



York  
County  
Department  
of Parks &  
Recreation

2009  
Annual  
Report



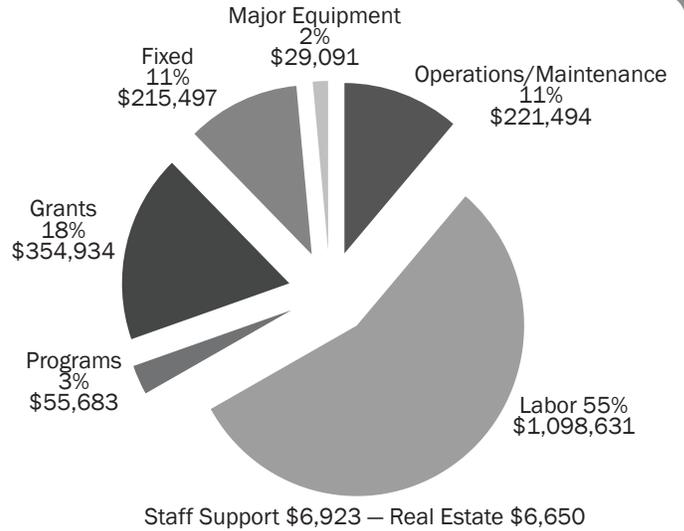
Rocky Ridge County Park  
Richard M. Nixon County Park  
Apollo County Park  
Spring Valley County Park  
John C. Rudy County Park  
William H. Kain County Park  
Heritage Rail Trail County Park  
P. Joseph Raab County Park  
Highpoint Scenic Vista & Recreation Area  
Native Lands County Park  
Wallace-Cross Mill Historic Site



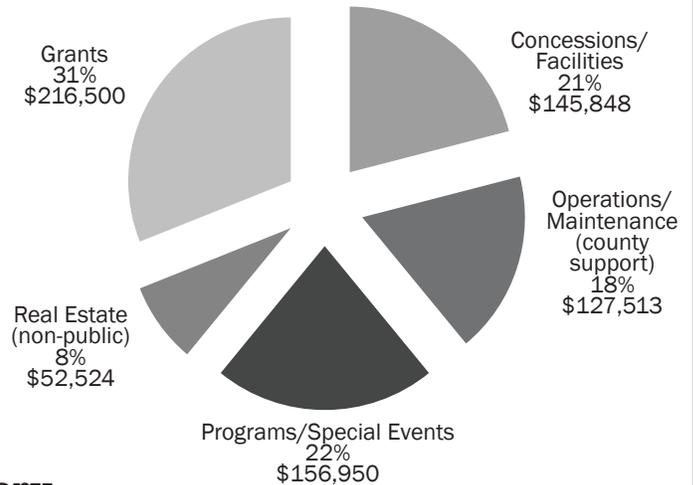
# Financials

During our 42nd year of operation, the York County Department of Parks and Recreation continues to strive to improve community life. This has been done by keeping the best of the past and blending that with the needs of today and tomorrow. York County Parks' greatest assets is public land. This year, much effort has been invested by staff, partner agencies, community businesses and volunteers to improve, restore and ensure quality habitat on park land. With an eye on the budget and your pocket book, careful fiscal management has allowed the parks to continue offering quality affordable programs and outstanding facilities year round.

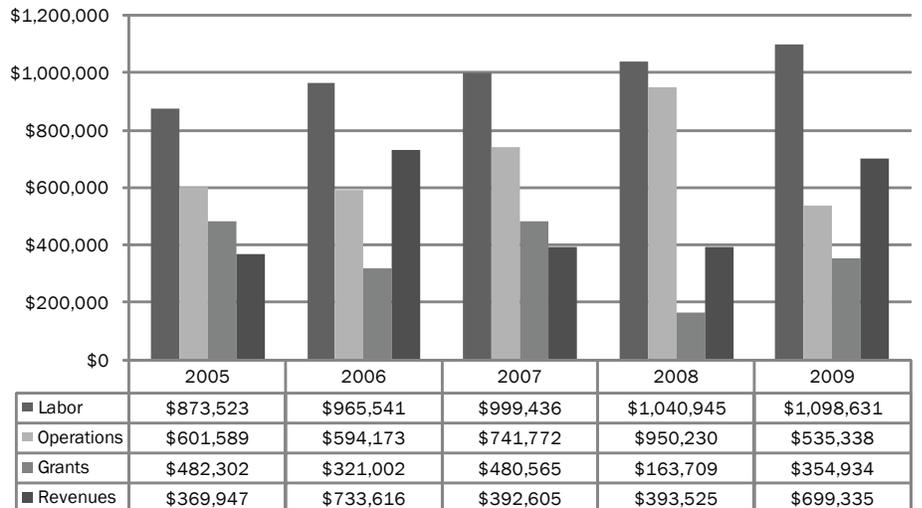
**2009 Expenditure Budget:**  
**\$1,988,903**



