

Bennett Spring State Park Public Meeting

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Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Division of State Parks

Welcome to Bennett Spring State Park

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2021-2022 Operational Summary

Bennett Spring State Park

- Projects Completed
- Projects Upcoming
- Stewardship
- Ranger Summary
- Q&A

2021-2022 Completed Projects

Bennett Spring State Park

- 4-Plex Interior Renovations
- Replaced 3 Shake Roofs on Historic Structures
- Renovated Lift Station 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

4-Plex Refresh

Old



New



4-Plex Refresh

Old



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4-Plex Refresh

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4-Plex Refresh

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4-Plex Refresh

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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	Bennett Spring	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crewmember	(All)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date (M/D/Y)	(All)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Labor Type	(All)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Row Labels		<input type="checkbox"/> 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 out-compete 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 prescribed fire
- 241.5 hours on fireline preparation





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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

