



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF STATE PARKS

Throughout 2016, North Carolina's state parks system will celebrate its centennial. One of the nation's first state parks was created 100 years ago at the summit of Mount Mitchell, and since then, the system has grown to nearly a quarter-million acres set aside for conservation, recreation and education.

The occasion offers North Carolinians an opportunity to celebrate this achievement and to rededicate themselves to the stewardship of this stunning landscape. Every state park, including Lake James State

Park, will hold a special event to mark the centennial. This fall, the annual Catawba RiverFest will be combined



with the Lake James Triathlon to create a revamped and exciting centennial celebration.

"Recognizing everything that's been accomplished in North Carolina state parks over the last 100 years is our focus in 2016," said Lake James State Park

Superintendent Nora Coffey. "Celebrate with us and rediscover North Carolina's state parks as places to learn about our environment, to relax with family and reconnect with nature."

If you would like to receive our monthly programs list, contact us at lake.james@ncparks.gov. In an effort to reduce idle waiting time before programs begin, please make an effort to arrive a few minutes before the start times listed. Thank you.

DISCOVER THE HOLLY DISCOVERY TRAIL – SATURDAY, MARCH 5

The Holly Discovery Trail is an award-winning trail that offers 18 interactive stations, specifically designed for young people. Meet Park Ranger Jamie Cameron as he leads a hike along this ¾-mile trek and introduces the wonders of Lake James to the next generation of nature lovers. The hike starts at 10 a.m. from the Holly Discovery Trailhead, located in the Paddy's Creek Area of the park. Bring warm clothes and your imagination and be prepared to discover the Holly Discovery.

SPRING PEEPER PROMENADE – SATURDAY, MARCH 5

What are those? They sound like crickets ... maybe katydids, but they aren't. When the temperatures warm up just a little bit, any wet drainage blossoms with the calls of one of our smallest frogs – the Spring Peeper. This program will set out to discuss various frog species, but specifically focus on the diminutive Spring Peeper. Several frog habitat types will be searched including a known Spring Peeper hotspot. Meet Park Ranger Kevin Bischof at the Holly Discovery Trail parking area at 1 p.m. and be prepared to walk about a mile.

**WATCHING WATERFOWL – SUNDAY, MARCH 6**

Lake James is a winter stopover for many ducks, grebes, loons and other migratory waterfowl. These birds are once again massing for their northward migration in anticipation of the spring breeding season. Park Ranger Jamie Cameron will have his field guide and a spotting scope to help participants enjoy viewing some of these colorful travelers before they go. Bring binoculars if you have them and dress for the weather. Meet at the Paddy's Creek Area bathhouse breezeway at 10 a.m.

WATERFOWL BOAT TOUR – FRIDAY, MARCH 11

Lake James plays host to many species of waterfowl during the early spring migration, as well as the critters that stay here year-round. Renowned waterfowl expert, Ranger Earl Weaver will be your captain and guide aboard the park patrol boat as we search for loons, otters, eagles and scenic vistas. The weather could be blustery, so be sure to dress warmly if you are one of the eight lucky participants. Registration is required and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the park office at 828-584-7728 to reserve your spot. Meet at the Paddy's Creek Area East Picnic Shelter at 1:50 p.m. for a briefing and prompt 2 p.m. departure.

ASTRONOMY FOR EVERYONE – FRIDAY, MARCH 11

Back by popular demand, Lake James State Park will be co-hosting with the Catawba Valley Astronomy Club for a night of star gazing. Learn some basic star gazing tips and take home your own star chart. There will be telescopes and binoculars set up for viewing the night sky, but feel free to bring your own if you have them. Folding chairs are also recommended. We will meet in the upper parking lot of the Paddy's Creek Area at 6:30 p.m. Register by calling the park office at 828-584-7728.

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LAKE CLEAN-UP – SATURDAY, MARCH 12

The weather is warming, the birds are singing and the trees are beginning to bud - it's time for a little spring cleaning at Lake James. Lake James Area Wildlife and Nature Society and the Community of Lake James Inc. will partner with the state park once again for their annual shoreline clean-up, Saturday, March 12. It will be all hands on deck to get the lake ready for the busy spring and summer season. With water levels low, now is the time to remove as much trash as possible from the exposed shoreline. Volunteers are needed, but volunteers with boats are at a premium. Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. at the Paddy's Creek Area law enforcement boat ramp for a briefing and departure, and they will reconvene at the East Picnic Shelter at 1 p.m. for lunch. Anyone interesting in lending a helping hand should call the park office at 828-584-7728.