**2009 Income:**  
**\$699,335**



## Budget History (Actual)



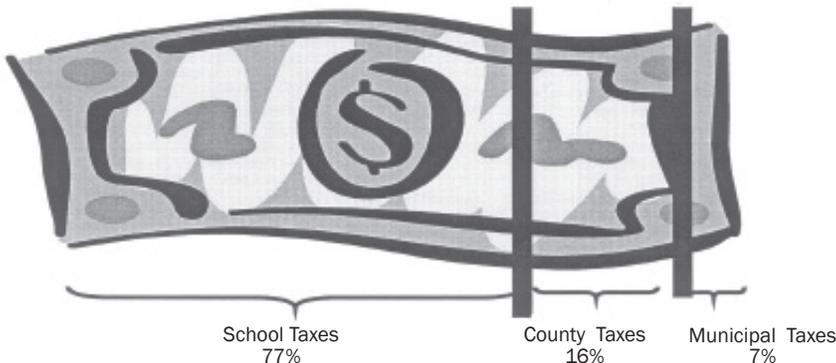
*Mission Statement:* York County Department of Parks and Recreation enhances the quality of community life acting as a steward for the environment. In this capacity, it acquires, conserves and manages park lands and offers a variety of recreational and educational opportunities.



*Kain Park ~ Young hands plant for tomorrow's parks*

2009 cost to York County residents to operate and maintain a county parks department totals \$3.04/resident

For every real estate tax dollar paid in York County



Expenses less income total—\$1,289,568

York County Planning Commission's 2008 census estimate—424,583 residents

Cost per person per visit to park—\$.98 in 2009

# Community Life

Since 1968, York County Parks have improved the quality of life for residents of York County. With programs, open space, recreation opportunities and a place to volunteer, each county park has a unique character, landform and offerings. Through friends groups and a loyal hard working volunteer corps, many residents actively give back to their community by volunteering with the parks department. It was not possible for the parks' founders to know what specifically a family, individual, senior or child would be doing in the future, but their understanding of the timeless need for recreation by all is as true today as it was then. This can be seen in both the pavilion reservations and boat concession rental reaching record usage in 2009.



*Rocky Ridge Park ~ New exercise stations*

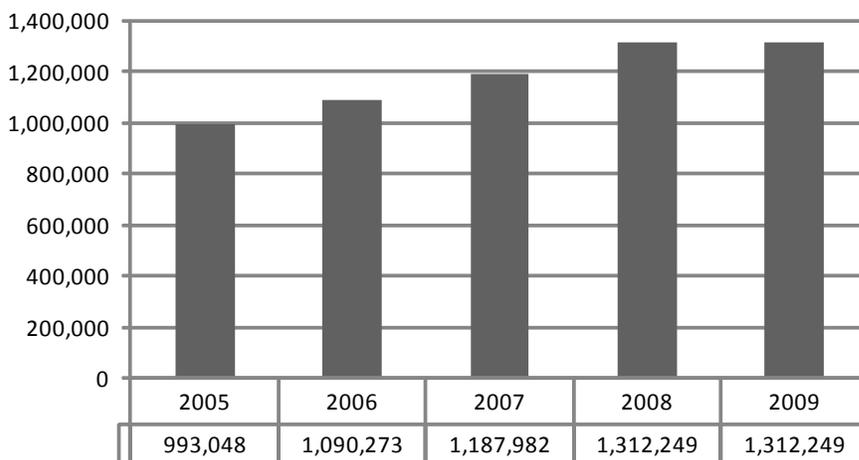


*Highpoint Scenic Vista ~ Breathtaking scenery*



*Kain Park ~ Fishing and boating are popular pasttimes*

## Total Park Visitors



*2009 figures reflect car counters 2008 numbers. Counters will be placed in the parks every third year...to monitor park usage.*



*Nixon Park ~ Volunteer Betsy Lehner reads with pre-schoolers at the Nature Center*

