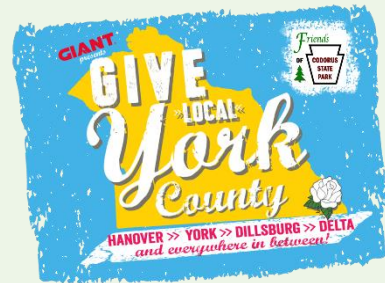


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Give Local York

Good News - the Friends of Codorus State Park will again be participating in the May 2nd and 3rd Give Local York Day! Please join our campaign and help us reach our goal of \$10,000! We need you to tell your friends and family members about the work we do to improve the park for the use and enjoyment of its visitors and ask them to join us in helping to make a difference. The more visitors to the park, the more our overall community benefits.



Get ready to give! You can do so starting April 1st. Look for our email for ways to donate, so **mark your calendar for April 1st**.

Questions? If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Frank Kozak at contact@codorusfriends.org. Thank you in advance for your generosity to the Friends of Codorus.

2024 Programs and Events Calendar

Event	Date(s)	Location
Wood Cutting, Splitting and Restocking Firewood	April to Oct., Mon. & Wed. 7:30 to 11:30 am	Monday - Meet behind the Maintenance Area. Wednesday - wood restocking at the Outpost.
Maple Syrup Program	January – March (weather dependent)	Friends of Codorus State Park Office
Builder's Home and Garden Show	March 8 to 9	North Hanover Mall
Egg Stuffing for Easter Egg Hunt	March 26, 8:30 to 11:00 am	Friends of Codorus State Park Board Room
Easter Egg Hunt	March 29, 5:00 pm	Pavilions 1 and 2, Swimming Pool Area
Outpost Camp Store opens	April 12 - Open Fri and Sat, 2:00 to 8:30 pm	Campground Entrance
Park Clean-up Day	April 20, 9:00 am to noon	Pavilion 1
ECO Setup	June 5 to June 7, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Main Launch/Bandshell Area
Experience Codorus Outdoors	June 8 and June 9	Main Launch/Bandshell Area
Paddle for the Park	July 13, 9:00 am to noon	Main Launch
Night Out	August 6, 6:00 pm	Emory H. Markle Middle School – South Western School District – 225 Bowman Road
Duck Blind Drawing	August 17, 8:00 to 10:00 am	Main Launch
Hanover Chili Cook-off Clean-up	Sept. 1, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm	Moul Field in Hanover
Park Clean-up Day	October 12, 9:00 am to noon	Pavilion 1
CTOT Set up	Oct. 19 to 25, 9:00 am to ?	Campground
Codorus Trick or Treat	October 25 and 26, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm	Campground Area and Parking at the Pool Lots
CTOT Tear Down	October 27, 8:00 am to ?	Campground
Outpost Camp Store Closes	October 26, 8:30 pm	Campground Entrance
Veterans Memorial Service	November 9, 11:00 am	Veterans Memorial
Member's Appreciation Dinner and Annual Meeting	November 14, 5:30 pm	Dub's Church Annex
Breakfast with Santa	Dec. 14, 9:00 to 11:00 am	Dub's Church Annex

2024 FOCSP BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Left to right: Mike Rottmund, Accounts Payable, Jerry Boxman, Accounts Receivable, Don Eichelberger, Director, Suzanne Gamber, Vice-President, Frank Kozak, President, Denise Markle, Secretary, Gordon Lillich, Director, Ellen Oaster, Director, Mindy Rottmund, Director

Please welcome our new board members – Denise Markle, Ellen Oaster, and Mindy Rottmund.

Denise and her husband Rodney recently moved back to this area after a six-year stint in Delaware. For the 33 years prior to that, they had lived only a mile from Codorus State Park, so they spent a lot of time there hiking, mountain biking, kayaking, and enjoying many more outdoor activities. They first became involved volunteering with the Friends of Codorus in its early years with the Spring/Fall cleanup, Blast, Halloween in the Park, and kayak tours. They looked forward to spending time again at the park, so when Denise was approached about being a board member, she felt it was a good fit - a great way to give back to an organization that provides so much to the community.

Ellen joined the Friends group in 2015 and jumped in to help with the Codorus Trick or Treat event. Now, she spends her time splitting firewood, helping with ECO and CTOT, and collecting sap and making maple syrup. As a board member, she has input on how our group can do more to enhance the park.

