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*This billboard will be displayed outside of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Headquarters in Trenton.* 

# **Governor Murphy - Fund Our Parks!**

## *by Jason Howell, Public Lands Advocate*

In 2022 the Pinelands Preservation Alliance launched the Fix Our Parks campaign in partnership with the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, New Jersey Highlands Coalition and D&R Canal Watch. Fix Our Parks is a movement to ensure that New Jersey's state parks, forests and wildlife management areas are protected and enhanced for future generations.

Since launching the campaign, the Fix Our Parks initiative has been adopted by a coalition of organizations that cover our state from north to south. The campaign's main focus has been to restore funding to New Jersey's Parks Department so that visitors have a high-quality experience and to ensure the natural resources found in our parks will be protected. This campaign also includes advocacy for Wildlife Management Areas (WMA), which are managed by NJ's Division of Fish and Wildlife. The two agencies have different operational budgets. The Parks Department is funded through the state general fund and the Division of Fish and

Wildlife largely funded by hunting and fishing license sales as well as federal grant money from the Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson Acts. The two agencies share a capital construction budget, which is allocated from the state general fund by the Governor and the legislature. The operations budget covers staff salaries, benefits and day to day management costs, while the capital budget covers the major infrastructure and building repairs, significant equipment purchases, and new buildings or installations

Funding for the general operations budget and the capital construction budget was significantly cut after the 2007-2008 recession and subsequent budget crunch. However, after NJ's economy rebounded, state elected officials did not restore funding and allowed the parks to languish and staff positions to go unfilled. That budget reduction affected staffing levels from management, to maintenance workers, and law enforcement officers, leading to historically low levels of staffing. During *continued on page 5* 

# Inside The Pinelands

**Pinelands Juried Photography Exhibit** 

The best photography of the Pinelands National Reserve!

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Mailing services generously donated by Swift Mailing www.swiftmailing.com The Pinelands Preservation Alliance and a volunteer committee composed of professional and highly skilled photographers is proud to host our fifth annual juried photography exhibit focused on the Pinelands National Reserve. Over \$2,000 in cash prizes will be awarded at a private reception for the photographers on March 25th. Award winners in each category will be listed on our webpage as well as biographies provided by the finalists. See why they love photography and love photographing the Pines!

The exhibit will hang in the renovated, handicap-accessible barn at our headquarters in Southampton. The exhibit is open to the public from March 27 to April 28, 2023. Each week visitors can enter a raffle for a gift basket (there is a new basket each week)! So please stop by and view the beautiful images, relax and enter to win a gift basket. Exhibit hours are as follows:

Mon. – Thurs. from 10 AM to 4 PM Fri. & Sat. from 10 AM to 2 PM Sundays from 12 noon to 5 PM

This year over 720 photos were submitted by 173 photographers and 83 beautiful images were selected to hang as part of the exhibit. Photographic images had to be taken within the boundaries of the Pinelands National Reserve. It was very difficult to select finalists due to the high quality of the images that were entered. Learn more about the exhibit, viewing hours, and the photographers at www.PinelandsPhotoExhibit.org.

This year's judge is Robert Zurfluh. Robert grew up in the 1970's in a small Bavarian town not far from former East what Germany and was then Czechoslovakia (now the Czech Republic) and was always fascinated by the American landscape that he saw in books, movies, and on American TV shows. He bought his first camera, an Agfa Pocket camera, after he saved up money by delivering the Sunday newspaper in the early 1980's.

Coming to the US in 1990 as part of a job transfer, his first trip took him to New York City, where he bought his first serious camera. In 2009 he made the jump to digital photography after attending a free Canon workshop in Acadia National Park, and realizing that digital camera technology had in many ways surpassed traditional film. Since then, he has been photographing mostly landscapes, nature and wildlife. He has photographed both locally in New Jersey and throughout the country and the world. Most of the wildlife shots on the website are taken in central New Jersey.

