

2017 UPDATE

Inspiring stewardship of Pennsylvania's state parks and forests through public engagement in volunteerism, education and recreation

YOUR SUPPORT IN ACTION

A new generation cares for our public



lands through partnerships with Shippensburg University and DCNR's Youth Outdoors Corps. You help us foster the legacy of stewardship for today and the future!



Installation of accessible docks at Beltzville and Laurel Hill state parks (kudos to the Friends of LHSP), new ski equipment at

Susquehannock State Forest, and kayaks at Bendigo State Park . You help us provide access for more people on land AND water!

In Your Words

Just a thank you for always having fun and positive things to enjoy – and also keeping a calm steady anchor of humanity ...

May we truly learn how to live in peace with each other – and enjoy nature along the way!

Lisa Purcell

Crumbling chimneys provide little warmth but thanks to seed money from REI and your support, the 40 shelters along the



Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail will keep hikers toasty for years to come. You help us maintain and improve the history AND the infrastructure of the places you love!



The voices of state parks and forests

users were heard throughout the Capitol as we opposed cuts to the funding dedicated to their care. You help us protect our common wealth!

We absolutely love our state parks. I asked my wife to marry me at Jacobsburg, we camp every fall at French Creek, and we plan trips around visiting our parks in the many corners of Pennsylvania. We each have our own State Park Passport and look forward to collecting stamps from the parks we visit.

Robbie & Christie-Gilson Graves

We showed your fellow Pennsylvanians how to get *Back to Basics* with a summer media campaign designed to



demonstrate simple outdoor skills. You help us teach your friends and neighbors how easy it is to enjoy the outdoors!



A fresh batch—updated and expanded—of the *Pennsylvania State Parks and State Forests Passport*

appeared. Just in time for summer fun. You help us spread the joy of parks and forests all year 'round!

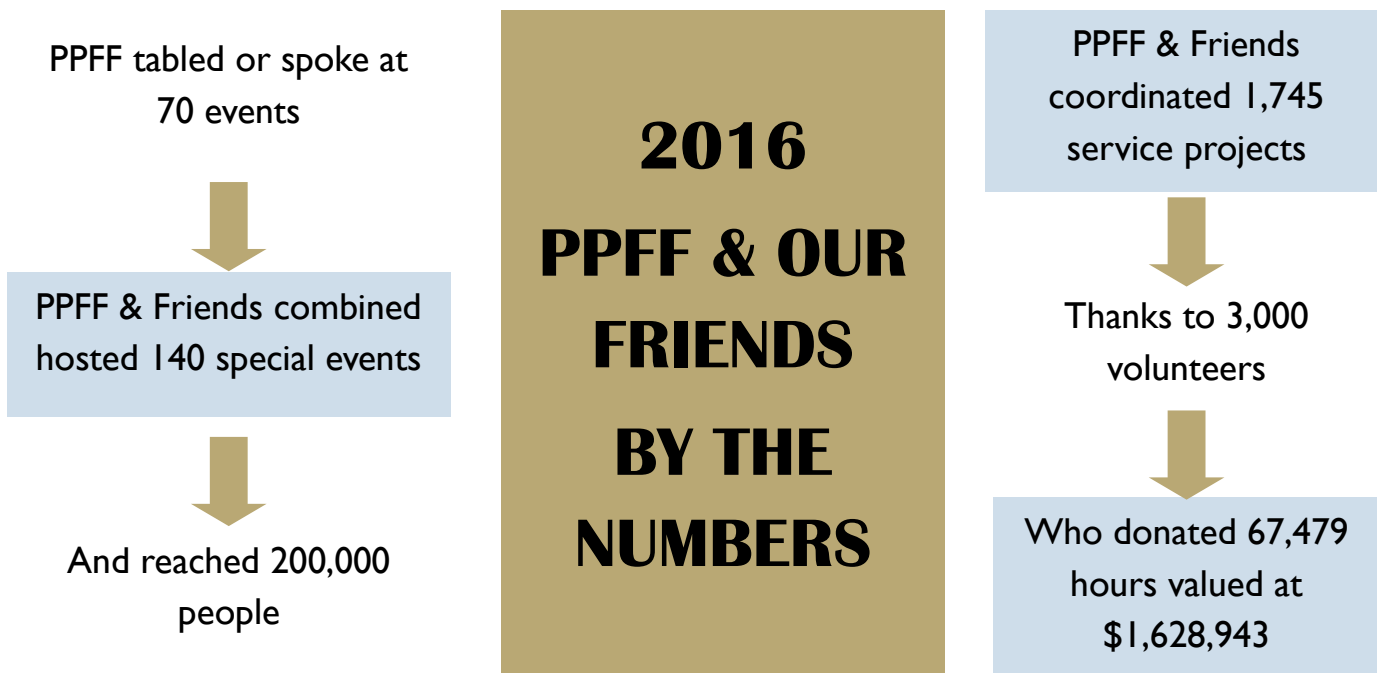
When I was an early teenager through my 20s, I spent a lot of time on the Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail. The experience and beauty of the trail is amazing throughout the seasons. Time spent there helped me discover and define who I am. The LHHT is the best trail in Western Pennsylvania. The experience the LHHT offers must be maintained for future generations.

Ronald Wilson

Our Numbers Prove Our Impact

When you invest in our state parks and forests, anything is possible. At Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation, we monitor our progress, and we can prove we are getting remarkable results.

Our 2016 Annual Report provides the details. Get your copy at PAParksAndForests.org/Publications.



Expanding Our Vision

Our strategic plan established them—our commitment mandates them. There are opportunities ahead to go even further.

- ✓ Spread the word on the value of parks, forests, and outdoor recreation so everyone understands their importance for today and generations to come
- ✓ Engage people in outdoor recreation to improve their physical, emotional, and mental health
- ✓ Increase volunteerism in Pennsylvania state parks and forests
- ✓ Invest in transformative projects and events
- ✓ Strengthen PPFF and our chapters through strategic investment of time, talent, and money

Your Donations—A World of Difference

These kayaks patiently waiting for paddlers to take them for a ride is a symbol of our quest to bring the outdoors to everyone—and everyone to the outdoors.

The paddlers of Team RiverRunner reminded us at the Beltzville State Park launch dedication that on the water no one can tell who uses the wheelchairs left behind on the dock.

How proud we are to know that we are making a difference in so many lives by developing the skills, equipment, facilities, and opportunities we all require to enjoy all the outdoors has to offer, **and** acting as a strong and respected voice for all—like you—who seek to conserve and steward our state parks and forests.

You should be proud, too. It's your support that makes it possible!

