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FOCHSP NEWS

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).

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

*AmazonSmile customers can support Friends in the Amazon shopping app or at: smile.amazon.com

***Beach Cleanup**- join us on **Saturday Sept 12** at the POINT from 9am to noon. Although the state has canceled the annual Coastal Cleanup, the FOCHSP will have "Beach Cleanup" as part of our monthly Trails day event (see picture below of the July 11 Trails Day volunteers). During this socially distanced event we will be cleaning up from the Point bay beach to the ocean beach at Herring Point. We will provide garbage bags and tools but ask that you wear a mask. We advise you to wear a hat, gloves and closed toed shoes, also sun tan lotion and bug spray are a good idea. Meet at the Point at 9am.

***Annual Youth Fishing Tournament** scheduled for **September 12** (rain date September 13). Cape Henlopen State Park fishing pier. Register 7am-8am. Fish 8am to 11am. Entry \$10.00 per child. Kids aged 15 and under. Masks are required and social distancing will be observed.



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PARK UPDATES

For latest updates and Covid-19 restrictions at Cape Henlopen State Park and all Delaware Parks please go to their website at: <https://destateparks.com/covid19>

Getting to know our FOCHSP Members: Lisa Botluk



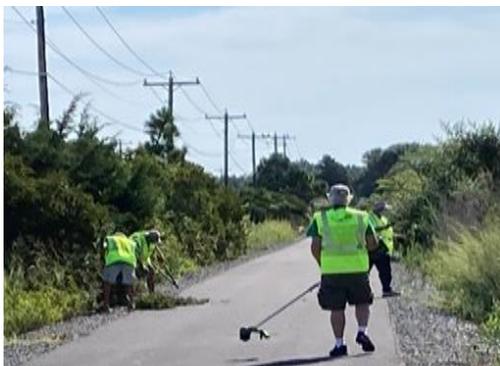
Lisa has been visiting Cape Henlopen State Park since the 1980's. Her first visit was when she had a climatology class at the nearby University of Delaware campus. She returned a few years later as an environmental scientist working for the Army, before the Fort Miles area was returned to the State. She joined the Friends of CHSP about five years ago. Over the past several years, she has participated in book sales, flea markets, and the wine/beer/cheese event. This year when there was a vacancy for a recorder of volunteer hours, she took on that role. Lisa sees CHSP as such a beautiful park year-round and she enjoys the trails as much as the beach. Being near Cape Henlopen was a big part of her decision to move from Maryland to Lewes when she retired. Her favorite experience at the park happened one winter afternoon when she followed a trail to the end, coming out onto the sand dunes, and saw a sky full of snow geese flying over. It was magical. Lisa is proud to be a part of the Friends and she encourages visitors to become Friends and active volunteers to the group.

Getting to know our Park employees: Will Frank



Will has been at CHSP for 2 and a half years as the Facility and Special Event Manager. He received this position as his first job out of college from Frostburg State University majoring in Recreation and Parks Management. Will is the point of contact for all group camping and primitive camping reservations. He also is the point of contact and permit issuer for all weddings and special events (races, fishing tournaments, fun runs, etc.) that take place in the park. Before moving to the area Will was living in his hometown of Elkton, Maryland. His favorite place in the park is either the disc golf course or any of the drive on beach access points. He prefers the park in the Fall because the weather is changing and the park slows down, making it easier to enjoy the beach on those random 80 degree October days. Will would like visitors to know that this park is more than a beach. The amount of diversity that is offered as a park, from programs, museums, events, vendors, campground, etc., makes this park really stand out amongst other local recreation sources. Will says working for parks is more than just a job, it is a way of life and a passion he shares for nature and the preservation of our natural resources.

Fish and Wildlife set up bat detectors at four sites at CHSP, working on a short-term bat acoustic project.



In August, FOCHSP volunteers cleaned and pruned the bicycle path along Cape Henlopen Drive from Kings Highway to the entrance of SPI Pharma.

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