

St. Francois State Park

Public Meeting 2023

September 09, 2022

Agenda

Welcome – Alan Lancaster

Introduction of staff and guest – Alan Lancaster

Full Time Staff

Drew Browning – Assistant Superintendent

Mary Crowell – Interpretive Resource Coord.

Butch Turner – Park Maintenance Worker

Matt Poole – Park Maintenance Worker

Park Ranger – DJ McCarty

TSL

Jacob Anderson

Lukus Holdman

Vic Wilfong

Danielle Williford

Jayden Gans

Former TSL's

Jeana Womac

Hayleigh Lock

Becca Jones

Host

Mike and Linda Sutton

Mike and Deb Henrion

Joe and Brenda Ryan

Tim Sweeney and Hannah Heath

Steve and Linda Cash

Darla Bullock

Deputy Regional Director Alex Kovac

Regional Director Greg Combs

Purpose for the meeting – Alan Lancaster

The mission of the state park system is to preserve and interpret the state's most outstanding natural landscapes and cultural landmarks, and to provide outstanding recreational opportunities compatible with those resources.

Parks and Soil Sales tax – one tenth of one percent tax

History – First land purchased in 1964
Just over 2,700 acres
Three legs of the park mission -
110 Campsites
18.2 miles of trail
Big River – Swimming, floating, fishing
2,101 Coonville Creek Wild Area
49 acres Coonville Creek Natural Area – Includes the Fen
2,263 acres are active stewardship

Budget – Alan
Trailer
Special Use Area
Residence Bathroom
Paving main road – FY23

Maintenance/Projects – Drew
Culvert Project
Replace wood fence
Cut and trim trees throughout the park

Natural and Resource Management/Programming – Mary
New Campground – In the design phase

Comments: Greg/Alex/DJ

Questions and comments: All staff

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Public Informational Meeting
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Alan

Staff

- ◆ Six Full Time
- ◆ Six Seasonal
- ◆ Maintenance - 2
- ◆ Interpretation - 2
- ◆ Visitor Services - 1
- ◆ Stewardship - 1



Alan

Volunteers



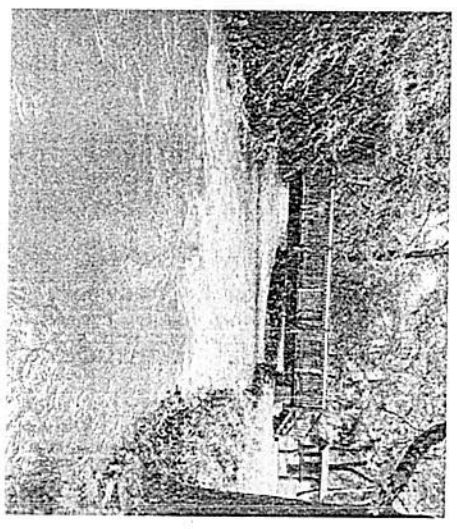
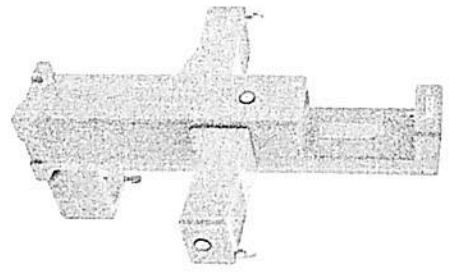
Alan

Upcoming Projects



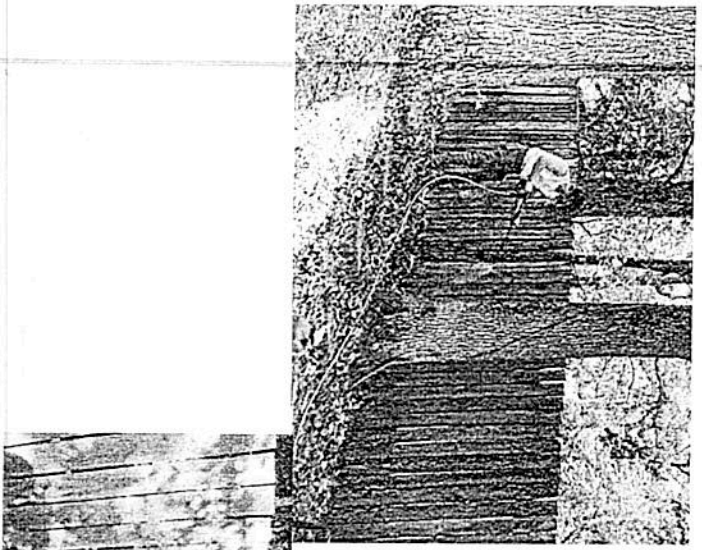
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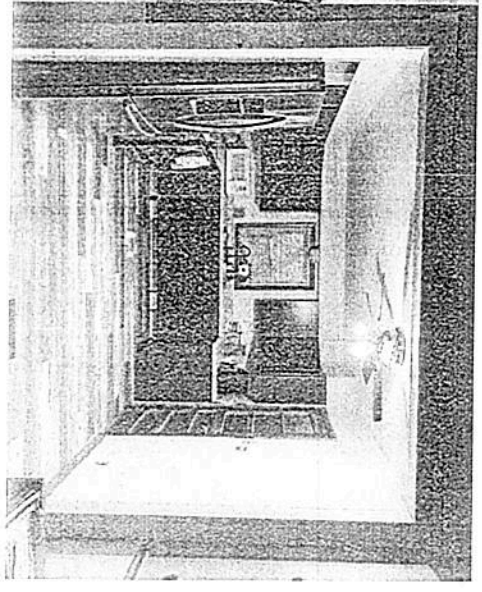
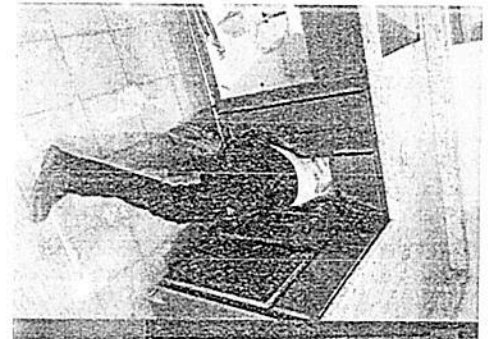
Brew