Our hope is that this exhibit exposes people to the stunning beauty of New Jersey's Pinelands National Reserve and will inspire exploration and action on its behalf. We look forward to seeing you there!

# Life Science Field Training Institute June 27 - June 30, 2023

A multi-day field science experience for educators to strengthen fieldbased investigations in their teaching and improve student performance.

## Four days of instruction include:

Field Sampling Methods Biodiversity Inventories Community Ecology Studies Population Ecology Climate Change Backyard Birding Pine Barrens Ecology (with a canoe trip on the Batsto River!)

## Fee: \$50 refundable deposit.

Register online: www.PinelandsAlliance.org

Supported by the Bonazzi Foundation for the Promotion of Science Education.

# Access Nature Forum Launches

by Sean Kane-Holland, Access Nature Disability Advocate

I began my adventure at PPA in November 2022 as our first Nature and Disability Advocate. Attending Rutgers University, I graduated with a B.A. in American History & Political Science. Overcoming many challenges, I was born with a birth defect, Spina Bifida, and need to use leg braces and forearm crutches to get around – but I don't let that hold me back from accomplishing my goals. I'm a lifelong Southern New Jersey resident. Being an avid outdoorsman, any chance I get, you'll find me kayaking one of the many rivers in the Pinelands or exploring the countless historic and cultural sites with my dog.

I have great hopes for what we can accomplish with this new project, the Access Nature Forum. The Access Nature Forum is a part the PPA's The Pinelands is for Everyone project. We created the Forum to bring together a diverse selection of like-minded individuals to have conversations about improving equity, inclusiveness, and access to natural places and nature- and culture-based programs. We aim to engage those with disabilities, their families, caregivers, veterans' groups, assisted living organizations, advocacy groups, nonprofit organizations, state, and local officials, and agencies in a public discourse that identifies public interest, concerns, and ideas, and to join their voices for improving access.

We hope to form a united front to help bring about change for the betterment of our collective community. This is an opportunity for a section of our community to express what they need, want, and hope for, to make their lives and outdoor recreation more enjoyable through accessibility to the outdoors and the ability to gain a positive mental and physical health experience. Forum provides a means for those with disabilities to unite and have a voice that will be heard.

Everyone is welcome to join the

Forum! We are meeting for quarterly conversations via Zoom, with the potential to add more meeting dates as our plans develop. We held the first forum on January 11th, where we provided an introduction to our AccessNatureNJ.org website. This is a user-friendly, interactive map that provides information about nature sites that have some degree of accessible and inclusive features and services. We hope this is a useful tool for the public to determine if a nature site is accessible for them to use. Our first forum explained how to navigate the website, how to personally update information as how to provide feedback on the site. Visit www.AccessNatureNJ.org and tell us what you think!

Our next discussion will be held virtually on April 12th at 7:00 pm. The theme of this forum is "get to know your parks" where I will speak with Jeremy Buzzell, Branch Chief for the Accessibility Management Program at the National Park Service. Jeremy will discuss his role, current initiatives at the National and opportunities Parks, for networking. We will learn about avenues for assistance, funding opportunities, and resources for developing and completing new projects. Make sure you sign up!

I also publish regular blog posts addressing all sorts of topics related to inclusive and accessible natural places and programs in New Jersey and beyond. Read my posts and leave me a comment. You can find them at www.pinelandsalliance.org/blog.

Lastly, another part of this initiative is to develop more tails that are accessible to individuals with special needs, disabilities, and/or mobility concerns. We are looking at sites throughout the region and hope to work with land managers so we can establish accessible trails. We are considering various ways to widen and stabilize trails, so they are easily traversable for those with mobility concerns. We have a number of projects underway, working with nonprofit, township, and state land managers. We hope to establish and complete a trail system around Pemberton Lake, restore an accessible trail in Brendan T. Byrne State Forest, and upgrade a beautiful trail at the Black Run Preserve in Evesham Township, to list a few sites.

