

A photograph of a waterfall cascading over a rocky cliff in a lush green forest. The water is captured in a long-exposure shot, creating a soft, silky texture as it falls. The surrounding area is covered in dense green foliage and moss, with large rocks visible at the base of the waterfall.

We All Need Friends...

Stories, Stewardship and Support of Hocking Hills State Park

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Field Notes ...from the Executive Director

Welcome to Our Inaugural Issue!

Welcome to the inaugural issue of *We All Need Friends*.

Whether you're a longtime member, a first-time donor, a volunteer, a visitor who recently discovered Hocking Hills, or simply someone who cares about preserving Ohio's natural treasures, *we're glad you're here*.

This publication was created with a simple purpose: to connect people to the places, programs, partnerships, and stories that make Hocking Hills State Park one of the most remarkable destinations in the country.

And what a remarkable place it is.

Recently recognized as the #1 State Park in America, the #1 hiking destination, and the #2 most scenic destination in the nation, Hocking Hills continues to inspire millions of visitors each year. Yet behind every trail, program, overlook, educational experience, and unforgettable memory is something equally important: people.

That's where the theme of this publication comes from.

Hocking Hills has always depended on people who care deeply about protecting its natural beauty, preserving its resources, and ensuring future generations can experience the same sense of wonder we do today. Friends of Hocking Hills State Park was founded on that belief more than twenty years ago, and it remains at the heart of everything we do.

The Friends organization is fortunate to work alongside outstanding partners who help strengthen our mission and enrich the visitor experience. From the dedicated staff and naturalists of Hocking Hills State Park, to the team at the Hocking Hills Lodge & Conference Center, the Hocking Hills Tourism Association, the Hocking Hills Lodging Owners Association, the Logan-Hocking Chamber of Commerce, community organizations, local businesses, volunteers, and supporters — this region succeeds because people work together.

In many ways, this publication is a reflection of that partnership.

Inside these pages you'll find stories from the park, seasonal programs and events, astronomy experiences at the John Glenn Astronomy Park, photographs from talented collaborators across the region, a look at how Friends support the park, and opportunities to become more involved in the future of Hocking Hills.

Most importantly, you'll discover how individuals like you are helping preserve and enhance one of Ohio's greatest treasures.

Thank you for joining us for this first issue. We hope you'll return each quarter as we continue sharing stories, celebrating stewardship, and highlighting the people who make Hocking Hills such a special place.

Because when it comes to preserving places we love, one thing remains true:

We All Need Friends.



Chris Schweitzer
Executive Director
Friends of Hocking Hills State Park

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Founded in 2003 by a group of passionate volunteers, FHHSP works in close partnership with park staff and regional stakeholders to enhance visitor experiences, fund educational programming, and protect the park's natural resources.

COMMUNITY Connections

People, Partnerships, and Places around the Hills

At the Hocking Hills Chamber of Commerce, we believe one simple truth: communities thrive when people work together.

Making Connections...Happen

A new business needs customers. A growing company needs connections. A nonprofit needs supporters. Even a community as strong as ours depends on people coming together. At the Chamber, our job is helping make those connections happen.

Sometimes that looks like welcoming a new business with a ribbon cutting. Sometimes it's helping a business owner find the right contact, promoting a local event, advocating for our members, or connecting people who can help each other succeed. Every day, we have the privilege of watching relationships turn into partnerships, ideas turn into businesses, and neighbors become friends.

One of our favorite opportunities to celebrate those connections is our Annual Fall Dinner & Awards Celebration, Woodland Honors at the Lodge. This year's event will take place on September 10 at the Hocking Hills State Park Lodge & Conference Center. The evening brings together business leaders, community members, nonprofits, elected officials, and volunteers to celebrate the people and organizations making a difference throughout Hocking County. It's one of those rare events where you can look around the room and see just how many people are working to make our community better.

