





75th Anniversary in Review







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About This Publication

Our 2009 Annual Report exists exclusively in digital format, available on our website at **www.FriendsOfTheSmokies.org**. In order to further the impact of our donors' resources for the Park's benefit we chose to publish this report online. If you would like a paper copy, you may print it from home on your computer, or you may request a copy to be mailed to you from our office (800-845-5665). We are committed to conserving natural resources in and around Great Smoky Mountains National Park!

The images used throughout this publication are provided through the generosity, time, and talent of Jack Williams of Knoxville, Tennessee who is Friends of the Smokies' Board Advisor. Jack donates countless hours every year to photographing Friends of the Smokies' events. Jack's efforts mean that we now have a photographic archive of Friends' activities. The Board and staff of Friends of the Smokies are indebted to Jack Williams for thousands of snapshots throughout our seventeen-year history.

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In 2009, more than 4,600 individuals, corporations, and foundations representing 40 states and the District of Columbia made gifts to Friends of the Smokies, hailing from as far away as Alaska to as close as Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Great Smoky Mountains National Park benefits from tremendous generosity! We'd love to count Friends of the Smokies in every state. If you know someone who loves the Park and lives in Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, New Hampshire, North or South Dakota, Rhode Island, Utah, or Vermont, please encourage them to become a Friend, or make a gift of membership to them for a special occasion!

TOP TEN STATES (# OF DONORS)

- 1. Tennessee
- 2. North Carolina
- 3. Florida
- 4. Georgia
- 5. Ohio

- 6. Alabama
- 7. South Carolina
- 8. Kentucky
- 9. Indiana
- 10. Virginia



2009 Highlights

When planning activities began for the Park's 75th anniversary celebration, Superintendent Dale Ditmanson could often be heard emphasizing that the celebration should create a lasting legacy.

To that end, the Park's 75th Anniversary Coordinator Ann Froschauer worked in congress with Friends of the Smokies, the Great Smoky Mountains Association, community leaders in Blount, Cocke,

and Sevier counties in Tennessee and Haywood, Swain, and Graham counties in North Carolina, as well as with representatives of the Eastern Band of Cherokee to create a yearlong series of special events to highlight the Park's 75 years of history and benefit these surrounding communities. The 75th anniversary celebration strengthened the ties between Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the people living in its foothills.

More than 250 community events throughout calendar year 2009 celebrated the theme of the 75th Anniversary which was as follows: *Great Smoky Mountains National Park is a gift of the people—a sanctuary for renewal and discovery, a*



Eastern Band of Cherokee Tribal Chief Michell Hicks (right), Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen (center), and Superintendent Dale Ditmanson (left)

place that celebrates the history and heritage of the mountains, and a place to enjoy the scenic splendor and the variety of life found here.

Along with the community events, the Park hosted several once-in-a-lifetime celebrations:

April 20: Governor's Proclamation Ceremony at Clingman's Dome — Several hundred citizens as well as local and state officials gathered atop Clingman's Dome on an unusually sunny and warm spring day, and were treated to a gourmet lunch courtesy of Friends of the Smokies.



The crowd poses for a historic photo preceding the proclamations.



Senator Alexander tickling the ivories in Cades Cove

June 13-15: The 75th Anniversary Weekend

June 13: From the very beginning conversations about the 75th anniversary celebration, folks kept suggesting that Tennessee

Senator Lamar Alexander play piano with the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra (KSO) in Cades Cove as he did as Tennessee's governor during the Park's 50th anniversary celebration. natural beauty of Cades Cove was accentuated by the talented KSO musicians, and the public's request to



Superintendent Ditmanson addresses the proclamation ceremony attendees

once again hear Senator Alexander play was granted. At the conclusion of his set the Senator was recognized by the Park as an Honorary Park Ranger for his staunch support of the protection of the Smokies. More than 7,000 people enjoyed the beautiful music and weather that day.

June 14: Superintendent Dale Ditmanson and his staff opened their doors at Park Headquarters to showcase their daily management activities and highlight the historical importance of the

Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) workers to the architecture and infrastructure of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. preparation for the event the Park's Facility Management staff restored the building's lobby, which had been retrofitted over the years into several offices, to its original appearance when it served as the Park Visitor Center from 1940 until 1960.

June 15: On the actual date of the Park's establishment, the Park and its partners symbolically broke ground for a new 7,000 square-foot, LEEDcertified Oconaluftee Visitor Center near the Park's Cherokee, NC The new building will entrance.