WALKING THE WETLANDS – FRIDAY, MARCH 18

Park Ranger Earl Weaver will be meeting a group of adventurous hikers to the Old Catawba River to search for aquatic plants, animals, insects and birds. The wetland habitat in this area is rich in biodiversity and rarely visited by humans. Meet Ranger Weaver at the Canal Bridge Boat Access on NC 126 at 9:45 a.m. for a 10 a.m. carpool caravan to the site.

**RETURN TO LONG ARM CEMETERY -
SATURDAY, MARCH 19**

It has been many years since members of the public have had the opportunity to visit the historic cemetery on Long Arm Peninsula. Before the area became part of Lake James State Park in 2005 it was long held in private ownership. As new park facilities are developed to access and enjoy this beautiful area, the park staff is excited to provide a rare opportunity to walk among the tombstones. Meet Ranger Clay Veasey at the Paddy's Creek Area bathhouse breezeway at 10 a.m. and we'll caravan to the cemetery from there.

**FROGS MAGNIFIED – SUNDAY, MARCH 27**

Come experience nature in a new way, a magnified way! Nature Magnified is a new program series at Lake James that will introduce kids to the natural world in a different way. Undoubtedly you've strolled along the trails of lake and experienced the beauty Lake James has to offer, but have you ever seen the natural world magnified? Come join Ranger Kevin Bischof as he leads a group along the trails of Lake James to explore the frog species of the forest at a different level. The park will supply the magnifying loupes, all you have to do is bring the kids and a sense of exploration. Magnification will turn your walk in the woods into a whole new experience. Because the park has a limited number of magnifying loupes, please call ahead of time to reserve your spot. Reservations can be made by calling the park office at 828-584-7728. This program can be used for the Junior Ranger program and will meet at 1 p.m. at the Holly Discovery Trail parking lot in the Paddy's Creek Area.

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EARLY SPRING PHOTO SAFARI – SUNDAY, APRIL 3

Shutterbugs and novices alike can capture great images at Lake James State Park during every season, but spring is especially rewarding. With new growth literally bursting out of the ground and birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians shaking off their winter doldrums, there's no telling what kind of subjects we'll find for the camera. Join Park Ranger Jamie Cameron, an award-winning photo-journalist, for a laid back hike in the woods. Bring whatever camera gear you have; from the top-of-the-line Nikon SLR, to a Smart Phone. Meet at the Holly Discovery Trail parking area at 9 a.m.



SPRING BIRD HIKE – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

Bird life is abundant along the lakeshore as species make their annual trek from the wintering grounds in the south, to the nesting territories in the north. Some birds will end their journeys here to find a mate, build a nest and raise their young. It's an incredibly exciting time of year to be a birdwatcher and this hike is timed to meet the greatest diversity of warblers, vireos, tanagers, grosbeaks and buntings. Meet Park Ranger Jamie Cameron at the Catawba River Area breezeway at 8 a.m. for a stroll around the Fox Den Loop Trail. Bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them and dress appropriately for the weather.

SALAMANDER SOIREE – SATURDAY, APRIL 9

The wonderful world of salamanders will be on display as Park Ranger Kevin Bischof leads a hike to different types of salamander habitat in search of these small, elusive amphibians. Meet at the Holly Discovery Trail parking area and come prepared to journey through woodlands, seeps, streams and pools. Bring appropriate footwear and keep in mind some of these areas may be a little muddy, so keep the new sneakers at home. The hike will begin promptly at 10 a.m.

NC SCIENCE FESTIVAL REPTILE AND AMPHIBIAN BIOBLITZ – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13TH

Join us in celebrating the North Carolina Science Festival! You'll explore with a park ranger in a citizen science project to find, count, and record the reptile and amphibian species found along a dedicated section of the park used to study these animals. Park Ranger Kevin Bischof leads a group to discover what park rangers do to inventory park species. This program will be for all ages but will be specifically geared towards kids and ideal for homeschool groups. Meet the ranger at the Holly Discovery Trail parking lot in the Paddy's Creek Area of the park. The program starts at 10:00 am so don't be late!