Our Community is a Treasure

We're proud to support the businesses, organizations, and people who make Hocking County such a special place. Just as Friends of Hocking Hills State Park helps protect and preserve one of our region's greatest treasures, we work every day to strengthen the community that surrounds it.

Because whether you're building a business, supporting a cause, or preserving a place you love, we all need friends.



To learn more about the Chamber, upcoming events, membership opportunities, or Commerce Collective, please visit our website at www.hockinghillschamber.com.

Visit us and see the Commerce Collective in person at the Chamber offices:
96 West Hunter Street
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The Chamber is also home to Commerce Collective, our coworking space in downtown Logan. While it offers offices, meeting rooms, and flexible workspace, it's really about something more than that: community. Commerce Collective gives entrepreneurs, remote workers, startups, and small businesses a place to work alongside others, share ideas, and build connections. Some of the best opportunities start with a simple conversation over coffee.



Our Annual Dinner is a great opportunity to connect with other community leaders.

NOTES from the Naturalist

Our Visitors Aren't Just Humans.

These early mornings bring all sorts of other visitors to the park besides humans. **This season has brought some fantastic bird watching!** We've seen the northern flicker (*Colaptes auratus*), which has decided to forage outside the back of the visitor center. The oh-so-showy pileated woodpecker (*Dryocopus pileatus*), which garnered plenty of attention both in the park and online, along with our resident barn swallows, who chose to nest under the visitor center balcony. Even common mergansers (*Mergus merganser*) have graced us with their regal presence!

As the day warms up, the park's reptiles start to emerge. Along the Grandma Gatewood Trail, if you're lucky, you may spot a northern water snake (*Nerodia sipedon*) near one of the many falls. You may even spot a common snapping turtle (*Chelydra serpentina*) basking in the sun or warming on the stones. And we can't forget one of our park favorites, the eastern box turtle (*Terrapene carolina carolina*), who loves to slowly meander through the whole state park, showing off their grumpy faces and beautifully speckled shells.

Lots of Hard Work...

The naturalists have been working hard all spring, along with an adorable group of Girl Scouts from Athens, Ohio, to further beautify this park, which we love so much. Together, we have planted over 150 trees across the park and have 100 more to go to celebrate America 250! The naturalists have also worked up a sweat by installing a memorial purple pollinator garden near the entrance of Rock House. Not only will this garden be a beautiful sight, welcoming people to one of the most popular trails in the park, but it will also continue our efforts to support the region's flora and fauna by featuring only native plant species, encouraging our local pollinators to thrive! It's definitely a must-see of the season!

Join Us!

I hope you'll take some time to experience these moments for yourself this season. **Thank you for being part of what makes this park so special and for allowing us to connect with you.** Please stop by the Visitor Center to say hello and join a program!

Early in the morning, when the dew is still on the grass, before the steady flow of visitors arrives, there is that treasured silence through our trails. The kind of silence where you don't hear people, cars, or electronics, but you do hear the light rustle of trees, the slow babbling of the creek, and, if you're lucky, the heavy flow of a waterfall. The kind of silence people flock to this park for, the total and complete absence of the hustle of a city, and to instead feel like you have lost yourself in the magic of the forest floor.

SEASONAL SIGNALS

Life Returns to the Hills



Involving Our Visitors!

Our summer programming schedule is exploding off the page; it's so jam-packed! We have multiple recreational programs, like archery, kayaking, and guided hikes. But the program we are most excited about is our education program, where kids and even adults can come and learn about what makes the plants and animals in this region so spectacular and why they deserve our focused conservation efforts! **We have programs almost every day of the week and often multiple times a day!** We are sure there is a program for everyone this summer!



HOCKING HILLS STATE PARK NATURALIST PROGRAMS

Whether you're interested in birds, bugs, reptiles, hiking, kayaking, or simply spending more time outdoors, there's a program for you! Join us on the trail, at the Visitor Center, or out in the field as we explore the plants, animals, and natural wonders that make Hocking Hills such a special place.



