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PARK UPDATES

As part of precautions against the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) the DNREC Division of Delaware State Parks has implemented the following safeguards consistent with guidance from state and federal health agencies. We appreciate your support of our Parks and thank you for your understanding during this unprecedented time. We ask that you please adhere to recommended precautions.

1. The Park is open however social distancing requirements may limit the number of visitors allowed. All visitors to Delaware State Parks must carry a face mask or other cloth covering and wear it in restrooms, any other enclosed space and when social distancing of at least 6 feet cannot be maintained between members of different households.
2. Rentals of cabins, tents and RV and camp ground bathrooms are open as of June 1.
3. The beaches are open with social distancing required.
4. The following facilities are closed until June 15: Nature Centers-Fort Miles, playgrounds, basketball courts, Observation Tower
5. All interpretive programming, events and group volunteer activities are canceled through June 15.

FOCHSP UPDATES

We welcome new members and volunteers who can help us support and maintain the Park we all love. For more information and/or to become a member, please contact the Friends of Cape Henlopen State Park via our website (www.friendsofcapehenlopen.org), by email (FOCHSP@gmail.com), or by phone (302-858-6127).

We also have a new Facebook page. Please like us at: fb.me/FOCHSP

Check out the stock of used bikes for sale on our website!

Due to the current pandemic the June 6 National Trails Day is cancelled. We encourage those who wish to move forward in cleaning trails on that day remember to follow all Park rules and carry out any trash you collect.

All Friends sponsored events and activities are postponed or canceled until further notice from FOCHSP. We will keep you posted. Stay safe!

If you are at Gordon's Pond check out the new water fountain sponsored by Friends.

Enjoy your time at the Park. We are fortunate to have such an extraordinary place available to soothe our souls.

Still Water Designs, supervised by FOCHSP Pond Keeper Mame Gilligan, revitalized the pond outside the Nature Center.

Next time you are in the park, stop by and take a look.



Getting to know our FOCHSP Members: Rod Parsons



Rod says you can never have too many friends so after he saw an article in the Cape Gazette about the FOCHSP, which included a piece about the bike barn and the need for additional volunteers, he joined in 2015. He became a member of the Board in 2016, and was elected Vice President at his very first meeting! Rod participates in all fundraising events. He is responsible for maintaining the FOCHSP website, and generally keeping it up to date. He was instrumental in introducing the member's only section, plus the ability to join, renew memberships, and make donations online. Rod designs and prints most of the posters and flyers for the Friends events. Rod and his wife Wendy really like the bayside beach by the fishing pier. The calm water is great for launching his kayak and is perfect for his 9 year old grandson when he is visiting. Rod loves the great bike and walking trails and the beaches of course! Rod and his wife Wendy are from the south of England. They spent 19 years in New Jersey in the NY Metro area before coming to Delaware in 2007. Rod loves meeting people so be sure to say hello if you see him out and about the Park or at Friends events.

(Can you guess where the picture of Rod was taken based on the background?)

Getting to know our Park employees: Deb Lent



Deb is the Administrative Specialist II at Cape Henlopen State Park overseeing the office operations and the Fee Booths. You can find her at the main park office, answering phones, processing invoices, accounting for all passes and reports, verifying funds balances, managing employees for the fee booths and front office, doing the scheduling and hiring for the park office, preparing payroll, in other words, doing whatever it takes to keep the office running smoothly! Before coming to Delaware Deb was the controller for a Trucking Company and a Logging Company in NY for 13 years. After her family moved to Delaware, Deb stopped by the Park office to purchase a pass and saw an application for employment which she picked up in passing. After filling it out and submitting it she was hired in May 2017, starting work at the front counter selling permits, then moving up to Revenue Supervisor and then to her current position. Deb loves CHSP because everyone is so friendly and happy (employees and visitors). Deb enjoys the beach, riding bikes and walking in the Park. She particularly enjoys Gordons Pond. Be sure to say hello to Deb the next time you are in the park Office!

Want to see a baby Osprey?

Be sure to check out the Friends sponsored Osprey cam. Now with greatly enhanced high definition video, and sound. A pair of Osprey have a big nest and now the eggs are starting to hatch! Can you see the little chick in the picture at right? There are two hatchlings now. Go to the link below for a better look!!

friendsofcapehenlopen.org/ospreycam.html

Additional Park Bird News: There are five breeding pairs of Piping Plovers with nests now in the Park!!



The Friends of Cape Henlopen State Park (FOCHSP) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) volunteer organization that works with the Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation, and staff, to support and advocate for one of the county's most unique public parks. Join now!