

Park Intrepreter Cathy Taylor's Waterwalk.

Some of the school children visiting in November told Cathy that there was a turtle "stuck" in the water. Huh? Cathy went to the area in Lake Placid the kids described and noticed that there was, in fact, a turtle out in the water, not far from shore (but not reeeeee close either) that was treading water. She realized she'd have to, well, just go for it, so in she walked to the turtle and found that a fish hook had snagged it on the tail.

She gently worked the hook loose and (after taking a photo with her camera purchased by The Friends), set the turtle free. So, was that an aquatic or forest ecology event?

She also reports that while the bat boxes and screech-owl houses may not get used, the blue bird houses certainly are. In January, she noticed the one near the ParkCenter being inspected by a blue bird.

4th Saturday CALENDAR

- Forest Ecology **Feb. 28**
- Go Green **March 27**
- Annual Friends Day **April 24**
- Native Plants **May 22**
- Got Bugs **June 26**
- Geology of S.C. **July 24**
- Native Americans **Aug. 28**
- Rehab for Animals **Sept. 25**
- TBA **Oct. 23**
- TBA **Nov. 27**
- National Arbor Day **Dec. 4**

All programs start at 10 am and meet at the bathhouse. Check the web site for more info.

Thanks, Friends!

Thanks to our Fourth Saturday volunteers:
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 To xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
 To xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxTrail.
 To our former board members Wayne Bower, Patty Einstein, Dennis Haney and Sally Nicholson for their years of dedicted service on the board.

Website: <http://www.parismountain.com/sp>

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PARIS MTN. STATE PARK Friends News

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Trails Update

New trails for the new year is the resolution at Paris Mountain.

We have acquired our Ditch Witch SK 500, the walk-behind bulldozer. Through the grant that many of you supported by showing up at Meador's on Main last March, we also have hired a trail crew, Adam Winton and Ben Blich. To help them, we have some fine volunteers and some excellent community service personnel. However, even with this mechanized dirtmover, building trails is still hard work.

So, additional assistance was needed. Fortunately, we were awarded another grant and from January 13 through February 20, Americorps worked here. They also worked on some neighborhood beautification projects. The team consisted of 11 people that worked a 40 hour week on community improvement projects. We have already sent a letter of intent to pursue the grant again next year and we hope to have your support again.

Adam, Ben and crew started new trail construction off of the existing trail beyond the amphitheater. This will connect with the *Sulphur Springs trails*, so there is a ways to go.

They designed a few possible solutions for the trail below the spillway on *Lake Placid*, then rebuilt the top section of the stone steps that come up from the bridge on the north side of the creek.

They also worked with Hands on Greenville, cutting backslopes on the *Brissy Ridge Trail*. They had a great time meeting and working with the volunteers and got a lot of work done in a short amount of time.

Currently, they are working around *Lake Placid*, widening and improving the water flow on the trail.

Then there is that area.....



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Briefs:

The website continues to be updated with current information on events. More details are there at: <http://www.parismountain.com/sp>

Some of the park boundaries will be surveyed within the next year, courtesy of a coalition of surveyors and the S.C. Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

The bathhouse / Park Center renovation is moving forward with the plans being fine-tuned under the guidance of architect *Jim Hambright* before any physical work begins.

The 4th Saturday program continues under the direction of *Anne Littlejohn*. Some events are continuing and some new events being added. People of all ages are enjoying the outdoor learning experience. See the website for more details: [_](#)

Cathy Taylor is leading the Aquatic and Forest Ecology programs for 5th graders. It is now certified as a "Discover Carolina" educational program. See the website for more information.

The self-guided trail guide for Lake Placid is now available. Check at the front gate for a copy.

Home Depot will partner with the park on the renovation of Camp Buckhorn and the TR-side residence.

Attorney and Board member *Gene McCall* is leading our fundraising program, raising not only money, but awareness of the park's changes in the community.

Friend's Day Happens on April 24

This is the 4th year for our popular spring event. Like to help out? Contact Debbie Fowler at dgf45@msn.com.



Ranger Laura Cantrell leads the "Leave No Trace" event. A happy dog and owner enjoy trying out a canoe from Sunrift Adventures. Nick Holeman and his friends entertained with some great old-time mountain music. Looks like more of the same great fun this year.



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