OLD MAN'S CAVE HIKE - Tuesdays @10:00am

Join us for a moderate, one-mile trip hike through the gorge. Meet at the Old Man's Cave Visitor Center.

Naturally Speaking

FUN FACTS from your favorite Naturalists...

Ohio's common snapping turtles (*Chelydra serpentina*) help keep our ponds healthy by eating dead plants and animals in addition to their typical fish and frogs.



BEGINNER KAYAKING - June 17, July 1, 15 August 12, 26 @1:00pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join the Naturalist to learn the basics of kayaking and paddle around Lake Logan. Bring sunscreen and water to drink if you wish. All equipment is provided. Meet the naturalist at the Lake Logan beach parking lot. Call 740-279-1177 or visit the Old Mans Cave Visitor Center to sign up.



BEGINNER ARCHERY - June 18, 27, July 2, 11, 25 August 22, 27 @2:00pm

Join us at the archery range across from the campground office for a beginner's archery course. All equipment is provided. All children must be accompanied by an adult.



HOCKING HILLS BUG LAB - June 24, July 8, August 19 @2:00pm

We invite you to explore the fascinating world of insects right here in the park. Learn how to identify major insect orders and discover the unique species that call Hocking Hills home through hands-on observation and guided exploration. Perfect for curious minds of all ages, this program will help you see the tiny creatures around you in a whole new way. Meet in the Visitor Center on the 2nd floor.



INTRO TO BIRDING - July 14, August 11 @7:00am

Come down for a short walk down to our bird blind and learn some common birds and how to ID them and their calls. Bring binoculars if you have them! Parking off Evans rd. or at coordinates 39.548670, -82.475659.



SLIMY, SCALY, SUPER-COOL! - July 22 @2:00pm August 12 @10:00am

Slither, hop, and crawl into the wild world of herps — reptiles and amphibians! Meet live animals, play games, and discover why frogs, turtles, snakes, and salamanders are some of the coolest creatures in Hocking Hills. Meet at the Visitor Center.



TRACKS & SCAT - June 7, 28, July 19, August 16 @2:00pm

Join us to learn different ways critters leave their marks behind! Meet at the Visitor Center.



GROSSOLOGY - June 21, July 12, August 30 @2:00pm

Discover how gross some animals can be out in nature! Meet at Old Man's Cave Visitor Center.



RECYCLED PAPER MAKING - July 24, August 28 @2:00pm

Did you know you can recycle paper at home? Come do it here at Hocking Hills! Join us in the Visitor Center. Please be aware that you will have to take your paper home wet and allow it to dry.



LEAF PENDANTS - June 19, August 21 @2:00pm

Come create your own leaf pendant! All materials provided. Meet in the Visitor Center.



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Naturally Speaking

FUN FACTS from your favorite Naturalists...

When Ohio ponds freeze, snapping turtles hibernate under the ice. Since they don't come up for air, they survive by absorbing oxygen directly from the water through their rear ends — a process called cloacal respiration!

UNDER OHIO'S Dark Skies

by Brad Hoehne, Director of JGAP

As Earth races around the Sun, the night sky changes with the seasons—revealing new constellations, distant galaxies, glowing nebulae, and the bright ribbon of the Milky Way.

Summer offers some of the year's most spectacular celestial sights, many of them visible from the dark skies above Hocking Hills.

Going For a Spin

When I was a kid, I was something of an adrenaline junkie. I loved going to King's Island near Cincinnati, and attended the Ohio State Fair as many times as my father would take me.

Amongst all the rides at these sites, there was one type I loved the most: the Spider. It was a giant black, mechanical beast that spun around. At the tips of each of its eight mechanical arms, there were two pods in which riders would sit. As it spun the legs would walk up and down flinging pods around and making them blissfully spin.

My friends and I worked out that we could furiously spin up the pod by leaning side to side. (It was important not to have had a large milkshake just prior to this.)

