

FWCCSP RECORD

April 2022

Our Spring General Meeting

It was great to return to Deerfield Golf Club on March 24 and join our Friends for our spring general meeting and enjoy a special presentation on the History of Dams along White Clay Creek by Jerry Kauffman, Director, University of Delaware Water Resources Center We learned about the colonial dams that powered the industrial and environmental revolution in this area of Delaware. Eighteenth century millers built the first timber crib dams along the White Clay Creek and for 250 years these hand built dams served their historic purpose, but halted the spawning of fish such as the American shad. Efforts are now underway to remove or alter these dams to allow the return of these fish







Election of Officers

The nominating committee of Linda Stapleford and Doug Lloyd presented a slate of officers that were duly elected to serve another year, with all ayes and no nays.



Bob Brechter(VP) Dave Koppeser (Pres.) Jerry Kauffman, Lori Hans (Sec.) Joe Calabretta Treas.)

Trail Interactions

Concerned about trail etiquette? About who has the right of way? Should we have one way trails? Do ear buds inhibit awareness of approaching trail users?

A committee formed by the Citizens Advisory Council, composed of representatives of the Park, the Friends, and other organizations are meeting to review these issues. Public awareness presentation tables are planned for the summer season. Watch for these tables on weekends, mainly in the Possum Hill parking lot.

Please send us your thoughts at whiteclaycreekfriends@gmail.com



Photo contest

We're thinking about a photo contest to start this spring. What would you expect from a FWCCSP contest? Categories? Rewards? Recognition?

We'd love to have your thoughts! At whiteclaycreekfriends@gmail.com.





Park Activities

Naturalist Led Hike

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 2:00 PM

New to the park? Ready to find a new favorite trail? Then join the park naturalist on this series to explore trails and discover nature in White Clay Creek State Park. Dress for the weather, bring bottled water and come ready for adventure! Pre-registration required, call 302-368-6900 by Tuesday at 3 p.m. Free

Junior Naturalist

Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Join us for this series for in-depth investigations of different nature topics. This program is geared to ages 6 - 12, drop-off program. Must pre-register on the Park website. Cost is \$25 per student for the full series or \$8 per class.

Full Moon Friday

Friday, April 15, 2022 at 7:30 PM

Join our park naturalist for an evening hike near the full moon. Online registration (Park website) ends 24 hours prior to the program. After that, please call 302-368-6900 prior to 3 p.m. Meeting location provided upon registration. \$6 per person

Earth Day Hike

Friday, April 22, 2022 at 1:00 PM

Join us for a relaxing and meditative hike through the different habitats at White Clay Creek. We'll talk about some of the many projects happening at the park during our walk. Register by calling 302-368-6900 by 3 pm on 4/21. Free

Junior Naturalist - Individual Week

Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Join us for this series for in-depth investigations of different nature topics. This program is geared to ages 6 - 12, drop-off program. Must pre-register on Park website. Cost is \$25 per student for the full series or \$8 per class.

The Wedge, the Arc and the Horn

Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 1:00 PM

The Arc Corner Monument signifies an interesting land swap between Pennsylvania and Delaware. Join local historian Mike Ott for a hike to the Arc Corner Monument and to another marker on the DE Arc for some interesting history of these boundaries. Degree of Difficulty: Moderate to difficult. Call 302-368-6900 to register. Space is limited and pre-registration is required by noon, Thursday, March 18. Meets at the Chambers House Nature Center. Free

Volunteer Activities

The Friends have a governing body, the Executive Committee, with the President and six other members. We are in need of someone to handle Publicity and Social Media. This means helping, for example, with this newsletter, with Facebook, and connecting with people and organizations that use and support the Park. If you think this is of interest please send a note to whiteclaycreekfriends@gmail.com.

Your suggestions for improvement

There must be SOMETHING you like but could be improved, or is missing. Or you have an idea that the Park and Friends should consider. Send us a note a whiteclaycreekfriends@gmail.com.



Support the White Clay Creek State Park by Renewing your Membership!

The more members we have, the more our voice is heard when we seek to preserve and enhance our Park. Please go to our <u>website</u> and click on the purple button.

