



FWCCSP RECORD

August 2022

Join your Friends at...

The White Clay Creek Summer Concerts!

- Summer Wednesdays at 6:30pm at the Carpenter Recreation Area
- Enjoy Friends' raffle, the Beer Garden, a food truck, and Rita's water ice
- For weather updates call 302-368-6560 or visit the park Facebook page
- <https://destateparks.com/concerts/whiteclaycreek>

Date	Band	Music Type	Brewery	Food Truck
August 3, 2022	Flatland Drive	Bluegrass	New Belgium	Ole Tapas
August 10, 2022	Exit 93	Blues and Classic Rock	Twisted Irons	All Hands BBQ
August 17, 2022	7 Rings (rescheduled)	Classic Rock and Irish	New Belgium	Ole Tapas
September 5, 2022 (Labor Day Monday)	The Newspaper Taxis	Beatles Tribute	Hangman	Ole Tapas





What Have the Volunteers Been Up To?

Helping with Cyclists!

- Volunteers from the Friends staffed an aid station along The Gravel Grape Crusher cycling event
- And staffed an ongoing trail etiquette promotion

27 of the park's 37 trails allow mountain bike use! Come on out and give it a try!

Unsure which way to go?!?
Bikes pass pedestrians on the left.



Park News - New Nature Center Update

Nature Center Complex Timeline

Fall 2021 – Winter 2022: Pre-Game Plan

At the end of February 2022, the Planning, Preservation, and Design (PPD) Team completed pre-planning meetings that involved the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Team and the White Clay Creek Park Staff. The importance of these preliminary meetings, which included some site visits, was to discuss the needs and wants of the park staff, ideas for the complex, and understand realities of what is feasible.

Spring 2022 – Summer 2022: Show me the Money

With the pre-planning done and all teams understanding a general idea of what needs to be done, the PPD Team geared up for the new fiscal budget (new fiscal year starts July 1) and how much funding the Nature Center complex would be allocated. The Nature Center and some bridge work was allocated \$4.5 million. The intent is to go straight from planning stages through to construction.

The PPD Team has a meeting scheduled with a contractor, GWWO, for mid-August to discuss the pre-planning needs and wants list and to “get the ball rolling”.

Fall 2022 - ???: Game Plan

A construction timeline cannot be estimated at this time but will become clearer after the preliminary meetings with GWWO.

Join us!



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.

Quiz



The new pollinator garden is located

- 1) Judge Morris estate
- 2) Nature Center, Chambers House
- 3) Carpenter Recreation Area

Of course there is a prize for the correct answer.....send to whiteclaycreekfriends@gmail.com



Upcoming Park Activities

Sunday Stroll

Sunday, August 7, 2022 at 1:00 PM

Join Certified Forest Therapy Guide and Master Naturalist, Shelli Smith, for a relaxing stroll through White Clay Creek. Awaken your senses and deepen your relationship with the natural world through sensory explorations that combine curiosity, wandering and rest. Inspired by the Japanese practice of Shinrin Yoku, nature therapy walks have proven health benefits including stress reduction, lower cortisol levels, reduced blood pressure, and improved immunity. Pre-registration is required, space is limited. Call 302-368-6900 by the Friday prior to program date. Free Program.

Full Moon Friday

Friday, August 12, 2022 at 8:00 PM

Join our park naturalist for an evening hike near the full moon. We'll start the hike as the sun sets and then enjoy the moonrise as we return. Online registration ends 24 hours prior to the program. After that, please call 302-368-6900. Meeting location provided upon registration. \$6 per person

Panning for Creek Gems

Saturday, August 13, 2022 at 10:30 AM

Pan the creek for garnets, magnetite, and other shiny treasures! We will provide materials for participants. Water shoes and towel recommended. Online program registration ends 24 hours prior to program. \$6 per person

How Healthy is the Creek?

Saturday, August 20, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Come discover some living indicators of water quality in the White Clay Creek. Be prepared to get your feet wet. Pre-registration required, call 302-368-6900. Free Program.

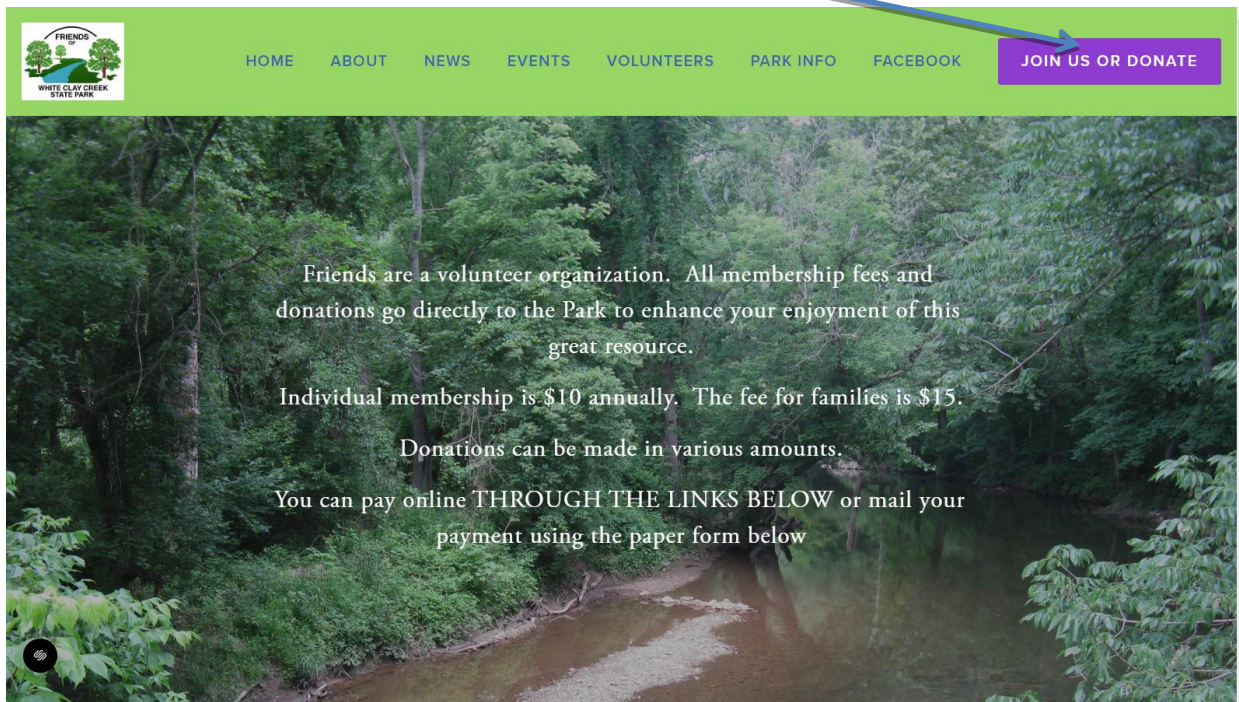
Panning for Creek Gems

Sunday, August 21, 2022 at 1:00 PM

Pan the creek for garnets, magnetite, and other shiny treasures! We will provide materials for participants. Water shoes and towel recommended. Online program registration ends 24 hours prior to program. \$6 per person

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 [website](#) and click on the purple button.



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Friends are a volunteer organization. All membership fees and donations go directly to the Park to enhance your enjoyment of this great resource.

Individual membership is \$10 annually. The fee for families is \$15.

Donations can be made in various amounts.

You can pay online **THROUGH THE LINKS BELOW** or mail your payment using the paper form below