I remember the dizzy sight. Some of the time our view was blocked by the inner guts of the giant Spider. About half the time, however, when we faced outwards, the park would come into view. First we'd see the roller-coaster, then down the crowded midway, then the fence against which my father patiently waited, then we'd peer over the fence and into the forest at the edge of the park. After that, we'd stare into the mechanism, and the whole thing would repeat.

“As a stargazer, the views I have of the universe feel like my views of the amusement park from the Spider ride decades ago, but much more sedate.”

About half the time, as our earthly “pod” faces in towards the sun, our view of the universe is lost in its glare. The rest of the time our view faces outward, sunlight is hidden behind the Earth, and the stars, planets, nebulae and galaxies are revealed.

Finding Time

If you were to pick a time, say 10:30 PM exactly, and go out and view the stars every evening for an entire year, you'd see something curious happen. Each evening you looked, those in the east would have risen a bit higher. Add up these movements over many nights and it's clear that at different times of the year different stars and constellations peek into view. At the end of one year you'd find the stars right back where they started and the cycle would begin anew.

RIDING AROUND THE SUN A JGAP SUMMER



M-8: The Lagoon Nebula

Ancient peoples noticed this pattern and put it to use. They knew what time of year it was when a certain star pattern rose in the evening or just before dawn. The Egyptians, for instance, knew that the Nile river was due to flood when the brilliant star Sirius first rose out of the morning twilight.

We modern folk divide time using calendars and digital devices. But we can still feel the passing of time by following the apparent movements of the stars as we ride the Earth on our whirly-gig trip about the sun.



M-81: One of the galaxies in Ursa Major
- taken with the JGAP C14 telescope

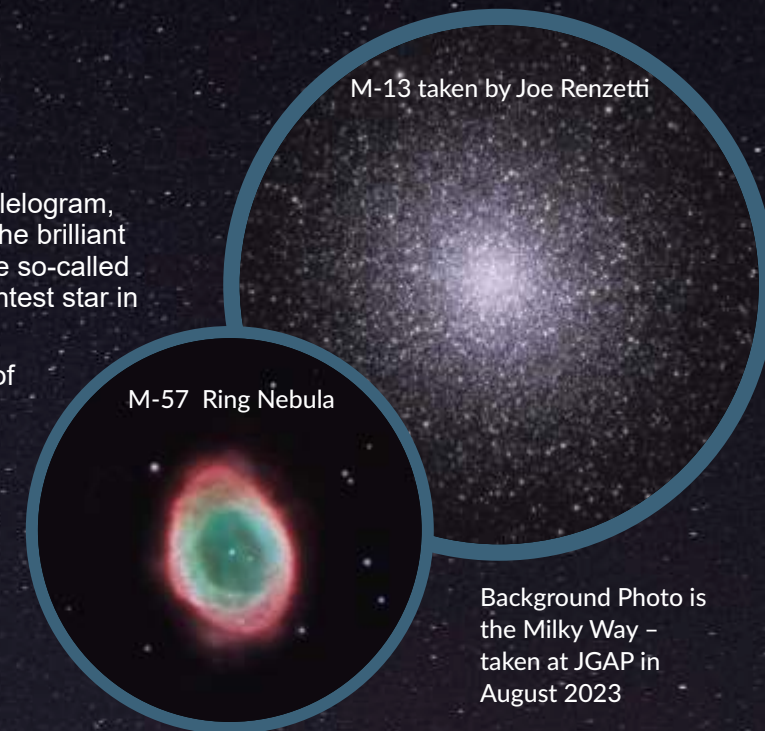
Here's what the ride brings into view on summer evenings...

EARLY SUMMER

Rising in the east are the distinct shapes of Lyra, a tiny parallelogram, and Cygnus, a giant “cross” on its side. Dominating Lyra is the brilliant blue star Vega, the first to rise of three stars that make up the so-called “Summer Triangle”. The other two stars are Deneb, the brightest star in Cygnus, and Altair, the brightest star in Aquila the Eagle.