2009 Park Achievement Award:  
**The Conservation Fund**

2009 Volunteer Service Award:  
**Judy Grove**

2009 Certificate of Appreciation:

- **The Sunset Scramblers**
- **York Newspaper Company**
- **York County Parks Anniversary Committee**



*Kain Park ~ Volunteers painting the gazebo*

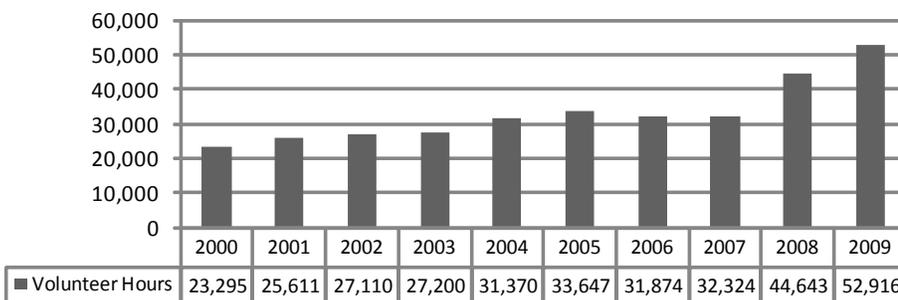


*Rudy Park ~ Volunteers brighten park grounds*



*Wallace-Cross Mill ~ Friends group shares info on the workings of the mill*

### Total Hours Volunteered



During 2009, volunteers within the parks served a total of 52,916 hours (equivalent of 25+ full-time employees)

# Education and Programs

Across eleven parks, the educational programs and displays provided enrich the lives of participants. These programs open doors to new hobbies, new places, new times, and new knowledge, and work to foster new relationships. A major emphasis is to provide environmental education and outdoor science opportunities to school groups, pre-school students and the general public. Several new programs along with the continuation of existing programs offer residents a wide ranging and varied set of topics from which to choose.

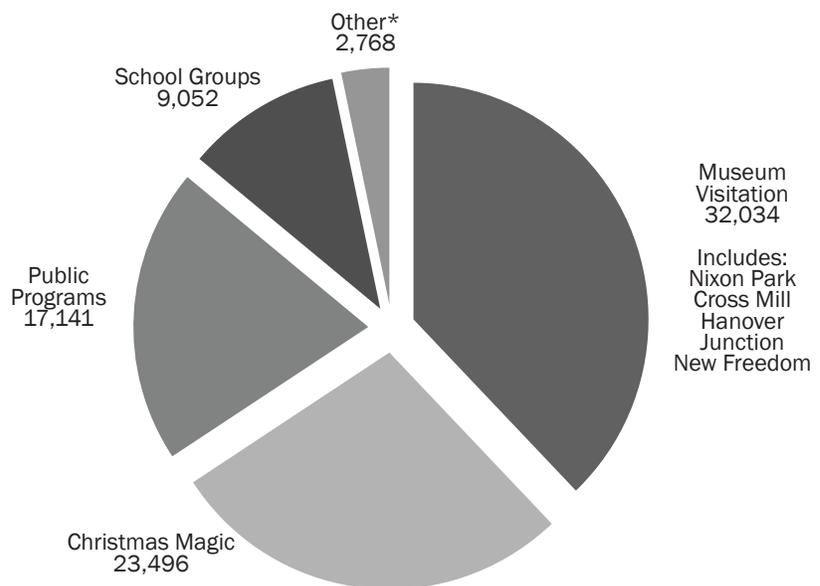


*Nixon Park ~ York College Elementary Science Education students practice using outdoor nature education in making science come alive*



*Kain Park ~ Nature Discovery Program, water relay*

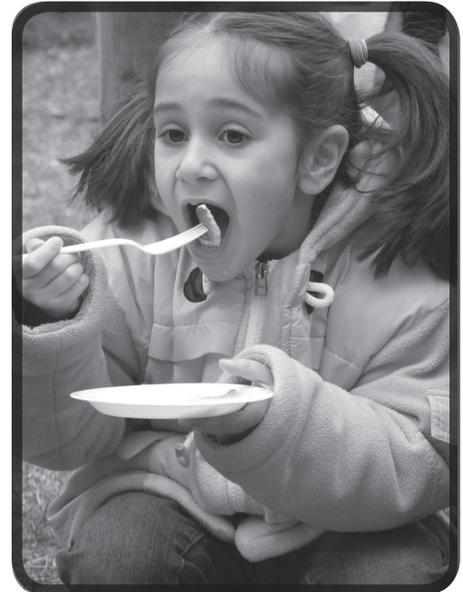
## Museum and Program Attendance Total: 84,491



