

Newsletter

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SPECIAL EDITION!



Friends board members Dan Otto, Lisa Otto, Dave Kozlovsky, Jan Kozlovsky and Jim McCarthy stand with an example of what the tree cages will look like to protect young oak trees from browsing deer.

Are you interested in helping out?

For those interested in volunteering, the Friends of Wild River State Park is looking for about 24 volunteers to help out per session, which will take place June 9 and August 18. Volunteers can call Mike Dunker, Park Naturalist, for more information and to sign up to help or go to www.dnr.state.mn.us, search for Wild River State Park and click on the park's "Events" tab.

Volunteers should bring:

- Their own reusable water bottle
- Gloves
- Eye protection
- Ear protection
- Sunscreen
- Wear closed-toe, comfortable footwear (there will be a lot of walking)

Lunch will be provided!

Friends receive grant to work on habitat restoration

The Friends of Wild River State Park is excited to announce it has received a \$5,000 grant to work on habitat restoration in Wild River State Park.

The grant will be used to implement a project to protect oak species from deer browse at Wild River State Park with support from the Minnesota DNR and funds issued by Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota. The project will include volunteer opportunities for community members at events during the coming summer months.

Wild River State Park has areas where tree cages are needed to protect trees from deer browse. This grant will help fund the purchase and installation of cages to protect natural regeneration of native oak species, with priority given to 80 acres in four separate areas that are part of forest and savanna reconstruction projects.

The Friends of Wild River State Park was one of five groups selected to receive \$5,000 from Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota under a statewide grant program that seeks to restore habitat in state parks. This grant program was made possible by the Henry S. Crosby Foundation, which issued grant money to Parks & Trails Council to advance protection of state parks through land acquisition and habitat restoration projects.

All awardees of this grant include: Friends of Itasca State Park, Friends of Maplewood State Park, Friends of Nerstrand Big Woods State Park, Friends of Wild River State Park, and Frontenac State Park Association.

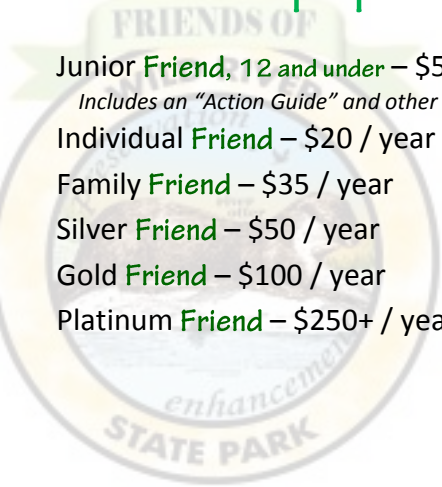
Parks & Trails Council worked with Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to identify potential projects and overlap them with active Friends Groups. These projects complement long-term, natural resource management goals of the parks and fit into the wide variety of activities of Friends Groups. Friends Groups support state parks in various ways, from raising money and promotion, to advocacy and programming.

To complete the project, the Friends of Wild River State Park is seeking volunteers to help install the cages. The first work day for volunteers is scheduled for Saturday, June 9. A second session will take place on August 18. Volunteers can call Mike Dunker, Park Naturalist, for more information and to sign up to help or go to www.dnr.state.mn.us, search for Wild River State Park and click on the park's "Events" tab.

Thank you for your
Membership

FWRSP Membership Options

- Junior **Friend, 12 and under** – \$5 / year
Includes an "Action Guide" and other benefits
- Individual **Friend** – \$20 / year
- Family **Friend** – \$35 / year
- Silver **Friend** – \$50 / year
- Gold **Friend** – \$100 / year
- Platinum **Friend** – \$250+ / year



Name:			
Address:			
City:			
State:		Zip:	
Email:			

(We will never sell or trade your email address.)

Option 1: Mail above with check to:

Jan Kozlovsky, FWRSP Treasurer

(make check out to "Friends of Wild River State Park"
and put "Membership" in the memo field)

17190 410th St.

North Branch, MN 55056

Option 2: Sign-up online and use your credit card at:

www.FriendsOfWildRiver.org

Calendar of Events

MAY:

5: Park program: Warbler Watch and Walk – 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. at Visitor Center.

13: Park program: Mother's Day Wildflower Walk – 2 – 3:30 p.m. at Visitor Center.

JUNE:

8: Friends event: Tree cage installation– 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

9: Park program: Owls of Minnesota and Wisconsin – 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. at Visitor Center.

23: Park program: Archery in the Park – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Picnic Area.

JULY:

14: Friends event: St. Croix River Clean-up – 9 a.m. at Sunrise River Landing

21: Park program: Archery in the Park– 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Picnic Area

AUG.:

11 Park program: Archery in the Park– 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Picnic Area

18: Friends event: Tree cage installation– 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

For more info and activities go to friendsofwildriver.org or www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/events.html?location=spk00254

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