Above Vega is the “keystone”, four stars that form the torso of Hercules. Along the western edge of the torso, visible as a fuzzy “star” in a pair of binoculars, is the splendid enormous star cluster, M13.

Nearly overhead as the evening twilight fades, is the Big Dipper, the brightest seven stars in the enormous constellation Ursa Major. Those with small telescopes may be able to spot the cottony glow of a number of distant galaxies in and around it



M-57 Ring Nebula

M-13 taken by Joe Renzetti

Background Photo is
the Milky Way –
taken at JGAP in
August 2023

LATE SUMMER

August and early September is Milky Way season. Once it is fully dark, the ghostly band of our galaxy arcs high overhead from south to north. At a casual glance, it looks much like a faint cloud and has a delicate and evocative beauty.

Hovering over the southern horizon in the early evening are the constellations Scorpius and Sagittarius. Between the two figures, beyond the maelstrom of stars and opaque interstellar dust and gas, is the core of our galaxy, the home of an invisible-to-us supermassive black hole.

Around the core, within the constellations that surround this point, is the most busy concentration of star clusters and nebulae in the sky. If you scan around this area with ordinary binoculars, your gaze will fall upon many of them.

Along the summer Milky Way, seemingly dividing it in two, there is a dark region with fewer stars. This is the Great Rift. Though it seems to be a single great object, it is, in fact, the result of many dark clouds of gas and dust along the plane of the Milky Way, blocking the light of the many stars beyond it.

This forms the material out of which new generations of stars will be born.

A few of these star forming regions can be seen along the path of the Milky Way. The brightest of these, again nestled between Sagittarius and Scorpius, is the Lagoon Nebula, can be seen, just barely, without optical aid. It looks like a tiny, cottony blur at the edge of the Great Rift.

Programs Every Week

Weather permitting, we have amazing and entertaining programs scheduled every week at JGAP. Here are some of this season's highlights:

July 10-11: The Long Twilight - 9:00PM
July 18-19: Happy Birthday John Glenn - 9:00PM
July 31-August 1: Our Sister Planet - 8:45PM
August 7-8: The Perseid Preview - 8:45PM
August 14-15: Celestial Clouds - 8:30PM
August 21-22: The Colors of the Stars - 8:30PM
August 27 Special Midnight Event: Almost Total Lunar Eclipse
August 28-29: The Moon Illusion - 8:00PM
September 3-4: Cosmic Rings - 8:00PM
September 11-12: The Archer and the Scorpion - 7:45PM
September 18-19: Saturn Rises, Venus Sets. - 7:45PM
September 26 Special Event: Cosmic Concert

VISIT
JGAP.info
for full program
information, or
scan the QR
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Did You
KNOW?
The light from galaxies viewed
at JGAP began its journey to us
MILLIONS
of years ago!

PARTNERS in Stewardship

Working Together to Protect the Place We Love

Every year, millions of visitors choose Hocking Hills for its breathtaking scenery, outdoor adventures, and unique places to stay. While tourism is one of the region's greatest economic drivers, its long-term success depends on something we can never take for granted: protecting the natural resources and community character that make Hocking Hills special.

Advocacy, Promotion and Sustainability

The Hocking Hills Lodging Owners Association (HHLOA) works to support and advocate for lodging providers while promoting responsible, sustainable tourism throughout the region. By bringing together business owners, community partners, and industry leaders, HHLOA helps ensure that Hocking Hills remains a destination people want to visit for generations to come.

“The long-term success of Hocking Hills depends on protecting the natural resources and community character that make it special.”

Education, Events and Opportunities

Education is a key part of the HHLOA effort. On August 6, HHLOA will host its annual Conservation Coalition event at The Venue at Hocking Hills Cabins & Resort. The program brings together experts and stakeholders to share insights on conservation initiatives, environmental stewardship, and the important role these efforts play in sustaining the region's tourism economy.

