Bennett Spring State Park Public Meeting

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2021-2022 Operational Summary Bennett Spring State Park

Projects Completed Projects Upcoming Stewardship Ranger Summary ■ O&A

2021-2022 Completed Projects Bennett Spring State Park

- 4-Plex Interior Renovations
- Replaced 3 Shake Roofs on Historic Structures
- Renovated LiftStation 1
- Replaced Residence Roofing



2021-2022 Completed Projects Bennett Spring State Park

- Replaced HVAC systems in two spring cabins, Dining Lodge, Park Store, Cabin 52, and Check Station
- 4-plex walkways and stairs
- Well 3 pump and check valves



 Degreased and Painted Dining Lodge Kitchen

4-Plex Refresh 27-34

- New flooring
- New cabinets and countertops
- New furniture
- New bathrooms
- Removed wall paper, textured and painted



























CCC Shake Roofs



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Renovate Lift Station 1





Replace Residence Roofing



Replacement HVAC Units in Cabins 1&2, Cabin 52, Park Store, Check Station

- Systematic
 Replacement of oldest and most
 problematic HVAC
 systems.
- Reduce cost of service calls
 Increase efficiency



4-Plex Exterior Work

Improved Access
Improved Parking
Improved Drainage
Improved Walkways

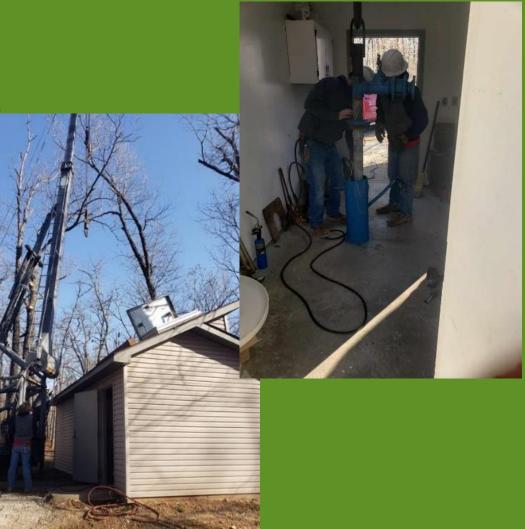


4-Plex Exterior Work



Well 3 Pump Replacement

 Replaced Pump
 Replaced Check Valves



Painted Dining Lodge Kitchen





2021-22 Upcoming Projects Bennett Spring State Park

- Replace Roofs on 4-plex 23-34
- Renovate Campground 5 Lift Station
- Replace windows in Park Residence
- Replace insulation and armor line sets for Dining Lodge hood vent system
- Graffiti Removal from Gauge House and Shelter A



- Replace Shop Building
- Replace Shower house 4
- Splash Pad Design

Resource Stewardship Overall Statistics

Park/Site Name	BennettSpring 🛒
Crewmember	(All) 🖵
Date (M/D/Y)	(All) 🖵
Labor Type	(All) 🖵

Row Labels	T Sum of Hours
Fireline Preparation	241.5
Invasives	420.5
Eco-Restoration	138
Other	654.5
Biological I.D. / Field Survey	89.25
Workshops/Training/Knowledge	49.5
Rx Fire	231.5
Grand Total	1824.75

Resource Stewardship Projects Invasive Species Removal (420.5 Hours Since July 2021)

Invasive Species

- Garlic Mustard
- Sericea Lespedeza
- Bush Honeysuckle
- Winter Creeper

Removal Methods
Manual Pulling
Mowing and Brush hogging
Herbicide
Prescribed fire

Resource Stewardship Projects Invasive Species Removal

 Why is it important?
 Invasive species often outcompete native species

- Make poor wildlife habitat and forage
- Become monocultures that take over
- Have no natural predators



Resource Stewardship Projects Prescribed Fire

- Encourages native plant species
- Helps restore natural habitats
- Reduces invasive species
- Increased plant diversity
- Conducted two prescribed burns
- 473 staff and volunteer hours



Prescribed Fire



231.5 hours on prescribedfire241.5 hours on firelinepreparation



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Bennett Swimming Pool

- Pool is 50+ years old, requires daily repairs Filter and plumbing systems are antiquated Condition of concrete becoming unsafe Threatens public drinking water system through water loss and overstressing wells 2020 was the last season planned for opening the pool
- The planning of a splash park is funded

Bennett Swimming Pool







Wooden Bridge Closure

- Large tree struck
 bridge during a flood
 event
- Closed pending an inspection
- Water has been too high to properly Inspect

Wooden Bridge Closure