Completed Projects



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Culvert Upgrade



Drew

Flooring in Check Station

Keep?



Drew

Tree Trimming



Drew

Storm Cleanup



Drew

Bridge Repairs



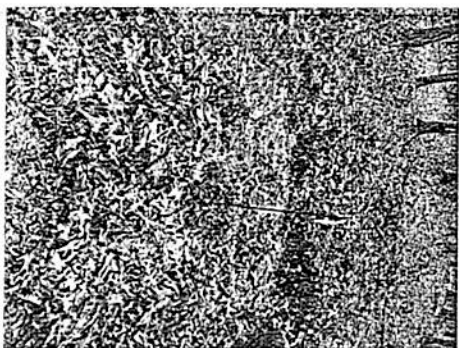
April



August

Mary

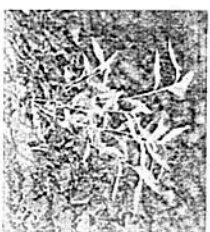
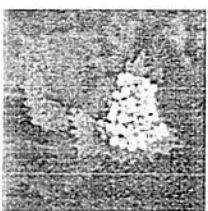
Burn Season



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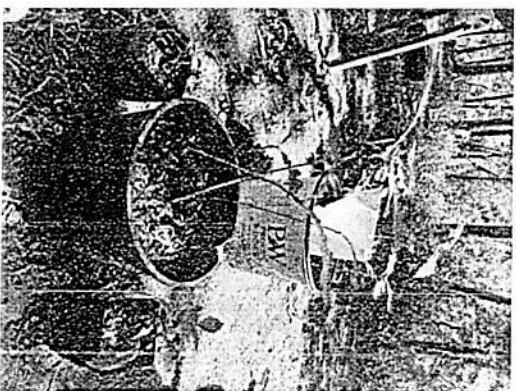
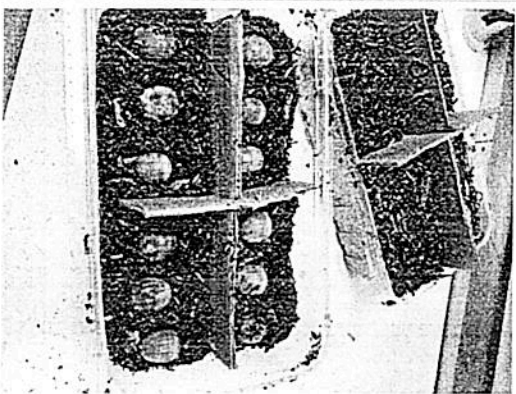
Invasive Species

- ◆ AmeriCorps sprayed Garlic Mustard at St. Francois
- ◆ Staff helped remove Bush Honeysuckle at Castlewood and Mastodon
- ◆ Staff helped spray Japanese Silt Grass at St. Joe and Washington



Mary

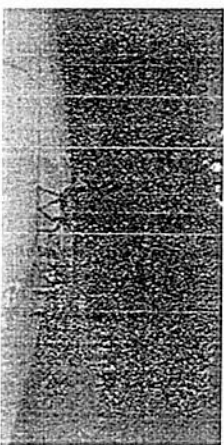
Tree Planting



Mary

Managed Deer Hunts

- December '21 Hunt
- 21 Deer Harvested
- December '22 Hunt
- 11 Deer Harvested
- December 2nd & 3rd
- Park will be closed
- Friday - Sunday



