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Photos from Milford State Park and Milford Nature



Milford Nature Center's Butterfly House in Summer



New walkway at Milford Lake Marina



New bumpers on South Boat Ramp courtesy dock



Walnut Grove shoreline with new riprap

A Message from the President



March came in like a lamb! I hope you are thawing out and enjoying the outdoors at every opportunity. Our first Walk with Friends on March 6, was a huge success. We look forward to continuing this each month through October, enjoying a different trail each First Monday of the Month. Please plan to join us if you are able so we can get to know each other and our gorgeous park and nature center.

Your Friend, Amber Myers

Milford Nature Center Happenings

How about that extreme polar blast we had in February?! We rushed to protect our cold sensitive animals, dragged all of our plants in from the greenhouse, mopped up floods from broken pipes, and drank lots of hot cocoa. We lost many of our blooming plants in the greenhouse. We are ready to start Spring and get things replanted in the Butterfly House.

Our Butterfly House is funded through donations. Our previous funding source is no longer available. Generous gifts allow the purchase of butterflies each year. Many people come and enjoy the butterflies from May through September. Please consider donating to the Butterfly House at Milford Nature Center, we need at least \$1,000 for the season to keep a community of butterflies in the exhibit. We've received half of our goal, but still your help! The butterflies we feature require nectar sources and host plants to lay eggs, and the caterpillars need to eat! We love donations of parsley, fennel and dill for the caterpillars as they grow, we also need plants such as Lantana, pentas, joe pyeweed, coneflowers, and hollyhocks. If you'd like to donate to the Butterfly House, you can donate through PayPal or mail a check to Milford Friends Group with "butterflies" in the memo line.

Milford State Park Happenings

Milford Lake hosted the Catfish Chasers tournament March 6th at Milford Lake with over a hundred of boats participating. Staff at the State Park have been working on improvements at the Milford Lake Marina Walkway, adding bumpers to the South boat ramp courtesy dock, and replacing riprap on the Walnut Grove courtesy dock shoreline.

Please join us for our Earth Day Cleanup on April 24, 2021!

Upcoming Events

April 3 10am-noon Walk with Friends Join us on the Radio Tower Trail at the State Park for a Walk with Milford Friends Group. Dogs with leashes are welcome. This is an all ages walk, children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. The total distance of this trail is 1.93 Miles. The trailhead is next to the Information Booth just as you enter the park on the right. GPS location of trailhead: 39.102912021063105, -96.89245877496565

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