Roaring River State Park

Informational Meeting – June 30, 2022

Missouri State Parks — a division of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Roaring River/Big Sugar Creek State Park

- Acres: 4820.68
- Stewardship acres: 2173
- Full time staff: 12
- Part time staff: 9
- Volunteer hour: 6596
- 2021 attendance: 1,901,243 (an increase of 30%)
- Miles of trails: 11.5

**By the Numbers**

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**Budget**

- Small Maintenance & Repair Budget: $55,700.00
- Capital Improvements Projects in Progress: $2
- Annual Budget: $774,924.00

**Camping & Lodging**

- Number of Camping Nights Sold: 22,639
- Number of Lodging Nights Sold: 1,832
- Number of Campsites: 171
- Number of Lodging Stays: 52
- Number of Group Camps: 1
- Number of Overnight Guests: 2,528
- Camping Nights Sold by Zip Code: [data]

**Missouri State Park Events:** 11

- Signature Event: Summer Bluegrass Concert Series, W/CW, Kids Free Fishing, Free Fishing Weekend, Veterans Free Fishing

**Photo Album**

- Images of people fishing and enjoying the park.
Roaring River/Big Sugar Creek State Park

Acres-2082.54
Stewardship acres-1,945
2021 attendance- 35,587 a increase of 19%
Miles of trails is 4.4
• Park /Historic Site Manager – Joel Topham
• Park/Historic State Supervisor- Carrie Byron
• Administrative Support Assistant- Elise Buchman
• Environmental Program Analyst- Taylor Steinfeldt
• Park/Historic Site Specialist- Anna Skalicky
• Specialized Trades Worker Construction Worker -Dustin Hall
• Specialized Trades Worker Water/ Water water- Sebastian Carter
• Specialized Trades Worker Maintenance III Lead- Fred Kyte
• Maintenance Worker II-Rocky Hill
• Maintenance Worker II-Sean Maloney
• Maintenance Worker II-Nick Martgan
• Maintenance Worker II-John Mitchell
• Park Ranger is Corp. Steve Jabben

• We currently have 12 staff positions.
Accomplishments

• Emory Melton Inn 101-118 room renovations were completed. This included painting of bathrooms, fixing bathroom fans, rewiring of room 202, installing six P-tack units, and fixing ceiling in great room.

• Building of new fish cleaning station at the end of Campground 3. Gave us some insight on how to improve on the design. We added single point water points for fisherman to use like we had at old station.

• Set boundary for new pollinator area in Campground 3. We were able to burn this area in winter to help with weeds. Currently we are selecting and trimming out the weeds, looking to promote the natural flowers to grow.

• Pot holes through-out park continue to be a problem. We are filling in and repairing them as problems arise.

• Installation of new memorial picnic tables in day use area. Added another six this past year.

• With the help of MODOT, we reclaimed the view along the River Road.

• We have cleared out and grinded out 5 tree stumps

• We have trimmed out about 20 trees through-out the park.
Accomplishments

• Cabin 7: put in new flooring and completely redid the bathroom.
• Emory Melton Inn had all air ducts cleaned and sanitized.
• Shower House 3 electric panels were upgraded, along with installing new hot water heaters. Both bathrooms floors were painted and exhaust fans replaced.
• Painted all the satellite bathrooms
• Installed hallway lights in the Emory Melton Inn
• Concrete pad has been poured for the Donor wall.
• Replaced a 7ton HVAC unit at Emory Melton Inn; with two more set to be replaced this year.
• Power wash all of Deer leap walkway, and replaced the informational Kiosk on the overlook.
Flooding Events

• Four flooding events since our last public meeting.
• Each one of these floods brought with it clean up and repair.

• April 13th 7.28ft.
• April 21th 3.09ft
• May 05th 7.55ft
• May 06th 3.85ft
Roaring River Flood Map
Looking Ahead

- Fish Cleaning Station donor wall to be finished.
- In our day use area the Play ground structure was shut down for safety issues. We have got a new one coming from Power Play. The new equipment is being paid for by grants from the Ozark Community Foundation.
- Replacing Deer Leap boardwalk sections along the west section by Devils Icebox.
- Apply another coat of paint to Shower house 3 bathroom floors.
- MODOT Repaving of Park will start in September of 2022.
- This winter we will work with MDC to stabilize the river bank along campground 2. We will be adding riprap to help hold the soil in place and help stop erosion in this spot.
New Playground for Day Use
New Playground For Day Use
Looking Ahead

- **Campground 3**: lower end Revenue Bond Project set to start in October. This will upgrade 32 sites to full hook-up and will add a two room bathroom as well.