The groundbreaking celebration included a showcase of Cherokee Indian Dances demonstrated by the "Warriors of Anikituhwa"



The assembled crowd and the musicians



2009 Highlights (continued)

replace an 1,100 s/f CCC-built facility originally designed to be a Ranger Station and Magistrate Courtroom. The new Center will be built without any federal investment using \$2.5 million provided by the Great Smoky Mountains Association to construct the building and \$1/2 million from the Friends of the Smokies for 3,000 s/f of Cultural History exhibits, and interpretive and orientation media. In 2009, the Cherokee Preservation Foundation donated \$30,000; the Cannon Foundation gave \$10,000, and funding from Friends' North Carolina license plate supporters as well as the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians Community Foundation and the Swain County North Carolina Community Foundation contributed funds to help with the design and development of the exhibitry.



Thanks to Bob Miller,
Public Information
Officer, for his "Inside
NPS" write-up which
aided in the recap of the
in-Park 75th Anniversary
weekend events.



Cherokee Elder Jerry Wolfe performed a blessing before the breaking of the ground

September 2: The Park's Official 75th Anniversary Ambassador Ms. Dolly Parton stole everyone's thunder during the official rededication ceremony at Newfound Gap. Dolly's roots in the Smokies made her the ideal spokesperson for the celebration. Mists rose from the valleys as if

cued on command and the hillsides resounded with the beauty of her clear, true Appalachian voice. Although the dais was filled with dignitaries and politicians including Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, Senator Lamar Alexander, Congressman Heath Shuler, North Carolina Governor Bev Perdue, and Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen, all eyes were on Dolly!



Superintendent Dale Ditmanson addresses the crowd



Many generous sponsors stepped forward to support the 75th anniversary activities through Friends of the Smokies, and we thank them for helping to make the celebration a tremendous success! Between 2008 when sponsor recruitment started and the end of 2009, more than \$250,000 in sponsorship money and in-kind advertising support was given by individuals, corporations, and foundations in honor of seventy-five years of beauty, biological diversity, history, and unparalleled enjoyment in the Smokies. Additionally, several major gifts were made in honor of the 75th Anniversary to support its signature fundraising initiative Trails Forever.

75th Anniversary Sponsors Chimney Tops Level (\$5,075) Old

Clingman's Dome Level (\$50,075+)

Lyndhurst Foundation— \$100,000 (for Trails Forever & Seasonal Conservation Associates) Knoxville News Sentinel— \$68,995 (in-kind advertising support)

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2009 Highlights (continued)



In honor of the 75th Anniversary of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the creativity of renowned artists resulted in timeless works of art.

Dolly Parton recorded a CD entitled *Sha-Kon-O-Hey! Land of Blue Smoke* and all proceeds from its sale benefit Friends of

Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Through the combination of CD sales, and a special V.I.P. premiere



performance by Dolly Parton and the cast of the musical *Sha-Kon-O-Hey! Land of Blue Smoke* in May 2009, more than \$400,000 has been raised to help preserve and protect Great Smoky Mountains National Park and improve its trails. We thank the following businesses for displaying *Sha-Kon-O-Hey!* to sell to their customers and guests:

BDS InfoFast Blue Ridge Books & News Citizens National Bank Clarion Inn Willow River Dixie Stampede Dollywood Dorinda's Gifts & Collectibles
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Friends of the Smokies was honored by artists Teresa Pennington of Waynesville, NC and Robert A. Tino of Sevierville, TN who each created a special limited-edition print of Great Smoky Mountains National Park in honor of the 75th anniversary. Both artists directed a portion of the proceeds from the sales of these highly collectible works to Friends of the Smokies.

Copies of "Sha-Kon-O-Hey! Land of Blue Smoke", "Finding the Way", and "For the Permanent Enjoyment of the People" are still available!



Barbara Joines, Vice President & General Manager of Dollywood: Friends' President Jim Hart; Sherry Herschend and Jack Herschend of Herschend Family Entertainment



"Finding the Way" by Robert A. Tino



"For the Permanent Enjoyment of the People" by Teresa Pennington



In conjunction with the 75th anniversary planning process, the Park staff developed a media kit with information about the park and its partners (Friends of the Smokies and the Great Smoky Mountains Association.) Included here are some interesting and informative facts about the park we know and love.



What Makes Great Smoky Mountains National Park Unique?

Ridge upon ridge of forest straddles the border between North Carolina and Tennessee in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, bisecting the park in an unbroken chain that rises more than 5,000 feet for over 36 miles. The largest federally protected upland reserve east of the Mississippi River, the park encompasses over 800 square miles in the Southern Appalachian Mountains. Elevations in the park range from 875 to 6,643 feet. This range in altitude mimics the latitudinal changes experienced by driving north or south across the eastern United States, say from Georgia to Maine. Plants and animals common in the southern United States thrive in the lowlands of the Smokies while species common in the northern states find suitable habitat at the higher elevations.

