



ABOUT THIS PLAN

The Herbert & Patricia Wagers' Devil's Backbone Memorial Park



Paint Creek at Devil's Backbone

The Preble County Park District is undergoing development of a park master plan for the Herbert and Patricia Wagers' Devil's Backbone Memorial Park, which was donated to the PCPD in 2017. The Master Plan will set forth a plan of action for facilities, conservation efforts and potential improvements that first and foremost preserve the park's natural features while still accommodating the needs of visitors and desired experiences. The final Master Plan will align with the existing Strategic Plan (2021) and all deed restrictions.

DEVIL'S BACKBONE VISION STATEMENT:

(from 2021 Strategic Plan)

- Create a sustainable Park for the people of Preble and surrounding counties where nature can be experienced in a relatively undisturbed state.
- Maintain the property such that visitors will be inspired to preserve and protect the property.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

(from 2021 Strategic Plan)

- The Park is to remain a primitive area, where visitors can experience a creek, old-growth forest, limestone cliffs and waterfalls, native trees, plants & animals.
- Protect the property with non-imposing signage, fencing, friends of the park.
- Native trees only to be removed where necessary for safety or approved need.
- Invasive species controlled by environmentally friendly means, where possible.
- Natural materials will be preferred.
- Deed restrictions will be honored and protected.

ANTICIPATED TIMELINE

Master Plan development will continue through the spring of 2024, with final determination of the approved plan by the PCPD Board by June 30, 2024.

Upon approval of the Master Plan, PCPD will determine implementation priorities and seek potential funding sources including grants, donations or other means of financial support.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

You are invited to help develop the Park Master Plan!

As someone who lives in or visits Preble County, sharing your ideas and experience is essential to understanding the needs of our community and shaping a community-driven vision for the future of our parks.

- **GIVE YOUR FEEDBACK** by speaking with a PCPD representative about the project, or by leaving additional written comments using the provided Comment Cards. Please provide any comments by March 8, 2024

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