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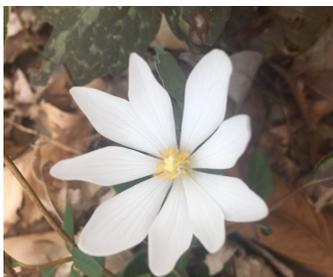


We are now in our fifth year as a non-profit!!! Our board of directors received an overly generous 5th Anniversary gift of our final 145 acres from the Dugas Family and we are incredibly thankful! The park now holds over 320 acres. Our logo has even had a bit of a facelift to accommodate all of the sections of the park as we grow. We are excited to develop amenities! This year we have plans to build a new quarter-mile paved loop in our Dumont Hill section and start our long-awaited Grasslands Trail. Our cannon pavilion's construction is already underway. It will house a scaled replica of the parrot rifle.

The Grasslands Trail is just over a mile in length and will open roughly 50 acres or half of the Grasslands section of the park to the public. This section has a completely different feel, as the name implies the Grasslands is just that mostly grassy fields for hay production. One of the common tenets with the Dumont Hill section is hills and creek frontage. The trail is designed to be gravel with three different stops along the way for rest or reflection.

With a non-profit comes fundraising, and today is our second Panda Express Fundraiser! Visit their Bowling Green location tomorrow, March 30th, and show our [flyer](#) to help the park raise funds for future projects. You can also order ahead online with code 322595 in the App or at pandaexpress.com.

Wildflower Spotlight-Bloodroot



Spring has officially arrived and the wildflowers are popping up throughout the park. While hiking you may notice this delicate white flower with a yellow or golden center. It is a wildflower known as bloodroot. The name stems fittingly from the pungent red-orange juice that flows from its stem and roots.

Bloodroot is nearing the halfway point for its yearly blooming phase, so be on the lookout throughout the month of April for this beauty. Though it is known for its simplistic beauty bloodroot was a useful plant for the Native Americans. It was used as a dye for goods, and war paint and was also an effective insect repellent. We do not recommend it due to the smell!

Check our Calendar– Easter Egg Hunt



It has been a rough year with COVID-19 and we are excited that things are beginning to open back up. We are excited to have our restrooms open and hammocks up starting April 1st. With that being said, please keep an eye on the calendar portion of our website for park and community events, as well as rentals. Our first park event is our Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, April 3rd!

It will look a little bit different than most hunts as we do a find and return of eggs each year. Food Lion and Save A Lot have generously donated again this year to ensure the kids' goodie bags will be full of tasty treats and small prizes. The Hunt will happen in the Dumont Hill paved Loop area. We ask that you remain in your cars until time for your age group's turn to hunt. Ages 2 to 4 will be from 1 to 1:20p.m.; ages 4 through 6 from 1:30 to 1:50 p.m.; ages 7 through 8 from 2 to 2:20 p.m.; ages 9 through 10 from 2:30 to 2:50 p.m. Masks are required for participants in the egg hunt as staying physically distant may be more difficult during the hunt.

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