The Smoky Mountains are among the oldest in the world, formed perhaps 200-300 million years ago. They are unique in their northeast to southwest orientation, which allowed species to migrate along their slopes during climatic changes such as the last ice age, 10,000 years ago. In fact, the glaciers of the last ice age affected the Smoky Mountains without invading them. During that time, glaciers scoured much of North America but did not quite reach as far south as the Smokies. These mountains became a refuge for many northern species that were pushed southward by the advancing ice then retreated upward as it withdrew. The Smokies have been relatively undisturbed by glaciers or ocean inundation for over a million years, giving species eons to diversify.

In the Smokies, the average annual rainfall varies from approximately 55 inches in the valleys to over 85 inches on some peaks—more than anywhere else in the country except the Pacific

Northwest. During wet years, over eight feet of rain falls in the high country. The relative humidity in the park during the growing season is about twice that of the Rocky Mountain region. Almost 95 percent of the park is forested, and about 25 percent of that area is oldgrowth forest—one of the largest blocks of deciduous, temperate, old-growth forest remaining in North America.

All these conditions coming together—changes in altitude, moisture, temperature, and northeast-southwest orientation—create a range of ecosystems that support a tremendous diversity of life. This biological diversity is the hallmark of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. No other area of equal size in a temperate climate can match the park's amazing diversity of plants, animals, and invertebrates.





Over 12,000 species have been documented in the park—from the big animals like bears, deer, and elk, down to microscopic organisms which are still being discovered. Scientists believe an additional 90,000 species may live here.



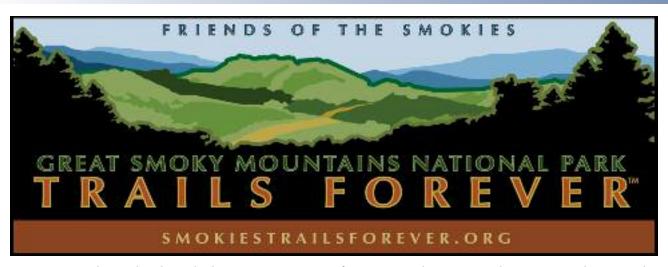
- Some 100 species of native trees grow in the Smokies, more than in any other North American national park.
- Over 1,500 additional flowering plant species have been identified in the park.
- The park is the center of diversity for lungless salamanders. There are at least 30 differenct species of salamanders, giving the Smokies the distinction of having the most diverse population anywhere in the world.
- The park is home to more than 200 species of birds, 66 types of mammals, 39 varieties of reptiles, and 43 species of amphibians. One of the last wild trout habitats in the eastern United States, the park protects 2,115 miles of streams in which Southern Appalachian brook trout and 50 other native fish species live.
- Mollusks, millipedes, and mushrooms reach record diversity here.
- Approximately 1,500 black bears live in the park. This equals a population density of approximately two bears per square mile.

Culturally, the mountains have had a long human history spanning over 9,000 years—from the prehistoric Paleo Indians to early European settlement in the 1800s. The park has an unequalled collection of historic structures, including large two-story dwellings, log buildings, churches, schoolhouses, barns and working grist mills—78 historic structures in all, along with preserved scenes and landscapes characteristic of settlers life in the Smokies. In addition, the park contains over 200 cemeteries, from large fenced areas with hundreds of graves in known marked cemeteries to more remote locations with just a handful of graves or even just one.

Recreationally, the park is a mecca for hikers, nature lovers, and sight-seers of all kinds. Hands-on exploration and recreational opportunities abound in the Smokies for visitors to discover the wonders of the mountains and to enjoy the scenic splendor. Great Smoky Mountains National Park is the place of both activity and relaxation. Visitors can challenge themselves to a strenuous hike to the crest of a mountain or sit and enjoy a peaceful sunset over the mountains. Auto touring, bicycling, fishing, hiking, picnicking, horse riding, waterfalls, historic buildings, mountain streams, wildlife viewing, workshops and classes, family-friendly ranger-led programs and other educational experiences await visitors.







In 2009, the Park selected Christine Hoyer as its first-ever Backcountry Volunteer Coordinator. She was formerly a Trails Foreman in the park's South District (North Carolina.) Christine is responsible for identifying the highest priority Trails Forever projects throughout the park and then tailoring the work to suit the skillset of a combination of paid workers and unpaid volunteers. Christine's report on 2009 Trails Forever activities is included here for your enjoyment!