HOLLY DISCOVERY TRAIL BIRD HIKE – FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Spring migration is in full swing as songbirds, raptors and waterfowl return from the tropics to answer the urge to nest. With its easy, ¾-mile loop through excellent, bottomland forest habitat, the Holly Discovery Trail is the perfect place to observe many species as they strive to complete their epic journey. Park Ranger Earl Weaver will lead the adventure, starting at the Holly Discovery trail parking area at 8:50 a.m. Bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them.

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PARK PLANS: PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE – SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Have you ever wondered about what the future will bring for Lake James State Park? Would you like to know more about the history of the park and how it became the place we enjoy today? Join Park Superintendent Nora Coffey and members of the Friends of Lake James State Park board of directors for a picnic lunch followed by a presentation on the issues facing Lake James State Park and plans for expanding recreational opportunities and resources. Here's your chance to learn everything you ever wanted to know about your favorite place to spend time outdoors. Bring a picnic lunch to the East Shelter at the Paddy's Creek Area. Superintendent Coffey will begin her presentation at 1 p.m.

ASTRONOMY FOR EVERYONE – SATURDAY, APRIL 16

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WILDFLOWER HIKE – SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Join Park Ranger Jamie Cameron to learn about the diverse wildflowers growing at Lake James State Park. Ranger Cameron will lead participants through basic wildflower identification and a hike along the Fox Den Loop Trail. Be prepared to see the park with a new appreciation after this informative program. Meet at the Catawba River Area office breezeway at 2 p.m.

**NC SCIENCE FESTIVAL MINI BIOBLITZ – TUESDAY, APRIL 19TH**

Join us in celebrating the North Carolina Science Festival by joining a park ranger in a citizen science project to identify, count, and record as many species as we can find! All species of animals you can think of will be our focus. Park Ranger Kevin Bischof will lead us to discover what park rangers do to inventory park species. This program will be for all ages but will be specifically geared towards kids and ideal for homeschool groups. Meet the ranger at the Holly Discovery Trail parking lot in the Paddy's Creek Area of the park. The program starts at 1:00 pm so don't be late!

EARTH DAY - SALAMANDER SOIREE! - FRIDAY, APRIL 22

Earth Day! What better way to celebrate our wonderful planet than by searching for slimy amphibians? The wonderful world of salamanders will be on display as Park Ranger Kevin Bischof leads a hike to different types of salamander habitat in search of these small, elusive amphibians. Meet at the Holly Discovery Trail parking area and come prepared to journey through woodlands, seeps, streams and pools. Bring appropriate footwear and keep in mind some of these areas may be a little muddy, so keep the new sneakers at home. The hike will begin promptly at 4:00 pm.

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LOON CRUISE – SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Lake James is a wintering spot for dozens of common loons. On quiet, still mornings you can often hear their iconic cries echoing across the water. Join Ranger Earl Weaver aboard the park's patrol boat in search of these graceful waterbirds and others that call Lake James home before they head north for the breeding season. Registration is required and only the first eight respondents will get to enjoy this unique opportunity. Meet at the East Picnic Shelter at Paddy's Creek Area at 1:50 p.m. for a briefing and prompt 2 p.m. departure. To register, call the park office at 828-584-7728.

SALAMANDERS MAGNIFIED – SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Come experience nature in a new way, a magnified way! Nature Magnified is a new program series at Lake James introducing kids to the natural world in a different way. Undoubtedly you've strolled along the trails of lake and experienced the beauty Lake James has to offer, but have you ever seen the natural world magnified? Come join Ranger Kevin Bischof as he leads a group along the trails of Lake James to explore the salamanders of the forest at a different level. The park will supply the magnifying loupes, all you have to do is bring the kids and a sense of exploration. Magnification will turn your



walk in the woods into a whole new experience. Because the park has a limited number of magnifying loupes, please call ahead of time to reserve your spot. Reservations can be made by calling the park office at 828-584-7728. This program can be used for the Junior Ranger program and will meet at 1:00 pm at the Holly Discovery Trail parking lot in the Paddy's Creek Area.

