

The Pinchot Eagle

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UPCOMING EVENTS

VOLUNTEER

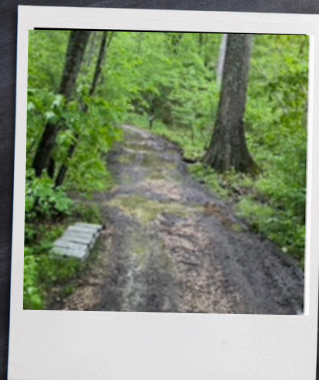
GIVE NOW

Celebrating DCNR's 30th year and 30th solar Installation



On April 23, a ceremony was held to celebrate DCNR's 30th anniversary as well unveil the completed Quaker Race Day Use Area Sustainability project. The project marks the completion of DCNR's 30th solar installation, with 5 solar canopy structures-- one of which is an ADA accessible solar pavilion. This new solar installation in addition to the existing solar array at the STP area take the park to net-zero. This project also included an EV charging station, a new roof and gutter system on the main shower house building, 2 rainwater collection tanks, 4 rain gardens, numerous stormwater management upgrades, 300+ trees, 700+ shrubs, hundreds of native plants, meadow conversion areas, and permanent picnic pads to mitigate compaction. Speakers and VIPs included DCNR Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn, DCNR Policy Director Nicole Faraguna, Friends of Pinchot Chair Betsy Leppo, PPFF board vice chair Mary Soderberg, York County Commissioner Doug Hoke, Green Gov Council Director Mark Hand, The Nature Conservancy's Director of Government Relations and Policy Evan Endres, PA Environmental Council President Tom Gilbert, and staff from Senator Dawn Keefer's office. You can read more about the sustainability components and money and energy savings [here](#). Find the story on ABC [here](#) and a recording of the event and photos [here](#).

Before



After.



INVASIVE PLANTS
WERE REMOVED
DURING THE EARTH
DAY INITIATIVE ON
APRIL 26



BIG SHOUT OUT TO
THE PENNEX
VOLUNTEERS WHO
REPAIRED OVER 200'
OF LAKESIDE TRAIL ON
MAY 10



AND A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE
RETURNING TEAM OF SIX LABORIE
VOLUNTEERS WHO PLANTED TWO
TREES, CLEARED 20' OF STREAM
BLOCKAGE AND REPAIRED OVER 100'
OF TRAIL ON MAY 20

THANK YOU TO OUR FORMER BOARD MEMBERS

On behalf of the entire organization, we extend our deepest gratitude to our former board members for their years of service, dedication, and leadership.

Flo Spangenberg – Newsletter Editor

Courtney Snyder – Treasurer

Your guidance has helped shape our mission, strengthen our impact, and pave the way for continued growth and success. Thank you for being a part of our journey and for leaving a legacy of integrity, innovation, and inspiration. We look forward to building upon the vision you helped create.

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR FRIENDS OF PINCHOT MEMBERSHIP

CLICK [HERE](#) TO PAY YOUR YEARLY
MEMBERSHIP DUES!

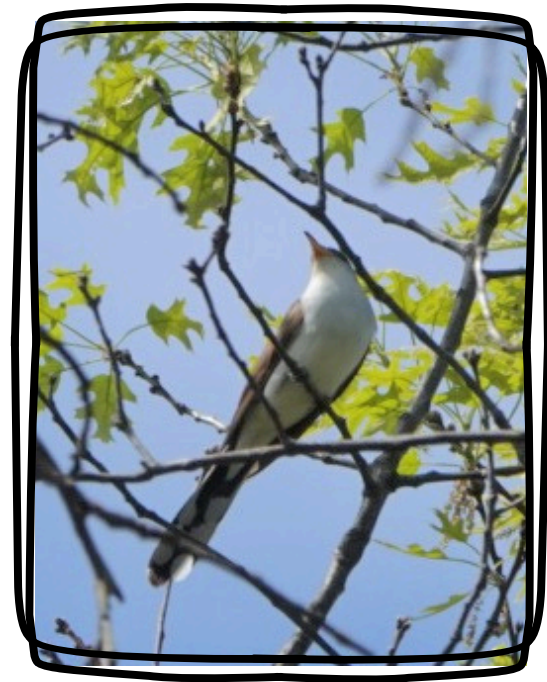
- Senior (age 62+), \$10.00
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recent events

EARLY MORNING SPRINGBIRD WALK WITH JADY CONROY

Recently, the Friends of Pinchot asked me if I would be willing to lead a bird walk in the park. I have been an avid birdwatcher for years and was happy to help others to enjoy birding like I do. On May 2nd, a group of 10 of us enjoyed a walk through the campground at Pinchot. Everyone showed up with binoculars and we were lucky to hear and then SEE a beautiful male Prairie Warbler before we got far from the parking lot!

This time of year the spring migration is in full swing and birds are hungry! Now is the time that many colorful warblers are either claiming territories for breeding (like the Prairie Warbler) or avidly making their way through the vegetation in search of insects, fruit or seeds to fuel their journeys to more northern breeding grounds. There are quite a few types of warblers which may be seen in this area of the state. Some prefer deep woods and others prefer wet, swampy places or open, grassy ones. Other birds like hawks, Ospreys, eagles and common bird feeder visitors are often spotted in the park. Pinchot has a wide variety of habitats and birds can be found there in abundance. By the end of our walk, I had logged 42 different species which we had heard and, in many cases, also seen. One thing to keep in mind is that the birds are usually SOMEWHERE. You can have a hard time finding where, sometimes, but birds often travel in mixed flocks and if you are observant and keep looking, you will be rewarded. Keep listening! Did you know that each bird species has a specific, recognizable song? One easy way to become familiar with birds you may encounter while visiting Pinchot is to use a bird call recognition program like [Cornell University's Merlin app](#) for smart phones. It will give you suggestions, in real time, of what birds are likely to be singing in your specific area. Although far from infallible, it is a good way to make yourself aware of which bird sings which song, especially for the more common birds. Combine that knowledge with a field guide and a good pair of binoculars and a curious mind, plus the patience to wait quietly while you study the vegetation around you and you will certainly be able to spot some of the singers of those songs! Perhaps the best way to learn more about birds is to go birding with other people who have more knowledge and experience than you. I've never met a birder who was not happy to share their passion with anyone who asked! Happy birding!



ITEMS FOR SALE AT BATH HOUSE 5 ON JULY 5TH FROM 9-12P!

Wear your love of Pinchot on your sleeve or your water bottle! Purchase Pinchot Merch:

April - Oct at the Campground Office
(weekends only starting at noon on Fri.)

AND Year-round at the Park Office



pinchot merch

FRIENDS OF Pinchot
STATE PARK
Pennsylvania Parks & Forests Foundation

FOR SALE

Hooded Sweatshirts.....\$35
Long-Sleeved Hoodies.....\$25
T-Shirts (Youth & Adult).....\$20*
*[Friends of Pinchot Members - \$16]
Tote Bags.....\$15
Ball Caps.....\$15
Beanies.....\$15
PA Passports.....\$13
Souvenir Patches.....\$5
Bandannas.....\$5
Stickers/Magnets.....\$4

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*Check made payable to PPFF

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THE NATIVE PLANT SALE WAS A WIN
FOR THE PLANET AND FRIENDS OF
PINCHOT!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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