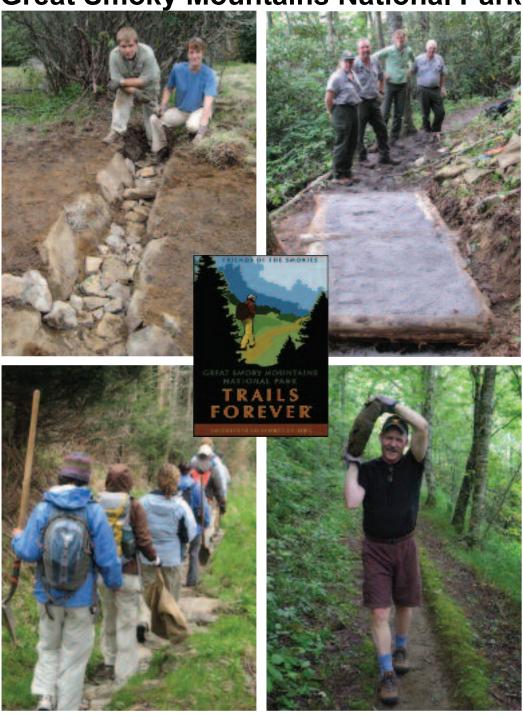


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Trails Forever 2009 Season Report



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Trails Forever 2009 Season Report

Program Overview

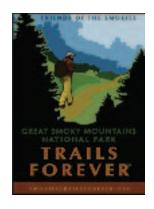
Trails Forever is a partnership program between Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Friends of the Smokies. Friends of the Smokies is the beneficiary of a \$2 million challenge grant from the Aslan Foundation of Knoxville. The Aslan Foundation is the legacy of avid Smokies hiker and founding Friends board member Lindsay Young. Trails Forever is a unique opportunity for anyone who loves the Smokies to contribute to its lasting preservation.

The goals of the Trails Forever program were to create a crew dedicated to trail rehabilitation projects and incorporate volunteers into the process, serving both the public interest and the Park. When the challenge grant is fully realized there will be a dedicated Trails Forever Trail Crew funded by the interest from the target \$4 million investment.

The 2009 Trails Forever Trail Crew focused on major trail rehabilitation projects including bridge and wall construction, trail relocation, and rehabilitation of severely degraded trail segments. This crew worked on the highest priority projects in both Tennessee and North Carolina. The volunteer component of Trails Forever provided individuals with the opportunity to work alongside professional trail workers to make lasting and important improvements to trails throughout the Park.

Since 1997, the Aslan Foundation has given generously to Friends of the Smokies to aid in the preservation and protection of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The Aslan Foundation board and the Young family feel confident that because of his love for the Smokies and the people of East Tennessee, Lindsay Young would feel proud that he established the Trails Forever endowment for Great Smoky Mountains National Park.





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Trails Forever 2009 Season Report

Objectives

- Dedicate a crew to trail rehabilitation projects and incorporate volunteerism
- Create a program that benefits the public as well as the Park
- Focus on the involvement of Youth and Conservation programs
- Encourage Stewardship for the Park though positive volunteer experiences

Successes

- Several important Trails Forever projects were completed throughout the Park
- Amount of trail rehabilitation completed illustrates the positive impact of incorporating volunteers on Trail
- The Trails Forever website www.smokiestrailsforever.org was created to increase visibility and volunteer recruitment
- 73% of Trails Forever volunteer hours were Youth Student Conservation Association Bravo Crew and three Alternative Spring Break College Groups (UVA, NYU and GSU)
- Repeat volunteers throughout the season indicate positive volunteer experience for the public
- Creation of a Volunteer Manager position dedicated to the Trails Division to manage and grow the Trails Volunteer Program through the Park

Trail Work Completed

- 3.341 Volunteer Hours
- Trail Rehabilitation on 10.5 miles of Trail
- Rehabilitated 3.2 miles of Trail
 - Ramsey Cascades Trail & Forney Ridge Trail
- Rehabilitated Sections of 7.3 miles of Trail
 - Panther Creek Trail, Miry Ridge Trail, Mingus Creek Trail, Newton Bald Trail, Hemphill Bald, Twentymile Cascades Trail



Forney Ridge Trail: Before and After example of Trails Forever Trail Rehabilitation

