

# FRIENDS OF PUNDERSON PROJECTS

## Campground Nature Center

The Nature Center building was purchased by Punderson State Park from Clardon Barns for \$12,000.00. Clardon Barns donated the labor to put up the building. An additional \$15,000.00 was spent for electric and water hook-up.



The Friends of Punderson received a Legacy Grant from the Friends for the Preservation of Ohio State Parks (FPOSP) and paid for insulation, drywall, air conditioner, 2 new small aquariums with accessories, garden pond and other misc. items that all totaled to about \$4,000.00. The Friends of Punderson members donated their time for painting and set-up.

Edgewood Auto Body donated \$100.00 and owner Jane Gray donated \$50.00. American Association of Conservationists donated \$150.00. Mangia Mangia donated gift certificate for Nature Center fundraising.

The water garden, next to the Nature Center was donated by The Friends of Punderson Group and is maintained by the parks naturalist.

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## Park Trails



The Siberian Husky Club of Greater Cleveland, Spear's Chardon Tractor Sales, Punderson State Park and The Friends of Punderson Volunteer Group are all responsible for the continued restoration and improvement of Punderson State Park Trails.

The trail work was started on the weekend of September 13th and 14th, 2008 to restore the trails back to a usable condition. The Siberian Husky Club donated their time to work on the trails with the support of Punderson State Park. Spear's Chardon Tractor donated a tractor rental (valued at \$750) for use during this weekend project. The project is currently 60% completed. The Friends of Punderson Group continues to support this project by keeping it as a top agenda item until the project is 100% completed.

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## Park Gardens



The numerous gardens throughout the park have been created and are maintained by The Friends of Punderson Group.



## Campground Amphitheater

Funds for a new screen were provided by The Friends of Punderson Group and park personnel provided the labor to replace the screen in the amphitheater in 2008.



Mr. William B. Cleveland recently provided a \$3,700 grant to The Friends of Punderson Group. This money will be used to upgrade the benches in the amphitheater.

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## Trail Signs

Last year members of the Siberian Huskie Club spent many days rebuilding, repairing, and maintaining the trails within the park. This year Friends of Punderson and Huskie Club members Don and Phyllis Pizmoht have spent many hours working on the 9  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles of trails in the park. In the pictures, you can see Don has just finished installing a trail head marker for the Erie Trail. Phyllis is putting on the final touches to a trail marker for the Huron trail. These color coded markers are placed about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile apart on all trails. Each of the 8 trails in the park is color coded and a color coded trail map is displayed at each trail head. Enjoy your summer hiking these trails and when the snow flies you will see mushers and skiers enjoying them as well. Funds from the Friends Group paid for the materials.



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## Basketball and Tennis Court Relining

The court has long been in need of the final touch - the lines. However, cost estimates to have a company to do it were beyond our means. A solution was found and the project was funded by the Friends Group. The frequent rains delayed the completion of this project till early September. Here you see Friends member Marshall Hill finally lining the campground basketball court. The weather cooperated and the tennis courts by the Sports Chalet were done September 9, 2009.



## Road Signs



Friends of Punderson member Marshall Hill, along with Park manager Nick Fischbach designed the new road signs you see marking the newly dedicated roads throughout the Park. Marshall constructed the signs and Park personnel installed them in mid June 2010.



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## Nature Center Sign and Dedication



Friends of Punderson member Marshall Hill designed the new Nature Center sign you see marking the newly dedicated Wm. B. Cleveland Nature Center. The dedication was put together by the Friends of Punderson group and was held June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010.