring Wildflower Walk, 1:00pm**
Ages 8 and up, Pavilion #2, Conewago Day Use Area
- Sat., April 16** **Sailboat Regatta, 10:00am-5:00pm**
Boats depart from Boat Mooring #2 (off of Route 177)
- Sat., May 7** **Trailcare Day**
Contact Steve Stroman at (717) 350-0437 or stevestroman@hotmail.com for more information
- Sat., April 30** **Invasive Plant Removal, 10:00-11:30am**
Meet at Environmental Center, Conewago Day Use Area
- Sat., July 16** **Fun Sail, 9:00am-5:00pm**
Conewago Day Use Area, Rain Date: Saturday, July 23rd
- Sat., October 22** **Pinchotween, 2:00pm**
Environmental Center, Conewago Day Use Area

For more information and an updated list of events, please visit our website: www.friendsofpinchot.org/home/calendar

Wildflower Walk

Saturday, April 9, 2011 @ 1:00pm

Meet at Pavilion #2, Conewago Day Use

Join board member and wildflower enthusiast, Pat Sabold, for an easy to moderate walk in search of spring wildflowers. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water. Ages 8 and up. For more information, contact the park office at (717) 432-5011 or email psaboldFOPSP@aol.com.



Bloodroot

Sanguinaria canadensis

PHOTO BY PAT SABOLD

Note: Additional wildflower walks are planned throughout the spring, summer, and fall. As dates are set, information will be posted at our website, www.friendsofpinchot.org, and also available at the park office at (717) 432-5011.

Trailcare Day

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Friends of Pinchot Trails Committee Chair, Steve Stroman at stevestroman@hotmail.com or 717-350-0437 (evenings and weekends). You can learn more about KTA and the Trailcare program at www.kta-hike.org. ■

Smooth Sailing at Pinchot

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Kayakers, canoeists and anglers, please steer clear of the course on race day. Sailboats always have the right of way, and though their skilled skippers are able to make quick turns, they are at the whim of the wind. No one likes to lose a good head of steam, 'er wind. Please give them the room they need to maneuver, and don't fish at their race buoys.

For a schedule of events or more information about the club, which is always open to new members, visit their web page at www.pinchotsailing.com or contact the park office for event dates. ■

Not-So-Secret Life of Bees

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hive – smell the sweetness of the honey they are storing.

Spending time watching the bees in their home may inspire you to appreciate all they do for us! We hope you get the chance to visit the nature center this summer and see the not-so-secret life of our honeybees. ■

If you see a turtle crossing the road, safely move it off the road in the direction it was heading.

Friends Re-elect Board Members



The Friends of Pinchot State Park re-elected four board members: James Grove of York, Larry Reddy of Ellitsburg, Pat Sabold of Etters, and Steve Stroman of Lewisberry. They will all serve three-year terms effective as of Saturday, January 1, 2011.

The current board consists of Jim Merlino, Chair; Ted Prindle, Co-Chair; Sally Ray, Treasurer; Betsy Leppo, Secretary; James Grove; Kevin Merlino; Larry Reddy; Pat Sabold; and Steve Stroman. ■



Campground Opens April 8

FRIENDS OF PINCHOT STATE PARK

2011-2012 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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (age 65+) | \$10.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate | \$250.00+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$15.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> I'd like to make a tax-deductible contribution of \$_____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$25.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in volunteering | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Damselfly Sponsor | \$50.00 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dragonfly Sponsor | \$100.00 | | |

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Friends of Pinchot State Park was formed in March 2009 as a chapter of the Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation (PPFF). The PPFF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Contributions to PPFF are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. The official registration of the Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free within Pennsylvania 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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



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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.

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