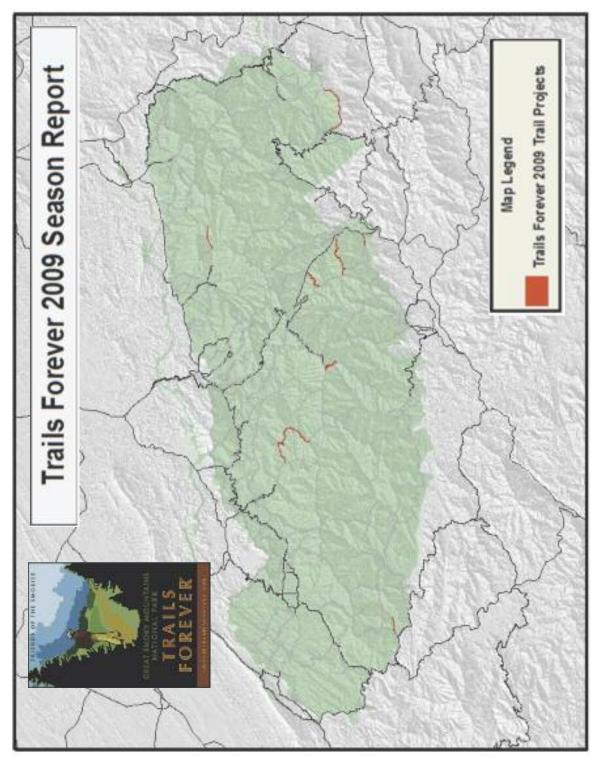






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Parks as Classrooms

The largest education grant in Friends of the Smokies' history was \$1 million from Toyota to update and enhance existing Parks as Classrooms curriculum. A great synopsis of how that \$1 million will make a difference is in this informational flyer developed by park staff.

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Improving Science Education in Great Smoky Mountains National Park



Through a three-year grant from Toyota, the park will develop science education opportunities that vary by age group and by intensity with a primary focus on grades K-12. The grant will be used to build on existing strengths to emphasize science education.

Plans are to expand a comprehensive Parks as Classrooms K-8 program that builds from year to year and culminates in stewardship service learning opportunities. Programs will be developed at the high school level and will include summer internships and specialized programming to encourage careers in science. An extensive evaluation has been developed to track program success. All programs will be developed so as to be sustainable.

In addition to programs that are geared toward students in educational settings, more familyfocused, teacher-focused, and adult-focused educational programs will be developed. Technology in the form of podcasts, earthcaching, and distance learning opportunities will be developed so that people can have self-directed opportunities to explore the park.

Three temporary employees with backgrounds in education and science have been hired to develop program enhancements. They will improve the park's ability to communicate about various resource issues while determining better ways to engage the public in new findings, new methodology, new technology, and new opportunities for citizen science and stewardship.

Goals of the Grant

- To advance the understanding and protection of the park's natural resources through education
- To improve the park's educational programs and develop environmental stewards
- To reconnect tens of thousands of visitors each year to the natural world and their parks
- To develop effective evaluation tools
- To begin to spread these ideas and approaches to families, schools, and public lands throughout America







Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Friends of the Smokies sincerely thank Toyota for this generous grant that will support science education for many years to come.

This landmark gift of \$1,000,000 and three Toyota Prius vehicles will enhance educational programs and reach new audiences. In recognizing Toyota, the park also recognizes the various donors who have supported the educational programs for so many years including, Friends of Great Smoky Mountains, Great Smoky Mountains Association, Haiman Foundation, Cornerstone Foundation, Park Grill, Burroughs Wellcome Fund, and Alcoa Foundation. These donors enabled the park to build its programs so that it could be recognized by such a generous grant from Toyota.

For additional information contact: Nancy Gray Public Affairs Great Smoky Mountains National Park 865-436-1208 nancy_gray@nps.gov

2008-2009 Toyota Grant Activities include:

Programs for Youth

- Continuing the already popular Junior Ranger program with new offerings and celebrations of National Junior Ranger Day, reaching thousands of children
- Expanding the popular K 8th grade Parks as Classrooms program with revised curriculum serving 15,000 students annually
- Developing new educational programs for the Twin Creeks Science and Education Center, with enhanced technology and interactive databases
- Developing summer science camps for local students, including students from the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians

Programs for Teens

- Continuing summer high school internships and developing new school year opportunities
- Completing a high school needs assessment to better target efforts for this age group
- Developing college programs

Programs for Teachers

- Conducting multiple Teacher Workshops
- Developing curriculum on the internet

Programs for General Park Visitors

- Developing an air quality exhibit to be used in conjunction with a Toyota Prius to display sustainable solutions to pollution
- Offering a new "Not-So-Junior Ranger" program aimed at ages 13-103
- Developing a web-based resource management newsletter that includes podcasts
- Developing citizen science events and online science modules



Fighting the Woolly Adelgid

Ongoing treatment efforts to mitigate the destruction of the non-native species hemlock woolly adelgid are proving effective at saving some of the park's eastern hemlock trees. The park is currently actively treating 2,500 acres of hemlock-predominated land.

Bob Miller, Management Assistant for Great Smoky Mountains National Park, provided the statistic below on the three methods of attack currently in use against the adelgids.

Spraying: All 400 acres of the front country areas received an annual foliar application of insecticidal soap or oil.

