

Quarterly Newsletter

Friends Of Petrified Forest National Park

PARK BASICS



Summertime Sensibility: Heat Awareness



Petrified Forest National Park offers a large array of beautiful hiking trails, views, and opportunities to explore the outdoors. When taking on the challenge of exploring this unique landscape, there are a few things to be mindful of as the seasons change! During the summer season, the park can regularly reach temperatures above 100 degrees farenheight, and summer storms can whip up high-speed winds from July to September. By checking local weather reports and the Petrified Forest National Park website’s weather section before arriving, visitors can better prepare for the park’s summer conditions. The Friends of Petrified Forest National Park would like to encourage every visitor to come equipped with more water and sunscreen than you anticipate needing, to ensure a safe and enjoyable visit this summer!



PARK HIGHLIGHTS

Exciting New Efforts!

Petrified Forest National Park’s resources team is in need of the support of Friends group members and passionate visitors! The park recently had a vital piece of machinery malfunction, which halted parkwide efforts. The plotter, a precise and specialized printer, is what park staff use to print everything from large format temporary signage, scientific meeting posters, large banners, exhibit materials, and even stickers for giveaways at events. Therefore, a new plotter is necessary!

In support of the park’s resources team, the Friends group has decided to fundraise the necessary amount to purchase a new plotter! Want to contribute to the cause? Visit our webpage or this QR code to donate!



Left: An image of the new plotter that fundraising efforts are going towards. Park staff reports that the current plotter, which broke down, was over 10 years old.

Right: Friends of Petrified Forest National Park webpage QR code, where you can explore previous efforts and contributions, donate to the cause, or become a member today!

Want more information, or to speak to a board member about this fundraising effort?

Email: info@friendsofpetrifiedforest.org



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Celebration At The Park!

Want a great way to connect with community and celebrate the 4th of July? **Come join us at the Painted Desert Inn!**

Why Painted Desert Inn? The Inn was saved from demolition as part of the 1976 bicentennial. Celebrating America's 250th birthday and the protection of the Inn go hand in hand.

“Built of petrified wood and other native stone, the Painted Desert Inn was the vision of Herbert David Lore. While his family remembers the finished building prior to 1920, Lore registered the inn with the land office in 1924, fulfilling his responsibilities under the Homesteading Act.” (Petrified Forest National Park, 2024)



Come join park staff and supporters in celebrating this remarkable historic landmark on **July 4th**! There will be cake, lemonade, and guided tours of the Inn discussing its rich history and importance to the region.



What Do We Stand For?

We are a small, dedicated 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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