



The Little River Watermark

Membership Newsletter for Friends of DuPont Forest

April 2005

Tour de Falls

Friends of DuPont Forest will again sponsor the annual Tour de Falls on Mothers Day Weekend, Saturday May 7 and Sunday May 8, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Leaving from the Buck Forest parking lot off Staton Road in Cedar Mountain, vans will allow Moms of all ages with their families and friends a chance to visit High falls, Triple Falls, Bridal Veil Falls and Lake Julia. Visitors boarding specially equipped vans that have low entry steps, high ceilings and handicap railings will be transported through a spring fairyland to see Triple Falls, High Falls and on into the interior of the forest past the horse barn and pastures to Bridle Veil Falls.

Leaving Bridal Veil Falls the vans will take visitors to Lake Julia, the 100-acre lake sitting on top of the mountains surrounded by laurel and rhododendron, where light refreshments will be served in the rustic Lodge. The round trip tour of about 10 miles passes over a covered bridge and through beautiful forest areas, before returning to the Buck Forest gate. At each stop visitors are encouraged to depart the van and enjoy the surrounding area by bringing a picnic lunch to enjoy at one of the shelters, hike, or just sit on a rock to take in the beauty of spring flowers and rushing streams. Vans will be circulating every 15 minutes. FODF will have volunteer members at each stop to assist visitors where needed and to explain nearby viewing areas.

Friends of DuPont Forest is a non-profit corporation that assists the Forest Service with overall maintenance of the 10,600 acres and works to have the forest be accessible by all user groups. The Tour de Falls weekends have been designed to provide fun days especially for families and for those that can't hike the distances to see the beauty of spring and the most spectacular waterfalls in the southeast. A donation of only \$10 for the day is requested. Plan to spend as much of the day as you can. This is the 3rd year that FODF has sponsored the weekend tours and they have been very well received. If you have any questions contact the FODF web site at www.dupontforest.com or call 862-5618 or 884-2006.

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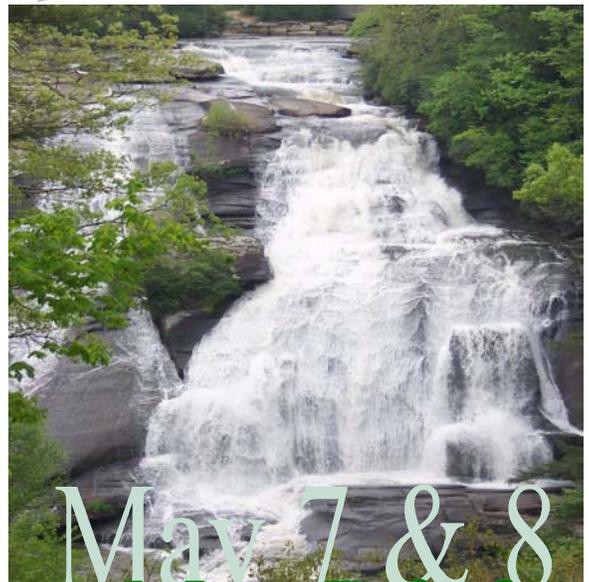
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Invites you to

Tour de Falls



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Mother's Day Weekend 2005

Handicapped accessible shuttle vans will leave from the Buck Forest parking lot on Staton Road between 9 am and 4 pm. Vans will visit Triple Falls, High Falls, Bridal Veil Falls and Lake Julia. Bring a picnic lunch if you like and enjoy the beauty of DuPont Forest. See www.dupontforest.com for directions or call 828-862-5618 or 828-884-2006 for more information.



Upcoming Events Planned

by Gloria Clouse, Volunteer Coordinator

The Friends of DuPont Forest are planning exciting events for the 2005 season. Here are some dates and we hope that you can be involved.

April 27– Annual Meeting at the Hendersonville Library located at the intersection of 3rd Avenue and Washington Street. The gathering will start with refreshments at 6:30 pm and the program at 7:00 pm. Volunteers will be recognized for their contributions to DuPont Forest. David Brown, Forest Supervisor, will give a preview of the Forest Management Plan. This is an excellent time for members and potential members to find out more about DuPont forest and the Friends of DuPont Forest organization.