SPRING BOAT TOUR – FRIDAY, APRIL 29

The waters and shoreline of Lake James is bursting with life after the long winter and there's no better way to explore than by boat. Ranger Clay Veasey will be your captain and guide aboard the park patrol boat as we search for loons, otters, eagles and scenic vistas. The weather could be blustery, so be sure to dress warmly if you are one of the eight lucky participants. Registration is required and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the park office at 828-584-7728 to reserve your spot. Meet at the Paddy's Creek Area East Picnic Shelter at 9:45 a.m. for a briefing and prompt 10 a.m. departure.

HIKE PADDY'S CREEK TRAIL – SATURDAY, APRIL 30

When most folks have their minds on reading the newspaper or another cup of coffee, let's take a morning stroll along one of the park's most-popular trails – the Paddy's Creek Trail. Park Ranger Clay Veasey, an expert in plant and animal identification, will guide you on this easy, 2-mile trek. Dress appropriately for the forecast and bring your curiosity for the wonders of Nature. Meet at the Paddy's Creek Area bathhouse breezeway at 9 a.m.

NATURE NOTES

The signs of spring are everywhere as Lake James State Park shrugs off the cold, dark days of winter and plants and animals emerge to greet the warming sun.

Believe it or not, the northward migration of birds reaches North Carolina even before the first of March, but numbers and diversity of species only grows as the calendar advances. Waterfowl will be at their peak numbers of the year during this period. Common loons and double-crested cormorants are especially numerous. These fish-eating, diving waterbirds look like ducks but are not related to that tribe. Loons are known for their haunting, melodic calls and beautiful black-and-white plumage during the breeding season. The loons that stop on Lake James for a spell will be heading to isolated lakes and ponds in Canada and northern tier states to build grass and reed nests next to the waterline. Cormorants are also heading north to breed, but they will nest in large colonies along the Atlantic coastline and Great Lakes.

Frogs, toads and salamanders are caught up in their own breeding cycles. Tiny spring peepers have been courting and laying eggs in shallow wetlands and ephemeral ponds for more than a month. Wood frogs and spotted salamanders are also quite content in below freezing temperatures overnight. Now that things have warmed up, these early egg-layers will be joined by American and Fowler's toads, southern leopard frogs and a whole host of salamanders.

Aquatic turtles will also start making an appearance on warm, sunny days. Hikers on the Paddy's Creek Trail and Mill's Creek Loop should pay attention to fallen logs that stick out into the water, as these are favorite haul-out spots for sunbathing turtles.

As the ground gradually warms up, conditions will be right for spring wildflowers to emerge and bloom. Look for early spring beauties like windflower, dwarf iris, blue-eyed grass and trillium as you enjoy the season.

Hope to see you out on the trails!

WHO WE ARE

A group formed in 2010, made up of dedicated people work together to help Lake James State Park meet its mission of providing opportunities for public enjoyment and education while still protecting the natural beauty and historic integrity of the State Park.

BOARD MEMBERS

Eric Jenkins - President

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To contact the Friends of Lake James State Park Group please email info@lakejamesstatepark.org



CENTENNIAL SPOTLIGHT



Park visitors enjoy a last summer afternoon at the courtesy boat dock at the Catawba River Area, circa late 1980s. Photo: Ranger Earl Weaver.

This year North Carolina State Parks is celebrating our centennial (see front page). Across the state, all of our state parks will be celebrating this significant milestone by offering various programs and special events. While the park system began with Mount Mitchell State Park in 1916, Lake James State Park wasn't established until 1987.

In celebration of this milestone, each upcoming newsletter in 2016 will feature a story about the history and culture of Lake James and its surrounding communities. From the village of Fonta Flora, to the Overmountain Victory Men and even the building of the dams that created the Lake James itself, there is plenty of history here.

While most Lake James State Park's visitors spend time laying on the swim beach, the Revolutionary War doesn't typically cross their minds. In 1780, a crucial Revolutionary War battle was won in King's Mountain, South Carolina and was considered by Thomas Jefferson to have "turned the tide of success" for Patriots fighting against the British. This battle was fought by militia men who traveled southeast from the Appalachian Mountains, through the lands that surround Lake James and on to Kings Mountain just southwest of Charlotte.