Throughout the year, HHLOA also provides opportunities for members to stay informed and engaged through events such as the Tourism Trends Symposium, Allied Partner Fair, and member Mix and Mingles. These programs help lodging owners better understand industry trends, discover new resources, and strengthen the visitor experience across Hocking Hills.

Shared Purpose

Whether welcoming guests for a weekend getaway, guiding visitors on a trail, leading a naturalist program, or supporting park improvements through Friends of Hocking Hills State Park, we all share a common goal: protecting the places and experiences that make Hocking Hills extraordinary.

Stewardship isn't the responsibility of any one organization. It happens when businesses, non-profits, public agencies, volunteers, and visitors work together to preserve what makes this region special for generations to come.



HOCKING HILLS
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To learn more about HHLOA, upcoming events, or membership opportunities, visit www.hockinghillslodgingownersassociation.com. Or contact them directly: (740) 400-9141 hhlodgeownersassociation@gmail.com



CONTRIBUTORS CORNER

When you have a park with the best scenic views in the country, it makes sense that you also have some of the finest photographers and storytellers.

Through their lenses, the story of Hocking Hills comes into focus...

Ash Cave



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Corkscrew Falls



“Cherish these natural wonders... for your children and your children's children.”
- Theodore Roosevelt

Darkening Skies at JGAP



Conkles Hollow Rim Trail

Photos by Eric Hoffman (Above)

FEATURED: Jerry & Barb Jividen

Few people have spent more time capturing the beauty of Hocking Hills than Barb and Jerry Jividen. Internationally recognized for their nature and wildlife photography, the Jividens have also been part of the Friends story from the very beginning as founding members of Friends of Hocking Hills State Park. Through their photography, volunteer service, and ongoing support of the organization, they continue to inspire others to appreciate, protect, and preserve the landscapes, wildlife, and natural wonders that make Hocking Hills one of Ohio's most treasured places.



Rock House

Sometimes the moon is a dark-sky troublemaker with its brightness drowning out other celestial bodies... and sometimes, it is photographic beauty.



(Pictured right) Aurora series

Photos by Brad Hoehne, JGAP Director

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PG 10: Eric Hoffman

BK CVR: Jerry Jividen

FRIENDS at Work

Our work is only possible because of people who care: members, donors, volunteers, partners, and visitors who believe this place is worth protecting.

How We Serve

Support from Friends helps fund projects and programs that improve the visitor experience, strengthen educational opportunities, support conservation efforts, and preserve the resources that make Hocking Hills special. Some of these accomplishments include:

- John Glenn Astronomy Park
- Naturalist Programs & Education
- Wildlife Habitat Initiatives
- Visitor Amenities
- Campground Maps
- Educational Programs
- Conservation Projects
- Volunteer Engagement
- Emergency Equipment and Safety Training
- Butterfly Habitat & Pollinator Gardens

Looking Ahead

As visitation continues to grow, so does the need for stewardship. Guided by our mission, vision, and strategic plan, Friends of Hocking Hills State Park is focused on strengthening support for the park, expanding educational opportunities, growing community engagement, and creating meaningful experiences that connect people to nature and the cosmos beyond.

And the way we create that connection to the Park is through experience. No one remembers the parking lot at the Visitors Center, but they absolutely remember the deafening sound of Cedar Falls after a springtime rain, or the quiet beauty of a sunrise at Cantwell Cliffs.

This is how we convert visitors to friends and friends to stewards...



TELL STORIES

Share experiences that inspire people to care about the park, its natural heritage, and the wonders of the night sky.



BUILD RELATIONSHIPS

Connect visitors, volunteers, members, partners, and community organizations through a shared love of Hocking Hills.



DESIGN EXPERIENCES

Create meaningful opportunities that engage, educate, and inspire every person who visits the park.

You are reading this because, one way or another, you have encountered Hocking Hills. Our goal is to make every encounter a memorable experience that leads to connection and support. If you haven't become a Friend of Hocking Hills already, now is the time – your opportunity to support treasured memories.