Systemic treatments: Of the over 132,000 trees systemically treated since the project started, over 18,000 of these were treated in fiscal year 2009. All of the trees in the front country campgrounds and heavily visited areas, if needed, were retreated with systemic insecticides. 2009 was a productive year because several years of drought had slowed the uptake of the systemic pesticides but left it in the soil. The returning rains helped force the chemical into the foliage with positive results in most cases. A major question has been:



The telltale sign that hemlock woolly adelgid is present is the white cottony substance visible on the tree's needles here

"How often will trees need to be treated to protect them?" Sampling of the needle density has shown that effectiveness may vary from three years or less, to up to seven years. This sampling will guide the park in scheduling treatments to maximize staff and resources to the broadest possible advantage. Beginning in August 2009 the park used a new systemic treatment that has shown rapid results to control HWA on some of the largest old growth trees that are in poor condition.

Beetle releases: Since 2002 the Park has released over 350,000 *Sasajiscymnus tsugae* (St) beetles as part of the overall control biological effort and over 2,800 *Laricobius nigrinus* (Ln) predator beetles and eggs. There were 56 releases of the St predatory beetle in 2009 totaling 56,669; 5 Ln releases totaling 1,134; and 1 Ss release totaling 55. Beetles were recovered in multiple Conservation Areas in 2009 from releases as far back as 2002. While beetles and other biological controls represent the best long-range hope for hemlock survival and recovery, the overall success is constantly monitored and evaluated.

License Plates

The big story in this important category of revenue for Friends of the Smokies is the tremendous popularity of the redesigned North Carolina plate. As of March 2009, there were 16,861 Friends of the Smokies "bear" plates on the road, up 24% over March 2008. Throughout 2009, sales of the North Carolina plate rose steadily over the prior year.



The Friends' Tennessee plate continues to be a strong seller. We urge you to support Friends of the Smokies by purchasing our specialty plate if you live in North Carolina or Tennessee. One time each year, it's one more way to help preserve and protect Great Smoky Mountains National Park!

Total specialty license plate revenue for 2009 was almost \$830,000. We appreciate each and every driver who chooses a Friends plate for their vehicle!

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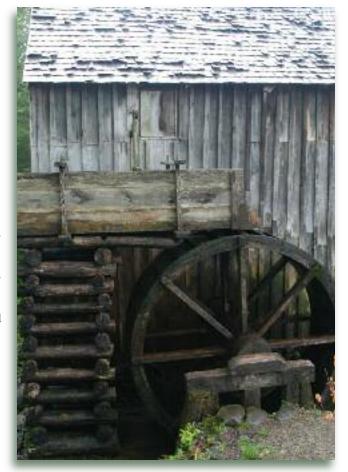
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In 2009, 88 volunteers gave 3,640 hours of their time to help Friends of the Smokies. Whether they assist with office management, the annual telethon, or other special events, our volunteers make a tremendous contribution to both Friends of the Smokies and Great Smoky Mountains National Park every year. Using figures derived from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the non-profit group Independent Sector estimates the value of volunteer time in 2009 at \$20.85 per hour. Using that figure, our volunteers contributed the equivalent of \$75,894 to Friends of the Smokies last year. **THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!** We couldn't do it without you!

The following individuals volunteered 5 hours or more with Friends of the Smokies in 2009:

Ellie Burbank658.5	Chuck Budnik83.5	Linda Robinson19	Leslie Reeves11.5
Marita Vornehm650.25	Nancy Anderson80	Linda Borland18	Joan Boyle8
Eileen Wilson328	Sara Bush73.95	Sam Eddy16	Emily Dameron8
Dorothy Haislip254	Susan Duncan67	Rachel Kuchar16	Tim Dameron8
Esther Blakely169.5	Bob Kurzynske36	Tom Garrett15.5	Mary Ann Charters7
Ray Sellers156.25	Mary Kurzynske36	Zilpha Black15	Lorimer Fauntleroy6.5
Libby Cunha111.5	Jim Burbank35	Gwen Boyles15	Lisa McMahan5.5
Doc Morrow102.75	Sherry Lutes31.75	Carlene Braswell14	Bo Prevost5
Susan Morrow102.75	Steve Lutes29.5	Patty Davis13.25	Bernadette Ray5
Marlene Budnik92.25	Deborah Orobello24.5	Lois Todd12.5	
Larry Stewart86	Laura Soltis20	Michael Orobello12	

Friends Across the Mountains Telethon Volunteers = 300 Hours!

Special thanks to the volunteer teams from **First Tennessee Bank** and **Home Federal Bank** for once again giving their time to the Friends Across the Mountains Telethon! We would also like to recognize the volunteer time given by members of the **Farragut High School Friends of the Smokies Club**!

Volunteers-In-Parks (VIPs)

In Great Smoky Mountains National Park 2,429 people volunteered 123,775 hours directly with the Park through the Volunteers-In-Parks (VIP) program in Federal Fiscal Year 2009 (October 2008 – September 2009). Their labor is equivalent to 56½ full-time staff positions, or \$2,580,709. VIPs help monitor stream health, pick up litter, repair and improve trails, conduct living history demonstrations, provide information to visitors, and so much more. They include individuals, couples, families, Boy Scout troops, school groups, civic groups, and various other combinations. Friends of the Smokies thanks all the volunteers for their assistance in preserving and protecting the Smokies!