Most summertime swimmers at the park also don't realize that when the lake began to fill in the early 1900s, there were homes and a village that was flooded during the creation of the lake. The village of Fonta Flora was known to support local farms and settlers in the lands that surround the current Lake James. Having gone underwater for nearly 100 years now, Fonta Flora's myths and legends draws adventurous scuba divers to explore it during the warmer months.

Even so, most of those swimming in the park's swimming area don't realize that Lake James itself is in fact man made. Interestingly, the same year Mount Mitchell became a state park, 1916, construction began on three dams to harness the Linville River, Catawba River and several other tributaries. Construction was a lengthy process and the hydroelectric project wasn't completed until 1923.

As most of the park's visitation occurs in the summer and focuses around our swim area, it is important not to forget what has happened in the past. So as you enjoy the park of today, help us celebrate our centennial by tuning in to our next newsletter to learn more about our park of yesteryear.

TRAIL BOSSES

For two weeks in February an expert trail crew from the American Conservation Experience, southeast branch in Asheville, N.C., volunteered its time and skills to the trail system at Lake James State Park. The rugged crew of eight clipped away encroaching vegetation, repaired washouts and removed roots and other tripping hazards from the Upper Tindo Mountain Bike Loop, Paddy's Creek and Mills Creek Loop trails.



HAWK GETS SECOND CHANCE



An injured red-tailed hawk has a second chance at life thanks to rangers Earl Weaver and Jamie Cameron. On Feb. 4, rangers on patrol noticed the big bird of prey sitting on a stump next to NC 126. Curious about the bird's unusual behavior, the rangers stopped and soon discerned the red-tailed was weak and probably hurt. After a short pursuit, the bird was in hand and with obvious injuries to its right wing and beak. The hawk was transported later in the day to the Mays Wildlife Rehabilitation Center at Lees-McRae College. The latest news from the center is that the red-tailed hawk is suffering a broken wing as a result of a gunshot, but is responding well to treatment and could be released back into the wild in the future.

FAMILIAR FACE



Lake James State Park's maintenance mechanic corps recently benefitted by the addition of a well-respected veteran of the state parks system. Randy Ayers assumed his duties as a maintenance mechanic III last October after serving for two years at Mount Mitchell State Park.

Born and raised in Burnsville, Randy still resides in his childhood hometown and is proud of his western North Carolina roots. At his father's side, Randy grew up learning carpentry and went into the trade as soon as he graduated from Mountain Heritage High School. Gradually, he rose through the ranks to eventually own and operate his own construction company, building houses in Yancey County and the surrounding region.

You can already see some of Randy's handiwork around the park. The projects to pave the walkway to the handicapped accessible fishing pier at the Paddy's Creek Area, as well as the new front gates

at the Catawba River Area took place under Randy's expert guidance. Now, he and the rest of the Lake James maintenance crew are in the midst of renovating the shower house at the Catawba River Area walk-in campground.

When asked what appeals to him about working in state parks, Randy pointed to the diversity of projects and the wide range of skills he and his fellow staffers get to use. "I really enjoy doing the stuff that there's no set of plans, no blueprints for," he said. "You've got to get out there in the field and figure it out and make it work.

"But, honestly, what I like the most is the people I work with. These are some of the most dedicated and talented folks I've ever been around and I feel fortunate to be a part of it."

FRIENDS OF LAKE JAMES STATE PARK

LJSP TRAILS



CATAWBA RIVER AREA:

Fishing Pier Trail (0.3 mile, easy)
Fox Den Loop Trail (2.25 miles, moderate)
Lake Channel Overlook Trail (1.5 miles, moderate)
Sandy Cliff Overlook Trail (0.5 mile, easy)

PADDY'S CREEK AREA:

Holly Discovery Trail (0.75 mile, easy)
Mill's Creek Trail (3.6 miles, moderate)
Overmountain Victory Trail (2.0 mile, moderate)
Paddy's Creek Trail (2.0 miles, moderate)
Tindo beginners' mountain bike trail (4.0 miles)
Wimba intermediate mountain bike trail (11.25 miles)

PARK GENERAL INFO

- Gate hours during March and April are 7 a.m. until 9 p.m.
- The Hidden Cove Boat Access is open.
- The Paddy's Creek Area concessions stand and canoe and kayak rentals are closed for the season.