Every trail explored, every naturalist program attended, every volunteer project completed, and every star-filled night at the John Glenn Astronomy Park begins with people who care.

Fortunately, Hocking Hills has always had Friends.

For more than twenty years, Friends of Hocking Hills State Park has worked behind the scenes to preserve, protect, and enhance one of Ohio's greatest natural treasures. From educational programs and conservation projects to visitor amenities and the John Glenn Astronomy Park, every investment reflects a shared commitment to ensuring future generations can experience the wonder of Hocking Hills.

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

BY THE NUMBERS:

Behind every trail explored, program attended, and memory made is a network of supporters committed to preserving Hocking Hills. The numbers below tell part of that story.

 **\$1.8** MILLION invested in park projects & programs

 **20+** YEARS supporting the park its programs & employees

 **4M+** VISITORS annually, helping to make Hocking Hills the #1 State Park in the nation!

 **#1** RANKED PARK best hiking trails
#2 RANKED PARK most scenic views

Become a FRIEND... We All Need Friends

Becoming a Friend is one of the easiest and most meaningful ways to support Hocking Hills State Park. Your membership helps preserve natural resources, expand educational opportunities, support visitor experiences, and ensure the park remains a place of inspiration for generations to come.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS & BENEFITS

Whether you're joining as an individual, family, or dedicated supporter, there's a membership level designed for every Friend of Hocking Hills.

Every Friend receives:

- ✓ Quarterly Newsletter & Member e-News
- ✓ Park & Program Updates
- ✓ Member Appreciation Events
- ✓ Early Notice of Select Programs
- ✓ Recognition as a Friend of Hocking Hills
- ✓ Access to Member Merchandise Opportunities
- ✓ Member Decal to Show Your Support!

...and if you're already a Friend – Thank You!

FRIEND/INDIVIDUAL (\$50)

Your annual contribution helps support stewardship, education, and visitor experiences throughout Hocking Hills.

FAMILY/EXPLORER (\$100)

Everything included with Friend Membership, plus family participation opportunities and priority access to select family programming.

SUPPORTING FRIEND/TRAILBLAZER (\$150)

Includes printed newsletter delivery, select member merchandise discounts, and priority registration for limited-capacity programs.

PATRON/STEWARD (\$250)

Includes event benefits, VIP experiences, annual member-exclusive collectibles, and additional recognition opportunities.

SUMMIT (\$500)

The highest level of annual membership, including all previous member benefits, and providing expanded recognition, exclusive experiences, and leadership support for the future of Hocking Hills.

“After attending a program at John Glenn Astronomy Park and spending countless visits hiking the trails, becoming a Friend was an easy decision. We have to preserve this treasure!”

- Trisha Stanley, Pickerington

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE:

 **\$850,000** Endowment Fund

Held by the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, the Friends Endowment Fund helps ensure long-term support for Hocking Hills State Park and the John Glenn Astronomy Park for generations to come.

Whether you're a hiker, photographer, stargazer, camper, nature enthusiast, or simply someone who loves Hocking Hills, there's a place for you among good Friends.

Join us today and help protect the places, programs, and experiences that make Hocking Hills one of America's most treasured destinations.

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We All Need Friends...

Friends of Hocking Hills State Park exists to support and sustain one of Ohio's most treasured natural places.

The mission of Friends of Hocking Hills State Park is to foster a supportive partnership with Hocking Hills State Park, its visitors, and the region – preserving our natural treasures for the education and enjoyment of all.

As Ohio's most visited state park, welcoming up to five million visitors annually, **Hocking Hills depends on strong community support.** With no entrance or parking fees and limited state funding, FHHSP plays a critical role in providing resources that help maintain the park's beauty, safety, and accessibility.



100% of contributions made to Friends Of Hocking Hills State Park **DIRECTLY SUPPORT THE PARK.**

Friends of Hocking Hills State Park is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Your support is tax deductible.

