



# Friends of Fall Creek Falls State Park News

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## Volunteering with the Friends of Fall Creek Falls

The Friends group has been busy over the past few months with various volunteer opportunities! Starting in April, we helped with the Tennessee Promise Volunteer Day. This project involved helping with trail erosion control on the Chinquapin Ridge Mountain Bike Trail. The Tennessee Promise Volunteer Day is a day for



participants to do some community service in exchange for college tuition. We met several eager upcoming college students that were very willing to help. There will be another Tennessee Promise Volunteer Day on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 8:30am that will involve helping remove invasive plants around the park. If you are willing to help out, please email us at [friends@fallcreekfalls.org](mailto:friends@fallcreekfalls.org) by Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, so that we know how many to expect.



In May, the Friends group greeted and served refreshments to the attendees of the Tennessee Spring Star Party. We met lots of great people and had an awesome time. In fact, we had such a great time that we decided to do the same at the Astronomy Weekends throughout the summer. The Astronomy Weekends are a great opportunity to learn about the night sky, the use of telescopes, star wheels, binoculars, and why the seasons occur. There is even a viewing area to observe distant galaxies, planets, exploding stars, and beautiful star fields through several large telescopes. Be sure to come out and visit with us and the Astronomy in the Parks Society on July 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> and/or August 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you there!

Throughout the summer the Friends group is busy with Tie-Dye every Saturday at the Rec. Hall in the Village area. Stop by to brighten up your wardrobe and help the Friends group.

If you would like to volunteer with any of these events, please email us at [friends@fallcreekfalls.org](mailto:friends@fallcreekfalls.org).



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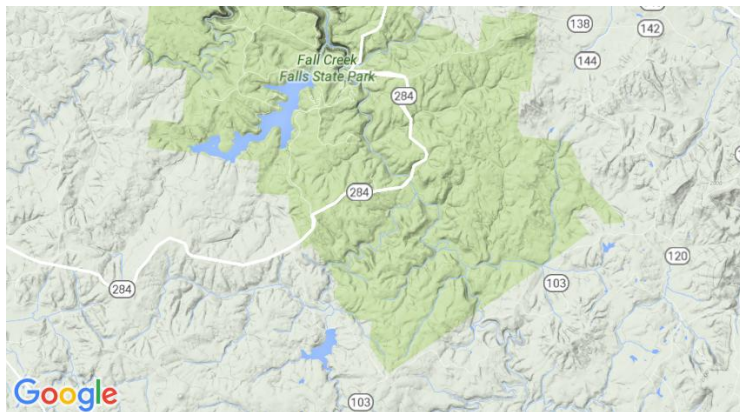
## Friends Donate Carpet Cleaner to Inn



Fall Creek Falls State Park is a popular place for vacationers, conferences, and even the locals. The Inn and Gaul's Gallery Restaurant at Fall Creek Falls attracts many of these people and has high visitation to their establishments. With that comes heavy foot traffic on the carpet throughout these areas. The Friends of Fall Creek Falls State Park recently donated a commercial carpet cleaner to the Inn at Fall Creek Falls State Park. This commercial carpet cleaner will be used by the staff at the Inn to maintain these areas. "We are very grateful for the Friends for providing the staff at the Inn with such a generous donation" said Brad Duncan, Hospitality Manager of the Fall Creek Falls State Park Inn.

## Friends Commit Money Towards Boundary Survey

The Friends of Fall Creek Falls State Park, Inc. is dedicated to preserving the natural and cultural riches that Fall Creek Falls State Park has to offer. In keeping with that, the Friends group recently committed \$10,000 towards helping that State of Tennessee resurvey some park boundaries that have been encroached upon in recent years. This should help the state reestablish the park boundaries and help protect its resources for future generations.



## Your Donations Help

The Friends of Fall Creek Falls State Park strives to make our efforts a continued success. Your donations help. Donation boxes are located at the Nature Center, Inn, Campers' Check-In, Park Office, and Main Overlook of Fall Creek Falls. Thank you for your support!