

BY THE NUMBERS

The Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation and friends chapters across the state steward YOUR parks and forests through volunteerism, education, and projects. In 2023, we collectively hosted:



282

service projects

185

SPECIAL EVENTS
AND OUTREACH
PROGRAMS

held reaching over
54,434 participants



3,220

volunteers who provided 37,700
volunteer hours of service

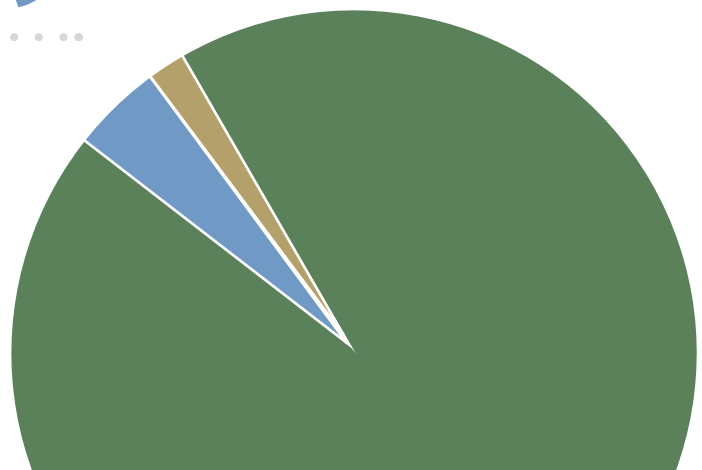
The value of this volunteerism is worth more than

\$1,180,010

EXPENSES

The Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation focuses on program, which is reflected in the annual allocation of expenditures.

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A YEAR IN REVIEW

The theme for 2023 was reflections, which afforded an opportunity to not only look at conservation history, but to dive deeper into the various meanings of the word. It provided a venue for exploring a place, such as the Lehigh Gorge, through a richer lens of history, recreation and conservation (see Fall 2023 newsletter)

In this realm, one of the larger projects of the year was the restoration of the boardwalk at Petroleum Center at Oil Creek State Park. This is part one of a multi-phase project to interpret the history of the early oil industry in the Commonwealth. (pull image from fall 2023 you made it happen)

Reflecting might also lead one to look forward—how does one ensure a positive experience in the outdoors for future generations? In this realm, you made possible habitat restoration projects at Michaux State Forest and Bald Eagle State Forest, to support not only game species like grouse and turkey, but those other species that reside in the same habitat.



Continued investment in the Pennsylvania Outdoor Corps program—both through support of Corps members as well as an assessment of the program—is another way to pay it forward. Two projects that the Corps completed—shingling restrooms with steel shingles at Ohiopyle State Park and creating a state-of-the-art firewood shelters on the Laurel Highland Hiking Trail—provide long-term dividends for park and forest users



A collective celebration of a hiker-biker campground at Ohiopyle State Park brought smiles to the faces of many when they realized their access to camping—and to town—just got a little bit easier.

Lastly, your advocacy efforts paid off when DCNR was awarded \$112 million for maintenance and infrastructure improvements.

Thank you to all that you make possible through your generosity, your advocacy, and your commitment to the stewardship of Pennsylvania's state parks and forests.

Things that YOU made possible through PPF and friends groups:

- 6614** Trees Planted
- 7600** Students Reached through 335 programs supported through EITC donations
- 518** Miles of Trails Built or Maintained
- 134** Trails Maintained
- 133** Bluebird Boxes Built or Maintained
- 35** Amphitheaters or Other Educational Facilities Built or Maintained
- 30** Fire Rings Placed
- 29** Gardens Planted or Maintained
- 27** Grills Placed
- 26** Benches Placed
- 24** Trail Bridges Built or Maintained
- 22** Blogs Written and Posted
- 18** Roadside Cleanups
- 15** Volunteer Training Programs Held
- 15** Influencers Hosted
- 14** Spanish Language Radio Shows Held
- 12** Paint by Numbers Created
- 12** Buildings or Other Structures Maintained
- 8** Playgrounds Maintained
- 4** Playgrounds Built or Updated
- 4** Conservation Books Discussed
- 3** Interns
- 2** ADA Canoe and Kayak Launches Launched
- 2** habitat restoration projects
- 1** hiker/biker campground opened
- 1** ADA Fishing Pier
- 1** ranger e-bike purchased
- 1** Public Webinar Held
- Equipment purchases-DR mower for trails, etc
- Educational Supplies Purchased-Enviroscape, water quality test kits, etc
- Pa Outdoor Corps Crews Support
- Untold number reached through sponsorship of Wings Over Water