May 4—Parking Lot Attendants/Goodwill Ambassadors Training. The summer season is upon us which means that there will be many people visiting the Forest again this year. We are looking for volunteers to donate some time on the weekends and holidays to attend parking lots. What ever time you may have, whether it be 2 hours up to every weekend, we need you. Attendants sell maps, give information regarding the forest, help visitors with any questions they have, etc. Please contact Gloria Clouse at volunteers@dupontforest.com or 828-884-2006 if you are interested this position.

May 7-8 – Tour de Falls will be held again on Mother’s Day weekend. We will need lots of volunteers to make this event happen. We have booked the Apple Country vans and will plan for a big crowd. The Tour de Falls has been one of the most rewarding experiences and is a tremendous service to many of our senior citizens. Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Please contact Gloria Clouse at volunteers@dupontforest.com or 828-884-2006

June 2-3 – Blue Ghost Firefly Festival – Have your ever heard of a blue ghost firefly? An exciting new event for FODF members only. See more information below.

June 4—National Trails Day Cookout—The Friends of DuPont Forest will be sponsoring a special cookout for all those who volunteer in the Forest on National Trails Day.

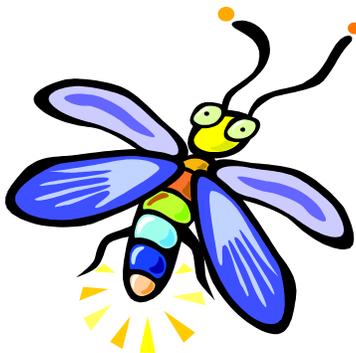
Keep up to date with more events sponsored by the Friends of DuPont Forest by going to www.dupontforest.com.



Special Membership Event Planned

by Aleen Steinberg, FODF Board Member

Imagine yourself walking on a trail in DuPont Forest just after nightfall and seeing hundreds of little blue lights hovering about a foot off the ground, emitting a continuous, dim, blue glow as they move ever so slowly about, here and there. If you believe in the mythology of little people, why, they’re right there, carrying little blue candles as they make their way to wherever it is these little people go at night.



If you insist on reality, okay, you’re looking at Blue Ghost fireflies, (*Phausis reticulata*) a species that calls the moist forests of the Southern Appalachians home, and one that makes it’s yearly appearance in late May and early June.

On **June 2nd and 3rd**, the Events Committee of FODF will offer members a chance to experience this natural phenomenon. Members will meet at the Buck Forest parking lot off Station Road at 9:00.

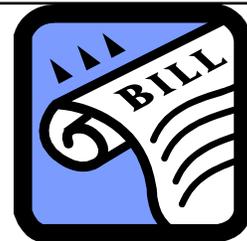
Dr. Jennifer Frick, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies and Ecology at Brevard College will share facts about these little black beetles and others in the firefly family. Her remarks will be followed by guided hikes to the haunts of the Blue Ghosts. There, surrounded by the hush of nightfall and in the presence of some of nature’s more magical moments, you can be transported to the land of make believe and delight in yet another of DuPont Forests treasures. Light refreshments will be served.

As the date nears, more information on DuPont Forest’s **Bluelight Special** will be made available on the DuPont Forest webpage and in the local media.

State Bill Introduced to benefit Visitors Center

A bill has been introduced to the General Assembly of North Carolina to appropriate \$300,000 over two fiscal years towards the completion of the Visitors Center located at the Buck Forest parking lot. Senator Snow & Representative Walend introduced these bills both in the House and in the Senate.

The following bill has been sponsored by both Senators Snow & Apodaca for the General Assembly of North Carolina, Session 2005.