Mindy and her husband Mike first experienced Codorus State Park several years ago while camping and boating. Despite the distance from their home in Lancaster, they really enjoyed coming to the park, where they heard about the Friends organization. They “jumped in” on the first ECO event and enjoyed giving back to the park, as well as making friendships ever since!!

Join the Friends of Codorus State Park at the
70th Annual Builder and Garden Show
Friday and Saturday, March 8 – 9, 2024, 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
North Hanover Mall - 1155 Carlisle Street

A **Codorus State Park** sweatshirt will be raffled off and we would love to have you come out to see what we have to offer our members!

Interested in helping at the event by talking about the greatest park in the area?? If so, let us know.

E-mail: contact@codorusfriends.org

Event Presented by:



Link: [Builder and Garden Show](#)

CODORUS EASTER EGG HUNT

Friday, March 29, 2024

Crafts - 4pm to 5pm

Egg Hunt - 5pm



Have a great time with the kids welcoming in Spring at Codorus State Park for the annual Easter Egg Hunt! Make crafts, hunt for eggs, meet the Easter Bunny and receive a special treat bag!

EGG HUNT LOCATION: Codorus State Park, Pavilions 1 and 2 located on the right heading back before the swimming pool. (See map below.) If you'd like to be a sponsor, email us at: contact@codorusfriends.org

I WANT
TO HELP

Spring Cleanup at Codorus State Park

Saturday, April 20, 2024, 9:00 am to noon

This day is very important to get this great park ready for a new season. As always, much work needs to be done. We need your help!



- Enjoy coffee, hot chocolate, and cookies at 8:30 at Pavilion 1 near the park swimming pool. Use the road leading to the Swimming Pool - 1699 Blooming Grove Rd and drive about 1/2 mile. Look for pavilions on your right before you reach the pool lots.
- We will start the cleanup at 9:00.
- The jobs assigned vary depending on the park's needs but have included raking leaves, picking up trash and spreading mulch.
- All equipment will be provided, just bring some work gloves, if you have them, a water bottle and wear appropriate footwear.
- If you can help for all or part of the day, or have questions, please send an email to, contact@codorusfriends.org or just show up and pitch in.
- Pre-registration is appreciated. Go to <https://www.codorusfriends.org/park-clean-up-days.html>.

Experience Codorus Outdoors

The Experience Codorus Outdoors (ECO) committee has been busy planning this year's event to be held Saturday, June 8 from 11am to 6pm and Sunday, June 9 from 11am to 5pm at the main launch area in the park.



Please help where you can:

- **SPONSORSHIPS:** If you know of any business or organization who would like to associate their name/brand with an event that encourages families of all ages to get outside and have fun, then please share our [Sponsorship Package](#) with them.
- **VENDORS:** We are currently accepting craft vendors, or vendors who offer outdoor related products. Applications here: [Vendor Applications](#)
- **VOLUNTEERS:** There are many different "stations" that need personnel. Let us know if you have specific interests or limitations, and we'll find something you are sure to enjoy!
 - Either submit this online [Volunteer Form](#) or contact [Brad Bealing](#).

- HELP US GET THE WORD OUT! Please share this event any way you can!
 - Share our ECO event page on Facebook.
 - Share our event webpage with family and friends - [Experience Codorus Outdoors](#)
 - Post an event flyer at your place of work, or restaurant you frequent or anywhere that might allow a posting. (Always ask before you post.) Flyers can either be printed from the ECO webpage or picked up at the park visitor center during office hours.

Thank you! Brad Bealing, Chair

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FOCSP Project Seeks To Improve Turtle Population Health In Lake Marburg

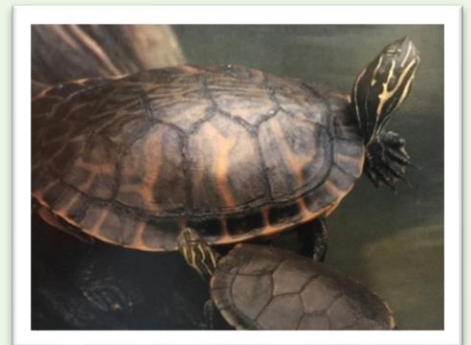
Turtles play important roles as members of Codorus State Park's ecosystem. Lake Marburg has several species of aquatic turtles, including painted turtles, musk turtles, snapping turtles, red eared sliders (which are an invasive species) and red-bellied turtles (which are a threatened species). Most turtles are active from April through October, when their daily cycle normally includes sleeping, foraging for food, and basking in the sun.