The following individuals volunteered more than 100 hours through the VIP program in Federal Fiscal Year 2009:

Kammerer, Larry1004	Evans, Al664	Ray, Samantha L520
Hadala, Paul996	Evans, Marilyn628	Braun, Mike513
Goddard, Robin938	Lafontaine, Eric625	Howell, III, Charles512
Griffin, Millie904	Farmer, Bill624	Jenkins, Reba512
Palmer, Raymond845	Bielenberg, Warren622	Hunter, Barbara500
Trout Unlimited837	Wardwell, Michael605	Hunter, Larry500
Goddard, Jim825	Payne, Herb592	Underwood, Chris500
Morris, Alex806	Templeton, Carolyn582	Degenhardt, Logan498
Vance, Daniel J760	Clifford, Carla (SCA)560	Sellers, Richard (Dick)497
Cades Cove Preservation	Evans, Joe560	Lyell, Terry490
Association734	Russell, Brad560	Willis, Ben490
Griggs, Daniel720	Caldwell, Susie544	Wainner, Tom483
Ross, Deana715	Higgins, David543	Burbank, Jim482
Ross, Loren715	Hicks, Brenda540	Backus, Greg480
Gindl, Carolyn700	Hicks, Frank540	Byrne, Phillip480
Law, Roderick L688	Goss, Allan522	Carrick, Christina480
Parks, Brian674	Kinton, Regina520	Coutts, Allison480
Caldwell, John672	Kittel, Elliott520	Ferris, Corey480
	Hadala, Paul .996 Goddard, Robin .938 Griffin, Millie .904 Palmer, Raymond .845 Trout Unlimited .837 Goddard, Jim .825 Morris, Alex .806 Vance, Daniel J .760 Cades Cove Preservation .734 Association .734 Griggs, Daniel .720 Ross, Deana .715 Ross, Loren .715 Gindl, Carolyn .700 Law, Roderick L .688 Parks, Brian .674	Kammerer, Larry. 1004 Evans, Al. .664 Hadala, Paul .996 Evans, Marilyn. .628 Goddard, Robin .938 Lafontaine, Eric .625 Griffin, Millie .904 Farmer, Bill .624 Palmer, Raymond .845 Bielenberg, Warren .622 Trout Unlimited .837 Wardwell, Michael .605 Goddard, Jim. .825 Payne, Herb .592 Morris, Alex. .806 Templeton, Carolyn .582 Vance, Daniel J. .760 Clifford, Carla (SCA) .560 Cades Cove Preservation Evans, Joe .560 Association .734 Russell, Brad .560 Griggs, Daniel .720 Caldwell, Susie .544 Ross, Deana .715 Higgins, David .543 Ross, Loren .715 Hicks, Brenda .540 Gindl, Carolyn .700 Hicks, Frank .540 Law, Roderick L .688 Goss, Allan .522 Parks, Brian .674 Kinton, Regina .520 Caldwell

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Schmidt, John407	McBride, Jim307	Smith, Ray216	Cassidy, Sean150
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Hall, Wanda J393	Segall, Zachary280	Bowie, Paula198	Holmes, Beverly143
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Turner, Gloria Jean390	Harmon, Jim255	Bryson, Arnold195	Erickson, Paul140
Mowbray, Jim386	Langston, Edward H255	Tucker, Jan192	Tholkes, Ben139
Sturgeon, Deb386	Clagett, Lavedah254	Tucker, W.D192	Ney, Lunda137

Our VIP Program continues to be the largest program in the Southeast Region. We have the fourth-largest VIP Program of all NPS units behind Golden Gate (405,236 hours), Delaware Water Gap (146,138 hours), and Yosemite (154,147 hours). We have many longtime volunteers sharing exceptional skills and talents across our Park and we continue to welcome new volunteers into the program. With the addition of our new Trails Volunteer Coordinator, Christine Hoyer, we anticipate that our backcountry volunteer opportunities will grow and we'll be able to accomplish much-needed work projects.

As the new Park-wide Volunteer Coordinator, I look forward to learning how I can best coordinate efforts throughout the Park and engage more people in stewardship efforts that result in meaningful work. We hope to improve communication by utilizing our Park website, streamlining our application process, and helping Rangers throughout the Park meet their project needs as we take care of this special place and best serve our visitors.



