

Quarterly Newsletter

Friends Of Petrified Forest National Park

PARK HIGHLIGHTS



Winter Weather Within The Park



Situated in the high desert near Holbrook, Arizona, Petrified Forest National Park seldom sees winter weather. A welcome treat in the park, snow is the perfect reason to visit and explore the backcountry hiking areas and spectacular trailheads! Visitors can enjoy the otherworldly views of colorful mesas, petrified wood forests, and stunning desert terrain under the rare sparkle of snow.

There has been no snowfall at the park yet this winter season, but we invite anyone interested to proceed with caution and come equipped with proper gear when adventuring out into the park during the winter months. As the park begins to expect more winter weather, we would like to remind visitors to respect the park's beauty and fragility by staying on designated trails and on park roads.



Recent Park Projects

Exciting new developments have been taking place within the park. The first to be highlighted here is our new wayside sign! The sign has been placed at the Tiponi Point viewpoint. We are beyond excited to invite anyone interested and able to visit it in person!

Photo shown here to the right:

The new Rainbow Forest Comfort Station construction is complete, and the restrooms are now open for visitors! Planned with the intent of providing additional support for visitor services during the early morning and late evening hours of the park, the new restroom building is an exciting addition to park infrastructure. The facilities officially opened for visitor use on December 9th.

Additionally, construction on the park's northern office spaces and visitors' center continues. The park is aiming to expand and update preexisting facilities, reimagining the space to better match the original architect's vision. This construction work should add a unique flair to the northern visitors' center and plaza!



Below: A photo of the completed comfort station. *Source: Gary Grube*



What Do We Stand For?

We are a very small non-profit group that supports the education and research at Petrified Forest National Park. How do we do this? By acquiring new equipment (like the microscope and 3D scanner we purchased) for the park's scientists as they discover and interpret previously unknown species of ancient forms of life, discoveries of global significance. We have also funded park interns in the sciences and education departments. We are told by park staff that these interns do invaluable work in advancing the scientific and educational mission of the park, and often these interns go on to have meaningful careers within their own science and education disciplines.

Our Mission:

To support Petrified Forest National Park as a natural and cultural resource for education, recreation, science and research; to help educate the public concerning ways to use and enjoy the Park while preserving its many wonders; and to promote science and research in the Park.

Would you like to support us and our cause, or directly contact us?

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