

Graham Cave State Park

FY2022 OPERATIONS OVERVIEW:

☒ VISITOR CENTER MANAGEMENT:

Operational hours: Tuesday through Saturday; and as available. Cleaned facilities daily while following COVID 19 Management plan. Status quo sales, information assistance, inventory counts, weekly RS2 deposits, etc. Visitors to the park increased on all levels from previous year including gthe visitor center where the Missouri State Parks' Bicentennial quilt was on display in October.

☒ OFFICE MANAGEMENT:

Park Specialist Anthony Orazio was assisted by Shari Noe and Alexa Groeber who also worked in the park assisting with other operations. Monthly actions: Budgeting, utility payments, bulk fuel reports, vehicle maintenance logs, p-card statements, inventory counts, etc.

☒ CAMPGROUND, LAGOON, WELL, DUMP STATION, PLAYGROUND, CHECK STATION, SHOWER HOUSE AND RESTROOMS:

Campground operations went smoothly this year with our camp hosts assisting during the OnSeason: April through October. We continued to work on our electric pedestals in the electric loop to keep them operational. We applied for and received funding for upgrade of two sites to ADA wheelchair accessible sites. The ADA tables and grills have been purchased and the sites are scheduled for renovation in November through December this year during the Off-Season. We replaced the well pumps and continued upgrading the water system. Seasonal staffing—partially filled. Daily water testing. Monthly actions: Cleaned facilities daily while following COVID 19 Management plan with routine inspections and repair of playground, electric pedestals, wells and water lines, etc. Monthly inspections and maintenance of campground lagoon.

☒ TRAILS, PICNIC AREAS, PAVILION (GROUP SHELTER), PLAYGROUND, RESTROOMS, RECYCLE BINS, BOAT RAMP, AND GROUNDS:

Staff and volunteers connected Loutre River Trail into one continuous link at the campground on National Trails Day in June. We ordered a new trail map which is in production. 38 pavilion rentals for the year. Cleaned facilities daily while following COVID 19 Management plan with routine inspections and repair of playground, shelter, restrooms, trails, boat ramp, and grounds. Daily water testing. Monthly inspections and maintenance of office complex/resident quarters lagoon. Removed mud and debris from boat ramp from high water in Loutre River.

☒ EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES:

No new vehicles or equipment ordered this year.

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2022 SPECIAL EVENTS/INTERPRETATIVE PROGRAMS

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- World Atlatl Day Saturday, June 4, LPA Shelter - Coordinated in partnership with World Atlatl Association with atlatl demos and contest, flintknapping and primitive fire making demo, mammal hide display, and Graham family artifact display along with a tram shuttle running from the GCSP campground. 90 attendees
- National Trail Day—Loutre Trail Connecting Spur June 12, GCSP Campground - 5 participants
- Mammal displays and tour—Wyslean Kiddie College on June 8 – 37 attendees
- Cave Interpretative tour--June 22 –6 attendees
- Scout Troop program—“MO Mammals/Fire through the Ages” June 25 – 29 attendees
- Montgomery County Schools—Summer program tour of park—18 attendees
- Missouri State Fair Sedalia Fri., Aug. 19th DNR Women’s Building: Know Before You Go- 386 attendees
- Archaeology Day: Sat., Sept. 17th Graham Cave History, Graham Family Descendent, Flintknapping, Fire making demo, fish bone hook making demo and activity, Missouri mammals, atlatl demos/instruction/contest. Park Employees—165 attending
- Conservation Efforts, Invasive Plants, & Volunteering at Lazy Days Campground for Missouri State Campers Association— 60 attending
- Learn to Aim-archery/atlatl Sat., Oct. 29th LPA Shelter 22 participants
- MO Quilt Display Weds., Oct. 26 – 31st Visitor Center
- GCSP Public Info Mtg. Sun., Oct. 30th Visitor Center
- WBS Bird Program Sun., Oct. 30th (10 am) LPA Shelter

Katy Trail State Park –Midwest Section

- Edward Jones Volunteer Day Katy Trail-June 18, Augusta TH - 9 participants
- Sweet Corn Fest Booth & Tram Rides. Sun., Aug. 14 Treloar 130 attendees
- Treloar Elevator Party Sun., Oct 16 Treloar 150? attending event
- KATG Public Info Mtg. Sun., Oct. 16 Treloar - 58 attendees at booth
- Tuesday Tram on Katy Tue., Oct. 25 Bernheimer Loop -Cancelled

OTHER PROGRAMS OFFERED: *Leave No Trace Master/Train-the-trainer Programs
Schools-Spring/Summer Programs; Other programs on request:*

“A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise....” Aldo Leopold, A Sand County Almanac

“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man (or woman) who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.” — Theodore Roosevelt