\*Park presentations, Nixon tours, story times, on-own



*Nixon Park ~ Small Wonders, a new program for parents with 3- and 4-year-olds, successfully helped the parks reach out to the youngest learners*



*Nixon Park ~ Maple Fest*



*Rocky Ridge Park~  
A scene from Christmas  
Magic, A Festival of Lights*



*Nixon Park ~ New technology is explored during a GPS class*



*Nixon Park ~ Nature Center*

# Natural Resources

Each park provides different opportunities and challenges for protection and conservation of its natural features. In 2009 we started the year by planting a variety of native trees throughout the park system. A large variety of native trees were planted in cooperation with The York Water Company. An invasive species removal plan for Kain Park was implemented. Work continued with the PA Fish & Boat Commission on the Adopt a Stream and Adopt a Lake projects in Kain and Spring Valley Parks. A 43-acre timber harvest (due to Gypsy Moth infestation) in Rocky Ridge Park was completed. In conjunction with the PA Game Commission, the annual Bat Count was conducted at Raab Park. The year 2010 promises to be just as challenging with the continuation of the projects listed above!



*Kain Park ~ Clearing of insect-damaged trees*



*Rocky Ridge Park ~ Volunteers replant native hardwoods to restore the forest*

# Rangers & Maintenance

Rangers are responsible for ensuring that visitors are safe when using the parks. Rangers patrol by vehicle, boat, bicycle, motorbike and foot year round, and their primary duties are to inform and assist visitors. Rangers protect park resources by enforcing rules and regulations.

Maintenance staff maintain picnic pavilions, parking lots, sport fields, playgrounds, 80+ miles of trails, museums and 140+ acres of grass/fields. Weather-related damages produce challenges annually. The eleventh county park, Native Lands, was added, increasing the workload. In addition to park duties, they assist in maintaining 911 radio tower sites, provide support to county departments, are caretakers of county-owned bridges and are instrumental in the delivery of voting machines.



*Nixon Park ~ Surprise snows and plowing are some of the many tasks completed by parks maintenance staff*



*Parkwide ~ Rangers update bulletin boards to keep park visitors informed*



*Kain Park ~ Maintenance crewman mows some of the 150+ acres of lawn mowed weekly*

# Investing in our County Park System

Many of our offerings would not be possible if not for the kindness of others. Thank you to those individuals and organizations who have contributed to York County Parks.

Anonymous	Betsy Lehner	James & Joanne Smoker
Automotive of York	Skip Lehmann	Soil Conservation
Backyard Bird Store	Mamma's – Loganville	Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
John Baldwin – WGAL- TV 8	Dale E. Markey	Mary Anne Soullaird
Baltimore Hunt Valley Inn	Jason & Mindy McSherry	Southern York Turf
Kimberly & Kevin Bell	Members 1st Federal Credit Union	St. Joseph's School
Bell Socialization Svcs./In Honor of Karen Roland	Mignano Brothers Ristorante Italiano	Standard Concrete Products
Big Apple Bagels	Curvin Miller	Stauffers Biscuit Company
Bob Potts Marathon/Sean Potts	William & Nancy Morris	Strathmeyer Forests
Harvey & Win Bradley	Marlin Neff	Strathmeyer Landscaping
John & Rachel Breen	Nell's Shurfine	John & Lisa Strine
Brooks-Huff Tire & Auto	Marilyn & David Neuberger	Ann Swartz
Brown's Orchard	Dave & Jean Norris	Sarah & Louis Tateosian
C.S. Davidson, Inc.	Northeastern Area EMS Ambulance	Mary Cantrell Tellez
Canteen	Northeastern Parents In The Middle	Timex
Carl Beasley Ford	Olive Garden	The Glen Rock Mill Inn
City Floors Of York, Inc.	Our Gang Riding Club	The Patterson Family Foundation, Inc.
Codorus Stone & Supply Co.	Outback Steakhouse	The York Water Company
Covenant Moravian Church	PA Conservation Corps	Tri-Boro Construction
Cumulus Broadcasting	PA Dept of Conservation & Natural Resources	Carol Turnbaugh
D.E. Gemmill	PA Fish & Boat Commission	Twin Pine Farm Country Store
Amanda Danuski	PA Game Commission	Tyco Matching Gift Program
Sonia Dix	PA Dept of Labor & Industry	VisComm
Nelson & Jane Dodson	Paesano's – Jacobus	W.W. Grainger
Eagle Fire Company	Paesano's – New Freedom	WARM 103
East York Chiropractic Center	Don Patton	WGAL- TV 8
Eysters Machine & Wire Products	Patton Veterinary Hospital	WSBA 910
Fastenal	Perrydell Farm Dairy	WSOX 96.1
Ferguson Elementary PTO	Propbusters R/C Club	Anne Walko
Flying Feet Sport Shoes	Quaker City Paper	Isobel Weaver
Framer's Workshop	Railroad Café	Windjammer Balloons
Mary Ann Gano	Danita Rauhauser	Daryl Wilhelm
Giant Food Stores	Robert Redinger	Victor Winstead
John & Minnie Gillett	Fred & Mary Reiss	Todd Witte
Glatfelter Insurance Group	RE/MAX County-Wide	YAMBA
Glatfelter Pulpwood Co.	Ricke Bros Auto Sales	York Chapter 331 NARFE
Patricia Goodman	Kevin Rice Memorial Fund	York County Community Foundation
Keith & Darla Hamilton	Rileighs Outdoor Decor	York County Constable Association
Hayshire PTO	Kenneth L. Roser, Jr.	York County Convention & Visitors Bureau
Holidaygas	Marie Routson	York County Lumber
Carroll & Irene Hunt	Runners World	York County Parks Foundation
Isaac's Restaurant & Deli	Rutters Dairy	Charitable Trust
Izaak Walton League	Salem United Church of Christ	York County Rail Trail Authority
Jack Gaughen Realtor/Marie Arcuri& Nedette Otterbein	Saucony	York County True Value
Joe Kelly	Ann Seelye	York Road Runners
Kinard Trucking	Serenity Station	York White Rose Wanderers
Kondor Media	Shrewsbury Elementary School	Walter Zimmerman
David & Anita Kovach	Shipley Energy	