To get involved with this initiative and its projects or participate in the forums, contact me via email at sean@pinelandsalliance.org or by phone at (609) 859-8860 ext 117. You can fill out the sign-up form to get Access Nature Forum updates at **PinelandsAlliance.org/accessnatureforum**.

The Access Nature Forum and the larger Access Nature Initiative are funded (or funded in part) by an Inclusive Healthy Communities Grant from the Division of Disability Services, New Jersey Department of Human Services.

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# Join the Pinelands Community Network

By Heidi Yeh, Policy Director

When trouble is brewing, early warnings can be critical to prepare for whatever is coming over the horizon. Even animals know this, as they have developed systems to 'get the word out' about existential threats like predators, and to organize themselves for selfdefense. In the human world, the signs of threats are not quite as obvious as a hawk circling overhead; instead, they take the more enigmatic form of obscure public notices in newspapers and construction blueprints rolled out in municipal buildings.

Part of PPA's mission is to "promote wide public awareness of the values of Pinelands resources and issues involved in their preservation"—which we have done by identifying and drawing attention to problems. However, there are many important decisions being made at the local and municipal level that we simply don't have the resources to track on our own. Rather than acting as a weatherman who tells the public what to look out for, we want to empower residents to spot the signs of danger and raise those early warnings in their own communities.

To better anticipate, recognize, and respond to development projects or other detrimental activities occurring throughout the Pinelands, we aim to connect residents and empower them to become engaged in their communities. To accomplish this, we've been restructuring the work that was being done through the Pinelands Action Network (PAN) to become more targeted at the county level. Our vision for this new Pinelands Community Network (PCN) is to organize county residents around topics of mutual concern, and to

connect them to the resources available through PPA and our partners.

We hope to support communities both within and outside of the Pinelands, because we recognize that we are all connected here in South Jersey. Some of the best 'tips' we receive about developing problems that merit further investigation come from concerned residents like vou. The Pinelands Community Network will connect residents through in-person meetings happening on a rotating basis in each county. We'll keep the conversation going through a digital platform that will facilitate countyspecific and pan-Pinelands connection.

We recognize that everyone has different interests, talents, and availability, so we want to empower people to get involved in whatever way they are most comfortable. It may seem small, but we know there is value in simply being informed and getting to know your neighbors. There is also value to attending government meetings-even if you don't speak or participate, just letting officials know that someone is watching, and relaying your findings to your neighbors can be very important. We will continue to empower members to become involved in their local governments and other advocacy efforts through trainings and direct support. There are many tools at our disposal to influence government, and each of these is wielded most effectively when citizens act together.

We are organizing county-specific community conversations to learn more about local concerns and to get residents connected with their neighbors around mutual concerns. We will update our webpage and send out email alerts when a meeting is being planned for your county; in the meantime, join the conversation online, especially if you already have an 'early warning' to share.

Sign up for email updates and notifications about the Pinelands Community Network on the web at pinelandsalliance.org/network. You can contact me via email heidi@pinelandsalliance.org or by phone 609-859-8860 ext 122.

I also publish a monthly blog post called "Policy Notes" that summarizes the actions of the Pinelands Commission over the last month. I hope these blog posts give people a better understanding about what is happening with the state agency in charge of protecting the Pinelands. You can find them at www.pinelandsalliance.org/blog and look for "Policy Notes" in the title.

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## PINE BARRENS GRAVEL BIKE RIDE May 7, 2023 Pinelands Preservation Alliance, Southampton, NJ

Distances of 72 and 58 miles are offered on paved, sand, gravel and dirt roads in the Pine Barrens. Organized by Kermesse Sport to benefit PPA. Bicycle through state forests, nature preserves, trails, ghost towns and visit the Carranza Memorial.