PARK SET TO RECEIVE GRANTS FOR TRAILS

Despite its annual operating budget allocated by state lawmakers, the staff at Lake James State Park has plenty of unfunded "wish list" items to improve recreation and facilities. The Friends of Lake James State Park does its best to fill in the gaps, but the costs often outstrip available funds.

Not ones to sit on their hands and wait, Park Superintendent Nora Coffey and Ranger Kevin Bischof have been hard at work writing grant proposals since the beginning of the year. Recently, two of those proposals were accepted by the North Carolina Friends of State Parks and the Southern Campaign of the American Revolution Parks Group.

The latter award provides just over \$2,000 for the design, construction and installation of two interpretive wayside exhibits and benches along the 2-mile section of the Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail that winds through the Paddy's Creek Area of the park.

The Friends of State Parks grant will pay \$1,430 towards new interpretive panels at the Sandy Cliff Overlook and Paddy's Creek and the purchase of an Enviroscape teaching model to be used during interpretive programs on water quality and sources of watershed pollution. The Friends of Lake James State Park is pleased to announce an additional \$1,000 for this project.

BOND REFERENDUM

On March 15, civic-minded North Carolinians will go to the polls to participate in choosing who the Republican and Democratic nominees to become president of the United States will be. In addition to this important duty, voters will be offering their opinions on Governor Pat McCrory's Connect N.C. Public Improvement Bond.

The \$2 billion note would be allocated for projects in 78 counties across the state, including McDowell and Burke. Funding would go to improve education, agriculture, parks and the N.C. Zoo. If approved, nearly \$3 million would be allocated to a new visitor's center at Lake James State Park – a cornerstone to the park's master plan.

Additionally, McDowell Technical Community College would receive nearly \$4.6 million for new construction, repairs and renovations, while Burke County would see funding for a creation of a National Guard Readiness Center, a Western NC School of Science and Math and improvements at Western Piedmont Community College.

There will be no tax increase to the citizens of North Carolina if the bond is approved. There is sufficient revenue in the state budget to handle the debt service on the bond with prior debt being retired in the short term, making this the perfect time to fund the projects covered in the referendum.

For more information on Connect NC, go to connectnc.ncsu.edu and voteyestoinvest.com.

FRIENDS OF LAKE JAMES STATE PARK

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Do you have an interest in Lake James State Park? Whether you enjoy hiking the trails, swimming at the beach or just picnicking with your family, there is some part of the park for everyone.

Join the Friends of Lake James State Park group and learn about all the opportunities to help make the park a better place for everyone to enjoy. The Friends of Lake James State Park focus on working together to help Lake James State Park meet its mission of providing opportunities for public enjoyment and education while still protecting the natural beauty and historic integrity of the State Park.

There are a variety of opportunities to get involved from trail work days, to volunteering at RiverFest and other festivals. Become a member of Friends of Lake James State Park, and know that you are helping to preserve the natural beauty and historic resources of Lake James for generations to come.

FRIENDS CONTRIBUTIONS

The Friends of Lake James State Park is proud to support the hardworking staff at Lake James State Park and contribute wherever we can to help improve park operations and offer new recreational opportunities to visitors. If you think these efforts are meaningful, please consider joining our group using the form at the bottom of this page.

- Boat Camping Project; partially funded, purchased equipment including rebar driver and auger
- Stand-up Paddleboards; purchased two for rental fleet and one for lifeguard use
- Funded instructor for Waterfront Safety training for lifeguards
- Linville Overlook picnic area
- Assisted with Overmountain Victory Trail 2 construction
- Holly Discovery Trail; partially funded and dedicated, annual funding for upkeep
- Park of the Year celebration
- Sponsored night rides on mountain bike trails
- RiverFest Sponsor

HOW TO JOIN THE FRIENDS OF LAKE JAMES STATE PARK GROUP

Become a member of Friends of Lake James State Park, and know that you are helping to preserve the natural beauty and historic resources of Lake James for generations to come.

For more information please visit www.lakejamesstatepark.org or email info@lakejamesstatepark.org.

FRIENDS OF LAKE JAMES STATE PARK - MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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