The population of red-bellied turtles have been under study given their status as threatened in Pennsylvania. They are believed to be threatened primarily as a result of habitat loss and degradation, with other factors such as introduced invasive species, environmental pollution, disease, and global climate change also contributing to the decline of their population.

Red-bellied turtles are a large freshwater species that has a reddish plastron and a prominent notch at the tip of its upper jaw. They are usually associated with relatively deep-water bodies. Habitat requirements include a soft bottom, numerous basking sites, and abundant aquatic plants, which form the staple of the turtles' diet.

Typically, red-bellied turtles mate in the spring, eggs are laid in June and July, and hatching begins in late August and lasts through September. Young turtles are omnivorous (feeding on both plants and animals) but older adults seem exclusively herbivorous (animals that feed on plants). The turtles eat in the morning on snails, insects, crayfish, fish, tadpoles, small turtles, and aquatic vegetation and spend the rest of the day basking in the sun.

Basking is essential for their health, which makes the turtle platforms in the lake so important. Basking helps turtles to dry out their shells, ward off viral infection, reduce harmful parasites, and helps regulate their body temperatures.



Due to the importance of basking to turtles, Friends of Codorus (FOCSP) volunteers Jerry Boxman and Mike Rottmund, working in concert with park Environmental Education Specialist Renae Weidner and Park Maintenance Manager Dan Clark, have been building new platforms and placing them in the lake to increase their number on the lake and replace old ones. Currently, eighteen platforms are located throughout the lake. Many are now on mud flats due to low water levels, which may necessitate placing them in deeper water. Jerry and Mike constructed seven new basking platforms last fall and plan to build ten more this year.



So, whether hiking, picnicking, fishing, or boating, take the time to notice the turtles enjoying the basking platforms. And be sure to give them a wide berth. Witten by Jerry Boxman, Director.

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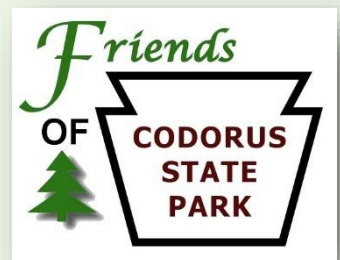
An article written by Jonathan Slade, Editor of the Mason-Dixon Surveyor, appeared in the January 2024 edition of the Mason-Dixon Surveyor. The Surveyor is a free, hyper-local community newspaper published quarterly (January, April, July, and October) in Lineboro, Maryland. The article can be found at www.masondixonsurveyor.com, January 2024: Vol 5 No 1.



Renae Weidner demonstrates the maple sugaring process at the wood-fired evaporator.

Your Volunteer Hours Count

As you may know, the total hours that the FOCSP reports are submitted to the DCNR's headquarters. Importantly, the reported hours directly affect the budget that the park managers receive from the DCNR. Reporting your hours, then, benefits the park. So, please be diligent in recording and reporting your hours. Volunteer hours include all the hours spent volunteering in the park, at home working on FOCSP projects, and travel time to and from the park for a volunteer activity. A form is available to make it easy for you to record your time. The form is available by clicking [here](#).



Turning your form in monthly is helpful, as the request for the hours from DCNR headquarters may come at any point throughout the year. If submitting monthly is not possible, please send the form when it is full. Hand in the form either at the Park Office; email it to john@codorusfriends.org; or mail it to Friends of Codorus State Park, Attn: John Kelley, 1066 Blooming Grove Road, Hanover, PA 17331.

And remember, when your volunteer hours reach a reward “milestone”, you get an earned reward.

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| ✓ 50 hours - Tee shirt | ✓ 750 - Sweatshirt | ✓ 2000 - Blanket |
| ✓ 100 - Hat or visor | ✓ 1000 - Wind shirt | ✓ 2250 - Can Cooler |
| ✓ 250 - Golf shirt | ✓ 1500 - Name on plaque | ✓ 2500 - Jacket |
| ✓ 500 - Jacket | ✓ 1750 - Tote | |

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