**Register at PinelandsGravel.com** 

# **Fund Our Parks**

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the same era, NJ Fish and Wildlife operations budgets were stressed by a decline in hunting and fishing license sales before the pandemic. Participation in hunting and fishing did significantly increase during pandemic years as participation in all outdoor activities rose, but those only increases may be temporary. Hunting license sales have already declined slightly in 2022 compared to 2021, and fishing licenses were down by 11,000 during the same period. Funding has decreased but the acreage under state management has risen significantly because of the success of the New Jersey Green Acres program.

During our communications with groups like the D&R Canal Watch, the NY-NJ Trail Conference, the New Jersey Highlands Coalition, the New Jersey Conservation Foundation and the Musconetcong Watershed Association, we have learned that the problems we see in the Pinelands are being experienced statewide. For example, Hacklebarney State Park in the Highlands, there is a loose brown tarp covering holes in the state park headquarters building, a bathroom facility completely collapsed, and a trail system badly in need of resurfacing for accessibility. Hacklebarney protects an exquisite landscape in the Highlands, including the Black River Gorge and the Trout and Reinhart Brooks. A local favorite, this park is worth the visit from anywhere in the state for its ease of access to a mountainside landscape and gorge. You need to make sure to find a bathroom before arriving since all facilities are closed on site from lack of funding.

The situation at Hacklebarney, as well as many other examples throughout the state, are in stark contrast with the parks in neighboring states like Pennsylvania and New York. Our neighboring states have invested in their parks and it shows. Just this year, Governor Hochul of New York has proposed dedicating \$200 million to capital construction budgets for NY Parks, compared to just \$54 million for New Jersey Parks and WMAs in fiscal year 2022.

The Fix Our Parks Campaign is advocating for an increase to the state budget from \$16 million annually for park operations and law enforcement, to \$52 million annually, on par with the national average, and to increase capital spending by \$40 million annually, to \$60 million annually, in order to end the \$600 million dollar maintenance backlog in ten years by 2033. This would be a 40% increase in the parks budget.

As part of the campaign we helped coordinate a joint letter to Governor Murphy in advance of state budget negotiations. Twenty-one major state conservation organizations signed the letter requesting that he include significant funding to restore New Jersey's state park system, state forests, wildlife management areas and open space preserves. Safe and accessible public lands are valuable to everyone, as time in nature is an important determinant of emotional and physical health. They are also important to the state's economy and support thousands of jobs.

We also commissioned a widely distributed report on the state of the park system, organized press events and tours throughout the state, installed a billboard in Trenton near the Department of Environmental Protection headquarters displaying the urgent conditions in the parks, and distributed a statewide petition to bring more residents onboard the campaign.

During budget negotiations in the coming months, we will focus on key legislators with grassroots pressure and for that we need your help. We must rally enough public support to convince elected officials to dedicate these resources to our parks.

To join the campaign visit www.FixOurParkNJ.org or email Jason@pinelandsalliance.org. You can attend grassroots strategy meetings, and directly contact your elected officials, especially those in the legislature. Our elected representatives must focus on restoring and funding the special outdoors places that we depend on for our health and our quality of life in this densely populated state. If you join with us on this effort and speak up now, our chances will be that much better in succeeding in the effort to Fix Our Parks.

## ACCESSNATURENJ.ORG

This mobile-friendly website provides detailed information and images of trails and scenic locations that are accessible to at least some degree.

Let us know what you think and how we can improve it!

Reach out to Sean with feedback: sean@pinelandsalliance.org

## FAIRS & FESTIVALS

SUNDAY, JUNE 25 EARTH FAIR Smithville Park, Eastampton, NJ

July 18th to July 22 Burlington County Farm Fair

Burlington County Fair Grounds, Columbus, NJ

Stop by our table at these events!

# Pinelands Adventures Opens for the Season

by Pinelands Adventures Staff

What are the signs of spring most people look forward to? Birds chirping? Flowers blooming? Here at Pinelands Adventures, we love to see boats being cleaned, rivers being cleared, and new trails being explored. We have been hard at work all winter, and we are eager to announce what is new at Adventures for 2023!

