St. Francois State Park

Public Informational Meeting
September 17, 2022
Upgrades
Culvert Upgrade
Stabilize Coonville Creek
Maintenance Projects

- Updated showerhouse & amphitheater walkway lighting
- Installed automatic gates & replaced fence
- Replaced HVAC at residence
- Installed chlorine pump
- Continued boneyard cleanup
Fencing around electric panel
Playground Mulch
Waterline Repairs
Operation Clean Stream

- 2022 Stats
  - 183 car tires
  - 9 truck tires
  - 2 tractor tires
Hazardous Trees
Snow/Ice/Floods
Storm Cleanup
Campground
Cultural Resources

Flooding

I felt confused when on my third Easter weekend in the park, Big River didn’t flood. It disrupted my whole routine. I was introduced to flooding early on. It flooded every week or two during my first spring in the park. Not all floods are alike and vary according to where, when, and how much rain falls in the watershed. We were always adapting. After all the shelter picnic tables had to be retrieved from the woods, we began to tie them in at any hint of heavy rain. When all the trashcans floated away, even with their concrete bases, we drilled holes in the bottom to prevent them from floating. When the dumpsters floated down Big River, we chained them to trees. After the river rose unexpectedly on a sunny summer day stranding families on a gravel bar and the fire department was unable to get to them. They were rescued by Good Samaritans with an extension cord from the other side of the river. The ranger started carrying a rope in his vehicle for emergency rescues.
Prescribed Fire
Invasive Species
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Fire Seasonality Study
Managed Deer Hunts

- December ‘21 Hunt
  - 21 Deer Harvested
- December 3rd & 4th
  - Half as many hunters
- Park will be closed Friday - Sunday
Interpretive Programs
School Groups
Special Events – Stories ‘n’ Stones
Special Events – Bluegrass
Special Events – Halloween
We want your input!

- Questions
- Comments
- Concerns