



# Friends of Cunningham Falls & Gambrill A State Park Friends Group

## Newsletter

Welcome Friends! Join us in supporting and enhancing the programs and recreational offerings of Maryland's Cunningham Falls and Gambrill State parks through volunteering and in-kind donations

## Season and Events

### June Nature Activity Calendar

Created by volunteer Bonnie Gitlin. Click calendar to download from our Facebook page



## Camping Season

Reservations can be made online at: [parkreservations.maryland.gov](http://parkreservations.maryland.gov) or over the phone at 1-888-432-2267. (General



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## Updates and Improvements

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This past month members of the Friends Board joined additional volunteers with a tree planting effort at the high knob area of Gambrill State Park

## Message from Park Manager

Singer/ Songwriter John Mayer once wrote “... a little bit of summer is what the whole year is all about.” Truer words might not have been spoken. Park staff has been working diligently to get the water turned on, mow the grass, put on a fresh coat of paint, and get ready for the crowds. Last year, despite the pandemic, Cunningham Falls and Gambrill State Parks saw over one million visitors. We do not expect that to change.

It is for this reason, I am thankful for volunteers. Without volunteers, many of the small everyday things we do in the parks to make these park’s special might not get done. I want to thank the invasive plant pullers, aviary workers, trail monitors, tree planters and builders for their dedication and time. I also want to thank the members of the Friends of Cunningham Falls and Gambrill State Parks, Inc. They have been working hard to strengthen the organization and continue to help the park by supporting

Photo below: Friends Board members help with tree planting project



several grants for trails and historic preservation at the Catoclin Furnace.

This summer we will be opening up offering more programs and opportunities to get involved. Reach out to [Claudia Padilla](#) if you are interested in helping with any of our activities or want to be added to our listserve for upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. Please have a safe summer and don't forget the sunscreen. I look forward to seeing you around the parks!

Ranger Mark Spurrier

## Community Member Photo Highlight



For June we are starting a new tradition for our newsletter, we'll be sharing photos of community members who visited the park this past month.

This month we have an entry from James and Andrea Baker who visited the Manor Area of Cunningham Falls and took their family on a hike to Bob's Hill Overlook.

*For your chance to be highlighted next month, just take a photo at the park and tag us on your social media post on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).*

*You can also use the hashtag [#friendsofcunningham&gambrill](#)*



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