Perhaps the most exciting announcement is the return of our education program. Pinelands Adventures is happy to announce our own Allison Hartman as the new Director of Education. Many of you have met Allison while planning your outings or taking trips with her, and she is thrilled to help the education programs continue to thrive and grow.

After a few years off, much-loved programs such as the Pine Barrens Discovery Tour and Fire Ecology Hike will make their return this year. The Pine Barrens Discovery Tour is a fantastic introduction to many of the habitats that make the Pines such a unique and special place. Groups are able to explore by both hiking and paddling to get the best overview of the area. The Fire Ecology Hike takes trekkers into the heart of Wharton State Forest to discover and discuss the adaptations that not only make this area prone to forest fires, but also the adaptations that help the ecosystem recover quickly.

In addition to these returning favorites, we have exciting new partnerships and programs coming this year. We are working with the American Canoe Association to offer beginner paddling and paddler safety workshops, on top of the more comprehensive kayak and canoe lessons we already offer. We are also working with Ocean County Parks to certify their staff in kayaking and stand up paddleboarding. In conjunction with Allies in Caring, Adventures will be offering a day camp in August. More details and dates will be available on both of our

websites later in the spring.

Along with our education programs for the public, we are reviving the programs for schools, camps, and scout troops. School groups, including homeschool groups, can choose from several programs that align with both the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and the Next Generation Science Standards. Field trips to the Pines are currently available, and by this fall we will be able to offer outreach programs to bring a bit of the forest to a school's classroom. Scout troops will be happy to know we can offer programs that lead to merit badges for both Girl and Boy Scout groups. For more information visit our website pinelandsadventures.org. You can also reach out to Allison at allison@pinelandsadventures.org.

Our self-guided paddling trips on the Batsto and Mullica Rivers begin on April 7th this year, and guided hikes have already begun. Pinelands Adventures is taking reservations on our website or by phone at (609) 268-0189. We are currently hiring for our Driver/Guide position. Check out the job description on our website, and reach out if you, or someone you know, would like to join our amazing team.

Keep an eye on our website's Guided Trip Calendar to see when the next adventure will begin. We look forward to seeing you in the forest!

## LANDSCAPE MAKEOVER

# Interested in learning how to install a rain garden?

You might be eligible for a free design session with Rutgers University engineers and receive up to a \$450 rebate from us.

**For eligibility information visit:** www.sjwatersavers.org/makeover

**Contact:** jaclyn@pinelandsalliance.org

# Job Opportunity

**Pinelands Adventures** 

## Driver, Outdoor Adventurer

Pinelands Adventures is now accepting applications for full & part-time drivers. \$18 per hour for CDL training, with an increase when the license is obtained.

#### <u>Seasonal</u> April through October Weekends and/or Weekdays

As a Pinelands Adventures employee, you will drive a 16 passenger bus with canoe/kayak trailer to designated launch sites. You will unload canoes/kayaks, gear and guests for their trip and also pick up guests, canoes and gear at landing sites and return to our location.

The following qualifications are required:

Respect, knowledge and appreciation of the Pine Barrens.

A positive attitude and adventurous spirit.

A valid driver's license without any points or moving violations for at least 3 years

Experience driving a vehicle with a trailer.

The ability to load and unload boats, which weigh up to 80 pounds on to and off of trailers.

CDL – class C with passenger endorsement, or the willingness to obtain a CDL. We will train you!

To Apply: Application is on our website: www.PinelandsAdventures.org

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#### Visit the Pinelands!

Now is a great time to explore the Pinelands. Here is a list of state parks and forests begging for you to visit. Make sure you check with each location before you visit.

#### **Atlantic County**

#### Estell Manor County Park

This is a large, user-friendly park where you can hike, bike, picnic, fish, go sightseeing, exercise, visit the park's nature center, and really enjoy the Pine Barrens. The Fox Nature Center provides programs for enjoying the outdoors as well as displays about the local ecology. With its location on tributaries to the Great Egg Harbor, the park provides an excellent point to launch all manner of water craft. Historic ruins in the park are well-explained in interpretive signs.