SENATE BILL 629*

March 17, 2005

A BILL TO ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO BE USED TOWARD THE CAPITAL COSTS OF CONVERTING AND EXISTING LOG BUILDING LOCATED IN DUPONT STATE FOREST INTO A VISTORS' CENTER FOR DUPONT STATE FOREST.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Forest Resources, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to be used toward the capital costs of converting an existing log building located in DuPont State Forest into a visitors' center for DuPont State Forest.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 2, 2005

WANTED

Friends of DuPont Forest are still looking for more volunteers to help out in many different ways. The following is a list of ways you can get involved. Contact Gloria Clouse at volunteers@dupontforest.com or by calling her at (828) 884-2006.

Membership Coordinator— Maintain membership roster & send out renewals

FODF Board Member — Help develop & plan all Friend's programming

Trail Crew — Assist in maintaining & developing over 90 miles of trails

Events & Programs Coordinator — Plan special programs and fundraising events

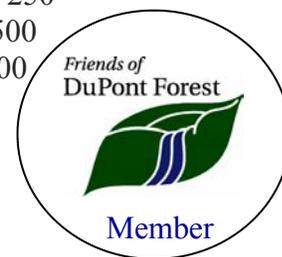
Forest Goodwill Ambassadors — Greet & assist visitors in parking lots and throughout the Forest

Join or Renew Now

If you don't remember when your yearly membership renewal expires, contact Gloria Clouse at volunteers@dupontforest.com

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student (1 Year) \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hooker Falls Contributor (1 Year) \$ 250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend (1 Year) \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Triple Falls Contributor (1 Year) \$ 500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family (1 Year) \$35 | <input type="checkbox"/> High Falls Contributor (1 Year) \$1000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partner (1 Year) \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Angel (1 Year) \$1001+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter (1 Year) \$100 | |

Mail this form to: **Friends of DuPont Forest**
P.O. Box 2107
Brevard, NC 28712



Membership Decal

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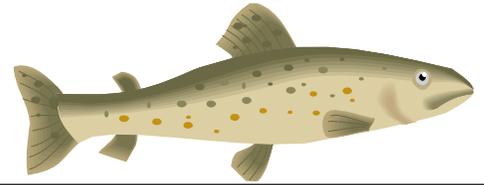


Trout Fishing in the Forest

by John Carney, FODF Board Member

Trout stocking activities in the Little River within the DuPont Forest boundaries have been very successful. Fly fishermen trying out the river for the first time are enjoying not only good fishing but also some of the most scenic fishing territory in North Carolina. The Little River above Hooker Falls was placed under Delayed Harvest regulations in 2004. It has been stocked several times in a co-operative effort by personnel from the Wildlife Resources Commission's Pisgah Hatchery and the North Carolina Forest Service and members of Trout Unlimited. The river will remain under Delayed Harvest regulations until

the first Saturday in June, at which time it will change to Hatchery Supported status until the end of September. Visitors to the forest who wish to fish in the Little River and in the other streams in the forest must have a North Carolina license with a trout endorsement. These streams are classed as Wild Trout Waters. The five lakes in the forest fall under Inland Game Fish regulations.



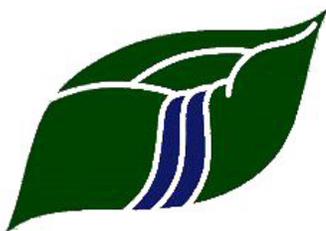
Notes From a Northern Wisconsin Transplant

by Peg Breshnahan, FODF Board Member

My first exposure to Dupont Forest was when my husband Dan and I went on a van tour highlighting the major waterfalls. The lush vegetation, a lot of it unfamiliar, and having lived on Lake Michigan most of our lives, the abundance of water pouring down rock, exceeded our expectations.

Now that we've had a few months to explore the trails we feel more at home. We've purchased books on animal tracks and scat identification, are learning the names of trees, bushes, flowers, lichen and moss. We've spotted pileated woodpeckers and met two copperheads.

Dupont Forest is unique from the other parks and wilderness areas we have lived near or visited but as humans we feel the same sense of responsibility toward its preservation as we do wherever we go. We are a part of this earth and its natural cycle and as the naturalist John Muir once stated, *When we try to pick out anything by itself we find it hitched to everything else in the Universe.*



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