- **Campground 2**: 13 sites are to be redone to help with the holding of water. This CI project is set to happen fall of 2023.

- **The Public swimming pool** has been closed for two seasons. With the repair costs being very high, Roaring River is on the list to convert this space into a Splash pad zone for guests. We are still waiting on a start date to be given for this project.

- **Campground 3 Pollinator area**:
  - We will be looking to seed in wildflowers to promote local pollinators to visit this site.
Fish Cleaning Station

• We had a ribbon cutting for the FCS on June 4\textsuperscript{th} 2021

• Currently the station is running like it should with no problems. It has helped to serve the park well with disposal of fish remains.

• We took the suggestion of some people and added water station faucets. This way, people will be able to use the water and not get the person across from them wet.
Fish Cleaning Station

• The next phase is the Donor Wall.
• Work scheduling became a problem during COVID.
• Now we have poured the concrete pad.
• We also have the 6x4 donor sign.
• We are now fixed to finish up the project by the end of July.
**Fish Cleaning Station Donor Recognition**

Money was raised from December of 2020 until June of 2021 to fund this fish cleaning station, a much-needed amenity for Roaring River State Park visitors. Without the help of these generous donors, this project would not have been completed.

**Rainbow Trout Donation Level: $1,000 and Up**
- In honor of Whitney Snyder
- Oak Hill Court & RV Park
- In honor of the Dover family: Dustin, Tera, Aubree, Lyla and Kinsley
- Phil and Valerie Hutcheson and family

**Brown Trout Donation Level: $500 - $999**
- Schroeder Foundation
- Charlie Hughes, State Farm Insurance
- In honor of the Nieman family of Ralston, OK
- A. Crawford, Andy Strope, Greg Strope, Dustin Strope and Bryant Strope
- Paul and Sandra Winfield

**Brook Trout Donation Level: $100 - $499**
- O. and Cynthia Johnson, Jr.
- Joseph Kennedy
- Brian Lynn
- Richard Busey
- Dave Richards
- Kathy Rosenblad
- Bob & Ginger
- Susan Hardgrave
- In honor of Gary L. Warner
- In honor of Jeff and Sunny Gregory
- Joseph Richberg
- Paul Schippers
- Tom Swetnam
- In honor of Jim, Susan, Jake and Steve Gentry
- In honor of Janie and Dennis Thomas
- In honor of U.R. and Clarice Stephens
- Jennifer Parker
- David Waterer
- In honor of the Bascom family

**Cutthroat Trout Donation Level: $25 - $99**
- Schroeder Foundation
- Charlie Hughes, State Farm Insurance
- In honor of the Nieman family of Ralston, OK
- A. Crawford, Andy Strope, Greg Strope, Dustin Strope and Bryant Strope
- Paul and Sandra Winfield

This was a cooperative project between the Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Community Foundations of the Casski and Missouri State Parks.
Cave Dive

- We have NWA Adventure Dive and KISS Rebreathers dive team.
- This group is remapping our cave spring.
- In July of 2021 the dive team was able to go past the flow restriction. We are now the deepest cave spring in Missouri and the USA. The new depth is 472ft.
- We have the team returning in July, Aug, Sept and Oct.
- We are very excited about this new discovery.
We burned unit Ketchum Hollow west 232 unit and Roark 380 acres. For 612 total Exotic Species Management At ROA and BSC Cedar removal on Glade 7.
First Day Hikes BSC/ ROA January was cancelled due to extreme cold
Eagle Viewing
Opening Day sold 1807 total tags
Birding Boot Camp
Wildflower Workshop
Earth Day Events
Kids fishing gave out 715 total tags
Missouri Free Fishing weekend
Memorials

• Roaring River is now offering Memorial picnic tables.
• The Tables will be installed in day use areas only.
• 10 yr. table - $1000.00
• Lifetime table - $2500.00
• Can add a grill - $500.00
• Please talk to Carrie about this option if you would like to install a memorial picnic table.
Events from last year

• 1st Day Hike at ROA and BSC Cancelled
• Eagle Viewing
• Opening Day
• Bluegrass in the Park every Friday night
• Kids Free Fishing
• Movie under the Stars
• Veterans Free Fishing
• Operation Roaring River with Charlie-22
• WOW
BSC

- Will be looking to add an additional new parking lot that will allow park goers to park closer to the water. It will give the public access to a spring-fed pond and floating access to Big Sugar Creek.
Roaring River State Park

• Above all we want you to make great memories here at your State Park.

• Questions?
Missouri State Parks is supported by the parks, soils and water sales tax.