Mary

Interpretive Programs



Mary

School Groups



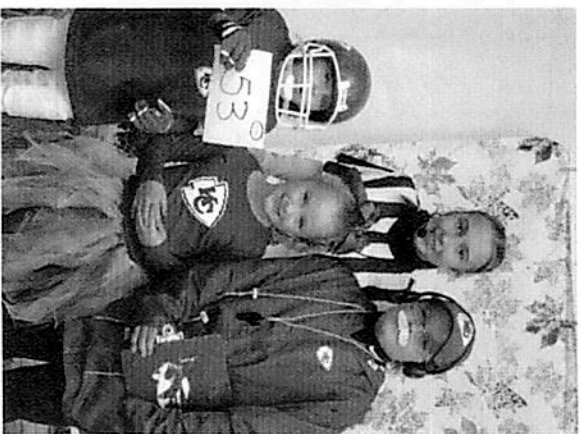
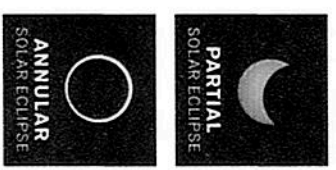
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Off-Site Programs



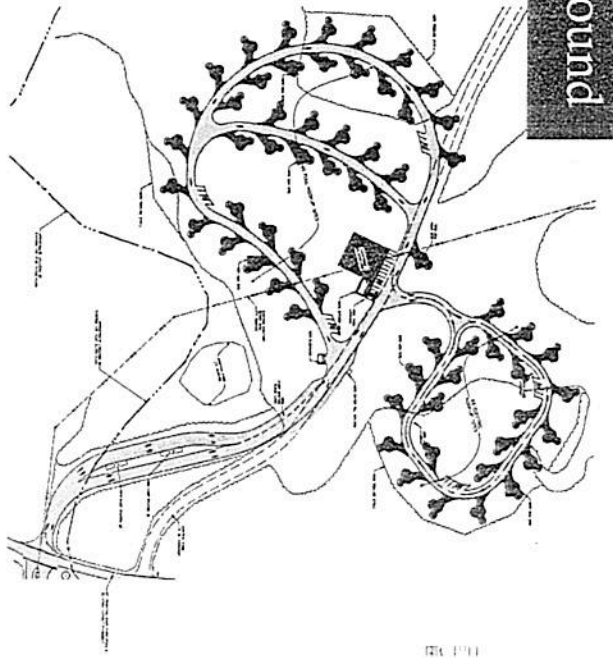
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Special Events:
Annular Eclipse
Halloween
First Day Hike



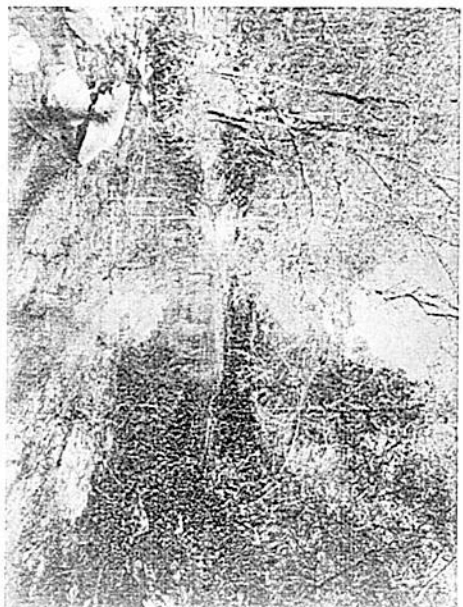
Campground

Plan



We want your input!

- ◆ Questions
- ◆ Comments
- ◆ Concerns



9/9/23

- WILL SITES BE FROST FREE?

- NO, THEY WOULD NEED TO BE WINTERIZED.

- NO PULL THRU?

- NO - IT WASN'T FEASIBLE

- WILL THEY ELEMENTARIZE ROAD TO DAY USE?

- YES - YOU WOULD BE ROUTED TO
DAY USE PAST LAGOON. WE
HOPE TO REDUCE CONFUSION.

- CHANGES TO EXISTING SITES?

- NO, FORMAL PLAN. WE
CONSULTED EPA ON MEASURES
TO MITIGATE LEAD EXPOSURE
TO THE PUBLIC.

- WILL THERE BE SHADE IN NEW CG?

- TOP PRIORITY TO PLANT TREES

FOR SHADE. CURRENTLY A FIELD.

- WE'VE CUT 300 TREES IN PAST
5 YEARS.

- TALK OF 2ND PUMP STATION?

WE'VE TALKED ABOUT IT A LOT.

WE HOPE 2 LINES IN NEW
LOOP WILL HELP.

- TREE PLANTING

- HAZ TREE WORK HAS REDUCED
NUMBER OF TREES. WE
HAVE A TREE SPADGE THAT
WE HOPE TO USE TO MOVE
TREES WITHIN THE PARK.