

Membership in the Friends of Georgia State Parks has its privileges! Members get free admission to all Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites, as well as a free night of camping or round of golf (without cart), tickets for the SAM Shortline Railroad, and discounts at state park shops.

A one-year individual membership is \$45 and includes a state park parking pass, an individual historic site pass, one night of camping or round of golf and one adult rail ticket. The family membership is \$70 and includes two park passes, up to six historic site passes. one adult and one child rail ticket, and two nights of camping or rounds of golf. There are also higher levels of membership with more perks. Friends membership is a great value, as a state park pass alone costs \$30.

Members choose to be affiliated with a specific chapter. That chapter receives a portion of the membership fees to help the park.

To join, go to: www.friendsofgastateparks.org or call 770-975-7533.

The Chattahoochee Bend group is planning a Web-site link on the state friend's Web page, which should be active shortly.

Friends of "The Bend" Announce Public Information Meeting and First Park Clean-up Day

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NEWNAN, Georgia — The Friends of Chattahoochee Bend State Park are pleased to announce the first full-scale public information meeting and membership drive:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28th at 10:00 am

Arnco—Sargent Elementary School cafeteria

Hwy 16 / 27 Alt

1/2 Mile NW of Panther Creek Community Center

Those attending the meeting will receive an in-depth update of the park's current status, plus details of Phase One projects. Board members will answer questions from the public.

The public information meeting will be held regardless of the weather. Clean-up may be cancelled altogether in the event of severe weather or impassable conditions. Light nuisance rain will be only a minor deterrent!

Volunteers interested in the clean-up will head to the park site on Flat Rock Road around 11:30 a.m.

Carpooling is strongly recommended, as there is limited parking space.

There will be someone at the school cafeteria until noon. Those who can't make it to the meeting can go directly to the site. The clean-up effort is scheduled for noon to 2 p.m., but volunteers can stay longer.

Volunteers should bring gloves and water and wear shoes suitable for off-trail walking. Open-toed shoes are strongly discouraged.

It is small game season and some hunters may be on the property, so hunter orange or other bright colors are recommended. Generally, hunters are not supposed to be within 50 yards of Flat Rock Road or the power line easement, but precautions are prudent.

Volunteers should approach Flat Rock Road from Payton Road. The Bud Davis end of Flat Rock is closed for road construction.

Directions from Arnco-Sargent Elementary to CBSP: Hwy 16/27 Alt south to right on Sargent Main Street to... Right (west) on Railroad Street / Welcome-Sargent Rd. to... Right (west) on Boone Rd. to... Right (north) on Payton / Silton Rd. to... Left (south) on Flat Rock Rd. to Information Kiosk.