#### **Burlington County**

Bass River State Forest

Home to one of the first Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camps, Bass River State Forest now provides easily accessible camping, swimming and hiking facilities. In addition to a swimming beach on Lake Absegami, the State Forest has eight walking of 1 to 3.2 miles through typical Pine Barrens habitats. Bass River State Forest is located at 762 Stage Road, Tuckerton, NJ. This state forest is in Burlington and Ocean County.

#### Brendan Byrne State Forest

Brendan Byrnes State Forest is over 37,000 acres lovely trails that crisscross the forest and pass historic sites. A great place to visit is Pakim Pond. A beautiful small pond in the heart of the Pine Barrens, Pakim Pond is a wonderful place to explore forest and wetland habitats. A short trail wraps around the entire perimeter of the pond, and also connects to the Batona Trail. Accessible by paved road, the pond has a gazebo, picnic tables and grills, and restrooms. Another lovely spot is historic Whitesbog Village the historic site of a company town where the blueberry was first cultivated for commercial production by Elizabeth White. The village, now incorporated within Brendan T. Byrne State Forest, includes historic buildings and houses, cranberry bogs, blueberry fields, reservoirs and surrounding woodlands. The village area is managed by the Whitesbog Preservation Trust, and JJ White Cranberry Company, owned by the descendants of Elizabeth White, cultivates some of the cranberry bogs at the edge of the village.

#### Wharton State Forest

Wharton State Forest is New Jersey's largest state forest at 125,000 acres. There are many trails, roads and historic places to visit. A great place to start is historic Batsto Village. Batsto is one of the most popular stops in the Pinelands. Originally founded as an ironworks in 1766, a restored village surrounds the original ironworks with information and displays on site to show how things were done "in the old days". The mill dam in the heart of the village creates Batsto Lake, a beautiful lake on which most Batsto River canoe and kayak trips end. The mansion is restored and open for tours, and the village includes a nature center, saw mill, general store and other early buildings. Batsto's Visitor Center is also the main office for Wharton State Forest, where camping permits, trail maps, and a gift shop can be found.

#### **Ocean County**

Double Trouble Village in Double Trouble State Forest

Double Trouble is the site of an old village dedicated to cranberry farming. Many of the historic buildings, including the cranberry packing house and the sawmill are intact and can be toured. Cedar Creek runs next to the village and is one of the Pine Barrens' most beautiful. The State Forest contains excellent hiking trails.

#### Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge

The Forsythe Refuge includes more than 47,000 acres of southern New Jersey coastal habitats and represents the fragile estuary ecosystems which are sustained by fresh water flowing from the interior Pine Barrens forests into the coastal marshes and bays. The Refuge includes walking trails through rare coastal pine forest habitats. Start at the Visitor Center and Wildlife Drive on Great Creek Road in Galloway Township.

#### Pinelands Commission Meeting

5/12, 6/9, 7/14 starting at 9:30 am. Monthly meetings are open to the public and are held via livestream on YouTube.

The Pinelands Commission is the state agency that oversees conservation and development within the Pinelands. They meet on the 2nd Friday of the month. You can attend in person or virtually. Meeting agendas, link to livestream and a phone number to call can be found at www.nj.gov/pinelands.

#### Pine Barrens Gravel Ride

May 7th at Pinelands Preservation Alliance, 17 Pemberton Rd, Southampton, NJ.

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Our new visitor center is handicap accessible and is located in the building adjacent to our farmhouse. Browse our large collection of fiction and non-fiction books about Pine Barrens' history, culture, ecology, and recreation. Learn about the conservation efforts and issues associated with the New Jersey Pinelands. Shop our t-shirts, hats, and locally made /sourced goods!

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# **Calendar of Events** *Visit the Pinelands!*

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