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Fitzgerald Marian 122	Majer Patricia C. 114	Bedford Jane 104	

In The Words of Our Friends

Throughout the year, we receive wonderful letters and e-mails from our members and supporters explaining why they support Friends of the Smokies, or love the Park. In closing, we wanted to share some of those thoughts with you. Perhaps you feel the same way about being a Friend of the Smokies, or the time you've spent in Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Though I can no longer hike, bike, camp, or even get to some of the more scenic areas of the Park, the beauty of the place remains in my heart forever. I sincerely appreciate the efforts of all of those involved to preserve the beauty of the place, for the sole purpose of sharing it always to others!

Tom Anderson, Elizabethton, TN

Well, the Smokies are very dear to me. I've hiked all the trails, taken thousands of photographs of the Park, and continue to consider it a most magical place.

Bill Robertson, Greenville, SC

I just wanted to send you folks a line to let you know how much my husband and I enjoy driving the Cades Cove Loop. We live in Big Stone Gap, VA, and every time we go through we always donate at the last box at the end of the loop, and we have seen many, many cars go by these boxes and never stop. We think that the trip through the cove is priceless and every car should make a donation even if it's just a small one. The beauty is just breathtaking there, and I just cannot put into words the awe and wonder of it all. We were there earlier in May this year and saw six bears. As I said before, it's just simply priceless.

Gary & Paula Dalton

It is such a great place to be with people you really love and care about. When you walk into the Park, it's almost like therapy. I get out of the car and hit the trail and everything gets left at the trailhead. The physical exercise is good, but the emotional and spiritual cleansing is for real. I go there for a lot of reasons, but really just to enjoy life and celebrate it.

Tommy Vaughan, proprietor of Foothills Milling Company, Maryville, TN as quoted in Lance Coleman's story for Blount Today

This is one of my important things in my life. We travel quite a bit, and let me tell you there's no place like this. When we come home I wonder "Why on earth did we leave?" When my husband asks me what I want for Christmas, I tell him I just want to donate to the things that are important to me.

Martha Goins, Friendsville, TN

My mother, who recently passed away, was an avid lover of the Smokies and she passed that love on to me. We moved a lot when I was younger and for me, the Smokies were my home when I had no real hometown, as it was the one place we were constantly in during my childhood and adolescence. The area really means a lot to me. So the gift is in memory of my mother. I want to be able to one day take my children to the same place that was made so special for me by my own mother.

Heather Beirne, Lexington, KY

Financial Statements

The amounts presented here are derived from audited financial statements of Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park for years ending December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008. There are slight variances in the figures due to rounding. Copies of the complete audited financial statements of Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park are available upon request.

Statement of Financial Position		
Year Ended	December 31, 2009	December 31, 2008
	ssets	
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$6,890,790	\$5,558,174
Prepaid Insurance	-0-	\$5,017
Prepaid Expenses	\$10,709	\$25,431
Pledges Receivable	\$120,000	\$80,000
Accounts Receivable	\$181,029	\$180,830
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$7,202,528	\$5,849,452
Long-term Pledges Receivable	-0-	-0-
Equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	\$103,312	\$113,267
Other Assets	\$103,312	ψ113,207
Beneficial interest in assets held by others	\$166,734	\$140,596
-	\$275	
Deposits TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	\$166,649	\$275 \$140,871
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$7,472,490	\$6,103,590
	and Net Assets	
Current Liabilities	#22.70 <i>/</i>	#22.676
Accounts Payable	\$33,796	\$32,676
Deferred Revenue	\$122,551	\$124,325
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$156,346	\$157,001
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$156,346	\$157,001
Net Assets	40.055.50	44 = 0.4 0.0=
Unrestricted	\$2,055,722	\$1,726,097
Temporarily Restricted	\$3,018,435	\$3,072,889
Permanently Restricted	\$2,241,986	\$1,147,604
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$7,316,144	\$5,946,590
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND ASSETS	\$7,472,490	\$6,103,590
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Statement of Activities	Dagazahar 31 3000	Danambay 21 2000
Year Ended	December 31, 2009	December 31, 2008
	and Revenues	#2 201 01 <i>4</i>
Contributions and Grants	\$2,079,648	\$2,391,814
Less amounts designated by donors	(#100100)	(#07.627)
for other organizations	(\$180,100)	(\$87,637)
Tennessee License Plate Revenues	\$441,422	\$488,819
North Carolina License Plate Revenues	\$387,980	\$348,740
Special Events	\$356,830	\$266,176
In-kind Contributions	\$135,241	\$80,015
Investment Income	\$193,442	\$139,557
Other	\$12,042	\$8,803
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED SUPPORT, REVENUE AND C		12 12 1
	\$3,426,506	\$3,636,288
•	penses	1.122
Program Services (Park projects & related support)	\$1,274,179	\$1,358,968
Management and General	\$285,377	\$367,980
Fundraising	\$497,396	\$398,111
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,056,953	\$2,125,059



