

# St. Francois State Park

Public Informational Meeting  
September 17, 2022







# Upgrades



# Culvert Upgrade



# Stabilize Coonville Creek





# Maintenance Projects



- Updated showerhouse & amphitheater walkway lighting
- Installed automatic gates & replaced fence
- Replaced HVAC at residence
- Installed chlorine pump
- Continued boneyard cleanup

# Fencing around electric panel





# Playground Mulch





# Waterline Repairs



# Operation Clean Stream

- 2022 Stats
  - 183 car tires
  - 9 truck tires
  - 2 tractor tires





# Hazardous Trees



# Snow/Ice/Floods





# Storm Cleanup

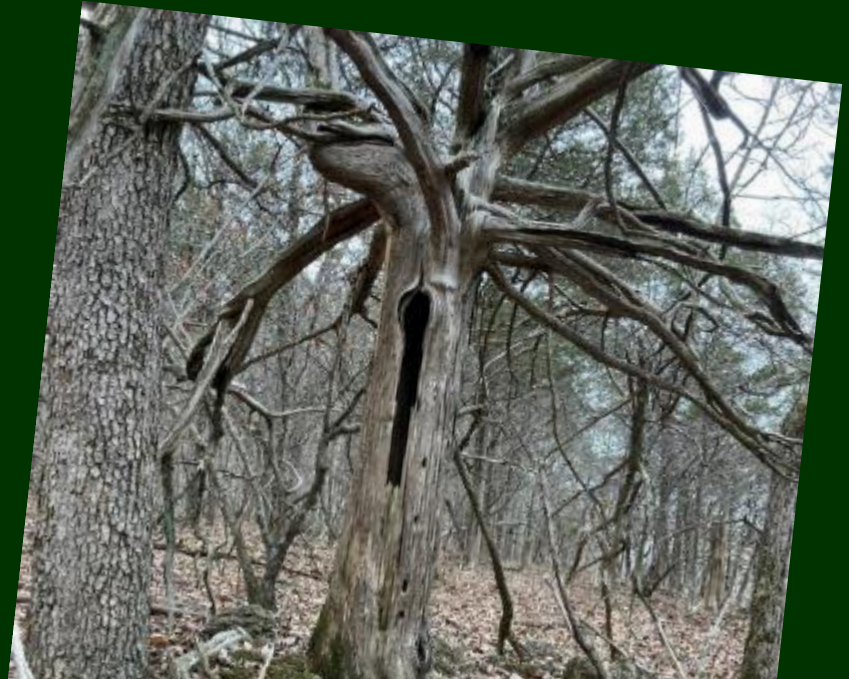


# Campground





# Cultural Resources



## Flooding

I felt confused when on my third Easter weekend in the park, Big River didn't flood. It disrupted my whole routine. I was introduced to flooding early on. It flooded every week or two during my first spring in the park. Not all floods are alike and vary according to where, when, and how much rain falls in the watershed. We were always adapting. After all the shelter picnic tables had to be retrieved from the woods, we began to tie them in at any hint of heavy rain. When all the trashcans floated away, even with their concrete bases, we drilled holes in the bottom to prevent them from floating. When the dumpsters floated down Big River, we chained them to trees. After the river rose unexpectedly on a sunny summer day stranding families on a gravel bar and the fire department was unable to get to them. They were rescued by Good Samaritans with an extension cord from the other side of the river. The ranger started carrying a rope in his vehicle for emergency rescues.



# Prescribed Fire





# Invasive Species





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# Bumble Bee Surveys



# Fire Seasonality Study





# Managed Deer Hunts



- December '21 Hunt
  - 21 Deer Harvested
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Half as many hunters
- Park will be closed  
Friday - Sunday



# Interpretive Programs





# School Groups



# Special Events – Stories ‘n’ Stones





# Special Events – Bluegrass





# Special Events – Halloween





# We want your input!

- ◆ Questions
- ◆ Comments
- ◆ Concerns