## The Planned Giving and Endowment for York County Parks

J. Kerr Anderson  
 John F. Barbor  
 Mary & Cooper Boyd  
 Tom & RuthAnn Brant  
 Eileen & Duane Close  
 Donald C. Dallmeyer  
 Dave & Linda Davidson  
 Burnell Diehl  
 James F. Donahue  
 Ronald L. & Sharon A. Dorn  
 Roberta A. Downs  
 Shawn & Skip Durgin  
 John L. Finlayson  
 Ronald Foulis

Michael P. Gavin  
 Robert Glass  
 Arthur J. Glatfelter  
 Judith Grove  
 L. C. Heim  
 Don & Donallene Heisler  
 Carroll & Irene Hunt  
 Nancy F. Keiser  
 Paul H. Keiser  
 L. Jeani Kiser  
 Sue Ann Kline  
 Truman & Darlene Kling  
 Maxine & William Klunk  
 Tammy F. Klunk  
 Raymond E. Knowles, Jr.  
 Ann & George "Skip" Lehmann  
 Betsy Lehner  
 Larry S. Lehner  
 Donna Meanner  
 Sandy & Bud Menchey  
 Nancy S. Morris  
 William T. Morris  
 Mr. & Mrs. Irvin S. Naylor

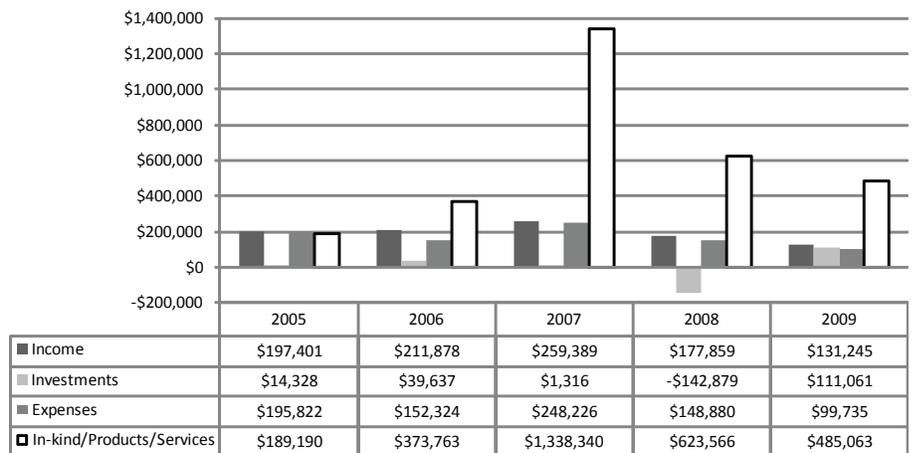
R. Scott Neely  
 Paul E. Newcomer  
 Tom & Joan Norris  
 Don & Dee Patton  
 Chris and Lisa Reilly  
 Fred D. & Mary E. Reiss  
 Steve & Elizabeth Ricklefs  
 John M. & Rebecca Rinehart  
 Dale L. Schaeberle  
 Timothy Senft  
 Roger E. Shaffer  
 Eleanor Boggs Shoemaker  
 Jim & Nancy Rae Sieling  
 Ruth & Luther Sowers  
 John & Lisa Strine  
 Paul & Kathryn Summers  
 John & Joan Ulrich  
**In remembrance of members:**  
 Shirley Glass  
 Geneva Bowman Kaltreider  
 Sydney Levitan  
 Ruth M. Sponsler

