

**Friends of Devil's Lake State Park  
Park Support**

The Friends of Devil's Lake State Park, Inc. is a nonprofit 501 ( c ) ( 3 ) corporation.  
We were organized in 1997 to support Devil's Lake State Park with mind, muscle, and money.

As a nonprofit, the Friends organization is able to apply for Federal, State, and Private Grants as well as solicit contributions from individuals to benefit the park. We have established an Endowment Fund that qualifies for grant applications for direct funds, and more importantly matching funds under the State Heritage Trust Grant program. The Endowment Fund is invested in certificates of deposit and an Investment Fund through Third Oak Financial in Baraboo to generate interest income. Every dollar earned in interest on the Endowment Fund is matched at 50 cents by the State of Wisconsin under the Heritage Trust Grant program.

In addition to our self-managed Endowment Fund, we have contributed to the Natural Resources Foundation Endowment Fund. Our Friends' funds within that foundation are managed by others.

Other than membership dues, we receive very generous donations from individuals, organizations like the Devil's Lake Concession Corporation, funds in memory of or in honor of a loved one or occasion, volunteer organizations, patrons of the park and visitors attending our sponsored events, as well as named and/or anonymous donations through various platforms like Benevity, Cybergrants, YourCause, and Network for Good.

To all who have supported us in the past and those who continue to support us, here is the impact of your donations between 1997 and today:

<b>Contribution to the Natural Resources Foundation Endowment Fund</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>
<b><u>Lake Restoration Project</u></b>	<b>\$ 378,800</b>
(the phosphorus reduction project was comprised of multiple mini-projects over the years from initial lake studies, to planning and installation of the piping, and improvement of the siphon process by lowering the pipe)	
<b><u>General Park Support</u></b>	<b>\$ 222,719</b>
(money spent at the park by staff for maintenance supplies, outside contractors, safety equipment, and other smaller transactions for tools, etc. )	
<b><u>Staff and Volunteer Support</u></b>	
Limited Term Employees for the Park/Interns	<b>\$ 88,500</b>
Sponsored Park Events	<b>\$ 70,720</b>
(concerts, Halloween Hike, Candlelight Snowshoe Hike, Annual meetings, members only events, volunteer picnic, employee/volunteer recognition)	
Staff Radios	<b>\$ 2,100</b>
Campground host campsite work	<b>\$ 5,200</b>
Nature Center programs and supplies	<b>\$ 29,386</b>
Volunteer Vacation support (began in 2018)	<b>\$ 3,903</b>
<b><u>Building and Renovations Projects</u></b>	
Bathroom Restoration	<b>\$ 30,000</b>
Firewood Shed	<b>\$ 30,200</b>

Shelter on South Shore (Sullivan contribution)	\$	28,300
Boat House	\$	40,000
Building Renovations	\$	40,000
CCC Informational Kiosks	\$	8,000
Ice Age Trail Wayside	\$	10,000
Storage Building	\$	7,700
Misc. toilet room projects	\$	4,050
Red Oak shelter repairs, tables, and chairs	\$	2,650
Headquarters/Rock Elm bathroom renovations	\$	4,500
Picnic Area Fire Rings	\$	22,600
Campsite Improvements, gravel, new fire rings	\$	17,400

#### **Landscape Support**

Invasive Species Control (primarily garlic mustard)	\$	27,700
Emerald Ash Borer Pesticide	\$	3,800
Wetland Restoration Neuman Property	\$	34,700
Spaded trees	\$	3,800
Buoys	\$	2,200

#### **Visitor Support**

Purchase of viewers	\$	21,200
Memorial Benches and Bricks	\$	46,500
Improved Accessibility	\$	11,200
Park Centennial Celebration	\$	5,700
Purchase of teepee tents	\$	2,900
Scholarship and field trip support for UW students	\$	4,300
Purchase of snowshoes	\$	2,900
iPads, sensors, and bat demo equipment	\$	2,100
Picnic Table boards	\$	2,200
Blacktop trail paving	\$	2,000
Picnic grills	\$	1,600
Emergency phone	\$	550
Interpretive signage	\$	18,300
Trail Upgrades	\$	13,200

**Our support of the park thus far!                   \$ 1,263,578**

**... and we hope to keep on giving and giving as a result of your continued support!**