

# Friends of South Mountains State Park



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## ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE AND NATURE DAY

**Saturday, September 23, 2023, 9:30 a.m.** The Friends Annual Meeting will be held at the South Mountains State Park Visitor's Center. Please make plans to attend. Items on the agenda include an annual update from the Board, Election of Board Members, special recognitions, and other business as may be presented. Current Board Members whose terms are expiring, but who may be re-elected, are Steve Gurley and Tom Kenney. Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

**Saturday, September 23, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Join us for the 19th Annual Nature Day at South Mountains State Park! It's also a great way to celebrate National Public Lands Day. A variety of programs, exhibits, hikes and music are scheduled for your enjoyment. This is a wonderful event for the whole family. Learn. Explore. Have fun! Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Contact the park office for more information at 828-433-4772.

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Saturday, September 9, 2023.** Girl Scouts Love State Parks at Clear Creek Access Area. Contact the park office for more information at 828-433-4772.

**Saturday, October 7, 2023.** River Sweep with Catawba River Keepers at Clear Creek Access Area. Contact the park office for more information at 828-433-4772.

**Trail Maintenance.** Multiple dates and times throughout the year. Jacob's Fork and Clear Creek. Contact the park office for more information at 828-433-4772.

Congratulations to Superintendent Jonathan Griffith and Chief of Maintenance Brad Davis on their recent retirements. Thank you both for over 20 years (each) of service to our State Parks System. We all wish you the best of luck on your future endeavors.

Also congratulations to new Superintendent Amanda Lasley! Amanda was selected by the N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation to fill the vacancy left with Jonathan's retirement. A native of Kentucky, Amanda has been a Ranger at SOMO since 2012 and we welcome her to her well-deserved new position as Superintendent.

In March 2023, Friends of SOMO was able to purchase a John Deere Gator for the Park. The Gator will make access to some of the more remote Park locations easier and provide a means of transport where vehicular traffic is not possible. The Park Staff and the Board of Directors would like to express our sincere gratitude to the donors who made this purchase possible.

We look forward to seeing you at SOMO!

Jimmy Summerlin, President  
Walt Gravley, Vice President  
Steve Gurley, Secretary  
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- Student/Senior Annual Membership: \$15.00/yr
- Individual Annual Membership (18+): \$20.00/yr
- Joint Annual Membership: \$30.00/yr
- Founder's Society: \$100/yr

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- Business Bronze Membership: \$300/yr
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- Business Platinum Membership: \$1,000/yr

### Additional Contribution Categories:

- Bedrock: \$500.00 gift
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- High Shoals: \$10,000.00 gift
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_ gift

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