## York County Parks Foundation Charitable Trust

The Charitable Trust Board manages donations to the York County Parks. Park improvements, support of special events and the expansion of public park lands are the primary objectives of the Trust Fund and its board.

Gathering Leaves .....	\$106,150.00
Legacy .....	\$279,395.00
Kain Memorial .....	\$6,519.00
Ralph Brooks Endowment .	\$64,221.00
Rail Trail Friends .....	\$9,025.00
Cross Mill Friends .....	\$24,034.00
Canine Meadow Friends .....	\$4,256.00
York Wildcare .....	\$382.00
General Parks .....	\$97,711.00
Grants and Estates .....	\$48,961.00
TOTAL .....	\$640,654.00

### York County Parks Foundation Charitable Trust The 501(c)(3) development board for the York County Department of Parks and Recreation ACTIVITY



# 2009 Accomplishments

Redesign of the Fox Tracks newsletter  
Acquired a new park (Native Lands County Park)  
Record number of Pavilion rentals  
In cooperation with The York Water Company, removed invasive plants from 15+ acres  
Completed a 43-acre timber harvest at Rocky Ridge County Park (damage due to gypsy moth)  
Installed new exercise stations at Rocky Ridge County Park  
Opened new restroom at Rocky Ridge County Park

## Our Leadership

### York County Board of Commissioners

Steve Chronister, President  
Christopher B. Reilly, Vice President  
Doug Hoke, Commissioner  
Charles R. Noll, Administrator/Chief Clerk

### York County Advisory Board of Parks and Recreation

Sean "Skip" Durgin, Chair  
John Strine, Vice Chair  
Deirdre Folkers, Secretary  
Commissioner Liaison: Christopher B. Reilly  
Thomas Englerth • Jan Klinedinst • Steve Lentz  
John Rinehart • Nancy Seiling • Anne Walko

### York County Parks Foundation Charitable Trust Board

Luther B. Sowers, Chair  
George "Skip" Lehmann, Vice Chair  
Linda B. Davidson, Secretary  
William T. Morris, Treasurer  
Thomas R. Brant • Betsy B. Lehner • Milton J. Menchey • Don Patton  
Steven Ricklefs • Dale L. Schaeberle • Timothy E. Senft

### York County Parks Emeritus Board

An honorary board of past Advisory or Trust Board members  
George "Skip" Lehmann, Honorary Chair

### Professional Staff

Tammy F. Klunk  
*Interim Director*  
Barry L. Myers  
*Superintendent of Bldg & Grounds*  
Gerald K. Ford, Jr.  
*Chief Ranger*  
Francis A. Velazquez  
*Manager of Education and Outreach*  
Michael E. Fobes  
*Manager of Natural Resources*  
George H. Howett  
*Asst Superintendent of Bldg & Grounds*  
Todd A. Hampson  
*Asst Superintendent of Bldg & Grounds*  
Jeri L. Jones  
*Program Coordinator*  
Patricia M. Chambelin  
*Naturalist*  
Amber L. Carothers  
*Naturalist*  
Deborah A. Carbaugh  
*Administrative Assistant*  
Kay A. Kraft  
*Administrative Support*  
*Maintenance Staff*  
Grant Bolton • Jerry Broome  
Roger Brunner • Joseph Carbaugh  
Joshua Dewees • Kerry Flinchbaugh  
Terry Grothe • Tom Hansberry  
Keith Hawkins • Randy Leiphart  
Douglas Murphy • Douglas Stough  
*Rangers*  
Scott Neely • James Brown

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